

Greater Nashua Entrepreneurship Resources

MakeItLabs – Nashua, NH: <http://www.makeitlabs.com/>

MakeIt Labs is New Hampshire's first community workshop (a.k.a makerspace or [hackerspace](#)) and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Located in Nashua, NH, we opened our doors in 2010 to give makers a place to dream, learn, and create with other like-minded people. Members have access to our 20,000 sq.ft. facility which is divided into many distinct areas such as the electronics and computer lab, wood shop, machine shop, welding/fabrication shop, automotive garage bay, rapid prototyping areas, classrooms, meeting spaces, lounge, kitchen, etc.

Contact: info@makeitlabs.com; (603) 487-6218

NH Tech Alliance – Manchester, NH: <https://nhtechalliance.org/accelerate-nh/>

The NH Tech Alliance is building an ecosystem supporting the next generation of innovative, growth-oriented companies in New Hampshire. They have built an infrastructure and community to support, nurture, and fund early-stage startups. Accelerate NH will take a small batch of startups through an aggressive program to iterate through their business and product hypothesis to identify what works and grow.

Speed Venture Summit: <https://nhtechalliance.org/speed-venture-summit/>

Speed Venture Summit is a great way for NH startups to get access to investors. They match startups with multiple investors for very fast individual pitches. Think of it like speed dating.

Tech Out: <https://nhtechalliance.org/nhhtc-events/techout-3/>

TechOut is a startup competition that identifies talented, hungry tech entrepreneurs and funds them through investment capital awards.

Contact: info@nhtechalliance.org; (603) 935-8951

U.S. Small Business Association: <https://www.sba.gov/>

Created in 1953, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) continues to help small business owners and entrepreneurs pursue the American dream. SBA is the only cabinet-level federal agency fully dedicated to small business and provides counseling, capital, and contracting expertise as the nation's only go-to resource and voice for small businesses.

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SCORE – Manchester, NH: <https://scorenh.org/>

Since 1964, the SCORE Association of over 12,000 skillful volunteer mentors has assisted more than 10 million entrepreneurs in starting or growing their businesses. They are committed to serving another one million by 2020. SCORE is supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration SBA and is its most experienced resource partner.

Contact: help@score.org; (603) 666-7561

Hannah Grimes Center – Keene, NH: <https://www.hannahgrimes.com/>

The Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship provides the space, tools, and connections that innovative entrepreneurs need to build strong businesses, thriving local economies, and vibrant communities in the Monadnock Region.

Contact: info@hannahgrimes.com; (603) 352-5063

MAXT Makerspace – Peterborough, NH: www.maxtmakerspace.org

Go from zero to maker with opportunities to learn, affordable membership options and easy to use equipment, with a growing library of tools and equipment to help artists, craftspeople, DIY'ers, and businesses.

Contact: Carter Hammond – Community Manager; carter@maxtmakerspace.org

NH BIA Workforce Accelerator: <https://www.biaofnh.com/accelerator.html>

NH BIA Workforce Accelerator 2025 is a two-part workforce development initiative launched by the Business and Industry Association and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, with additional financial support from Fidelity Investments.

Contact: Sara Colson; scolson@BIAofNH.com; (603) 224-5388 x116

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NH Small Business Development Center – Durham, NH: <https://www.nhsbdc.org/>

There is no one blueprint for owning a small business. Each is different and comes with its unique challenges, regardless of whether your business is in its first year or celebrating its 20th anniversary. Since 1984, their mission has been to recognize those differences and help small businesses by providing expert guidance and education. SBDC's dedicated team of certified business advisors delivers highly individualized, confidential advising at no charge to enterprises across New Hampshire, from the towns along the Connecticut River to the Seacoast to the North Country and every point in between. The SBDC annually impacts 3,000 small businesses and 200 New Hampshire communities.

Contact: NH.SBDC@unh.edu; (603) 862-2200

Center for Women & Enterprise – Manchester, NH: <https://www.cweonline.org/About-CWE/About-CWE>

The Center for Women & Enterprise operates Women's Business Centers (WBCs) in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These Centers are designed to assist women in starting and growing small businesses. We offer comprehensive training, resources, counseling, and connections to women. As New England's leading organization for women entrepreneurs, they work hard to ensure all women, regardless of their economic status, are provided access to our programs and services.

Contact: New Hampshire Department – (603) 318-7580

EforAll – Lowell, MA: <https://eforall.org/>

EforAll believes that one of the best ways to help close the opportunity inequality gap and create employment in cities that are economically challenged is to change from the inside. The people who live in these communities know what kinds of businesses will work there. And it turns out that in every community, there are would-be entrepreneurs. EforAll was founded to support these entrepreneurs on their journey.

Contact: lola@eforall.org; (833) 336-7255 x7201

LEAP – Lowell, MA: <https://lowellma.gov/1104/Entrepreneurship-Development>

Launched in 2017, the Lowell Entrepreneurship Assistance Program (LEAP) is a partnership between the City of Lowell and the Capital Network (TCN), which provides financial and technical support to early-stage start-ups and entrepreneurs. TCN is a non-profit (501c3) organization that provides practical, hands-on education and personalized mentoring to help early-stage entrepreneurs master the entire funding process and successfully raise seed capital and beyond.

Contact: Maria Dickinson – Economic Development Officer; mdickinson@lowellma.gov; (978) 674-1435

Additional Sources

- [Resources to Learn \(livefreeandstart.com\)](https://livefreeandstart.com)
- [MABi | Woburn Massachusetts \(massincubators.org\)](https://massincubators.org)
- [MA Business Dev Assistance Orgs.pdf \(mass.gov\)](https://mass.gov)
- [Incubators and Accelerators | MassTech](https://mass.gov)
- [Smart Growth | US EPA](https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth)