



Generator's Tour Guide Script with Helpful Facts

Opening statement: Welcome to Generator, Burlington's makerspace! Generator makes high-tech equipment available to our members: hobbyists, tinkerers, craftsmen, and professionals. Generator members share access to all the equipment. Even more importantly, Generator members are a collaborative creative group of people with a wide range of skills and interests. By joining Generator, you get access to a community willing to help you get your projects off the ground.

Background:

- Generator was founded in 2013 by 10 original board members: Denise Shekerjian and Michael Metz, Dug Webster, Chris Thompson, Ken Howell, Doreen Kraft, Pauline Law, Peter Owens, John Cohn, and Christy Mitchell
- First opened as pop-up shop in this location on March, 2014
- We are funded by a small group of donors led by Michael Metz, founding board chair, and Burlington City Arts was Generators fiscal sponsor

Equipments Donations:

- Laser Cutter and 3D printer donated by Champlain College
- Computer Lab donated by Logic Supply and UVM
- Jewelry equipment was donated to BCA from UVM. BCA chose to facilitate the equipment through Generator

Important Stats:

- 233 people can (though not ideal) be in Generator at one time
- 152 members
- 18 studio spaces
- Generator operates with the help of 1 full time staff, 5 part-time staff, and 30 Volunteers
- Brought in 9 makers through the Maker-in-Residence program
- 501C3 tax exempt non-profit independent business
- Generator pays the city rent!

Closing statement: Generator is a mecca for collaborations; a sandbox for creative exploration, a place for learning new skills through workshops and neighborly conversations, and a base to engage with Burlington's leading innovators through social mixers and lecture series.