

Jumpstart : Pop - Ups, Hack Jams & Maker Parties

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Debrief with your youth to gauge interest in different activities and technologies that can be brought back to your organization. Provide flexible activities at your station so kids can choose to just dabble or do a deep dive.

Try working out what a 5-minute and a 50-minute experience at your table would look like. Have the day be a leadership opportunity. Youth can design the station, lead activities, beta-test a project or document the day.

Use the event as an incubator! Experiment and iterate on prototypes of program activities or technologies.



Keep that maker-coderdesigner momentum going! Provide a take-home activity sheet or offer a way to save digital projects online.

Invite curious colleagues in your organization to attend.

Not facilitating? Come anyway to learn a new skill or watch a new tool in action.

Spread the word about your upcoming programs! Bring mailing list sign-ups, program flyers, etc. to connect youth to future opportunities. Visit other stations for inspiration & ideas.

The HRL Jumpstart Series is a collection of research-informed recommendations meant to help network members jumpstart their practice along two goals: Supporting youth interest-driven learning pathways, and furthering innovation in the Hive network. We always welcome feedback, suggestions and questions about our Jumpstarts! **hello@hiveresearchlab.org**



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Start the event with a walk-through or pitch from each station so that all Hive organizations are exposed to each others' ideas.

Create spaces for public sharing of creations and collecting of feedback throughout the day.

Invite innovative organizations from outside the Hive network to host a table where they can bring new ideas and technologies into the community. Publically share a wrap-up of the day with a run-down of cool stuff created as well as upcoming related opportunities and programs. Recruit strong advocates for your event from schools, churches and community centers in your area.

Circulating lessons learned means better collective knowledge in the Hive.

Have a close of day debrief to capture best practices and reflections before they're lost. Seek hosting opportunities in low-resourced neighborhoods.



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