



# CiviCRM at La Patente

a case study

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LA PATENTE  
ATELIER COOPÉRATIF

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# La Patente : makerspace coop in Quebec City

Founded in 2014 🎂

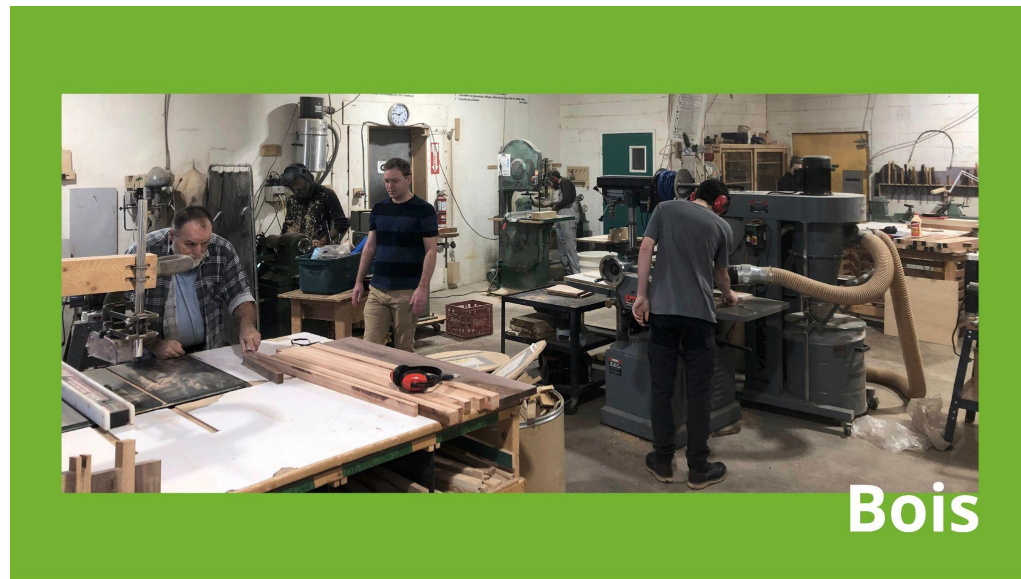
350 active members + 1500 passive

Shared spaces and workshops:

- Wood- and metalworking
- Fablab & computer lab
- Textile lab
- Community garden
- Second-hand hardware store
- Tool library...

Activities:

- Classes
- Social gatherings
- Microbrewery...



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## Volunteer-run, cooperative and sociocratic

- Small team of employees help with operations, accounting, scheduling classes & second-hand store
- Funding through membership fees, workshop rentals, grants, contracts, classes
- Heavy reliance on a core group of volunteers (“membres engagés”)



## Ad-hoc IT infrastructure

- Tools chosen based on immediate needs
- Mix of hosted and cloud services
- Support for open source vs convenience
- Sysadmins are volunteers, high-turnover
- Cloud accounts often linked to individuals
- Little integration between systems
  - CiviCRM member file
  - Square customers file
  - MyTurn users file
  - GSuite users and mailing lists...



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## CiviCRM usage

- Wordpress install on Ubuntu linux
- Maintained by volunteers
  
- Main members file
- Relies on manual updating
- Separate payment processing



- Nom / Courriel
- Identif
- Identif
- Prénom
- Nom de famille
- Courriel
- Téléphone
- Rue
- Ville
- Code postal
- Fonction
- Contact
- Apparence
- Extensions
- Utilisateurs
- Outils
- Réglages
- WP Mail SMTP
- Members
- Webba Booking
- Station

Look up membership status

Record new members

Track upcoming renewals

3 indicateurs disponibles

| Abonnements mensuels actifs |                                    |                                 |         |
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| Cotisations annuelles à renouveler ce mois |                     |                                 |               |
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Check monthly workshop access



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## Challenges

- Volunteer time is limited
- Turnover, lack of documentation
- Little integration
  - Duplicate effort
  - Human errors
  - User frustration

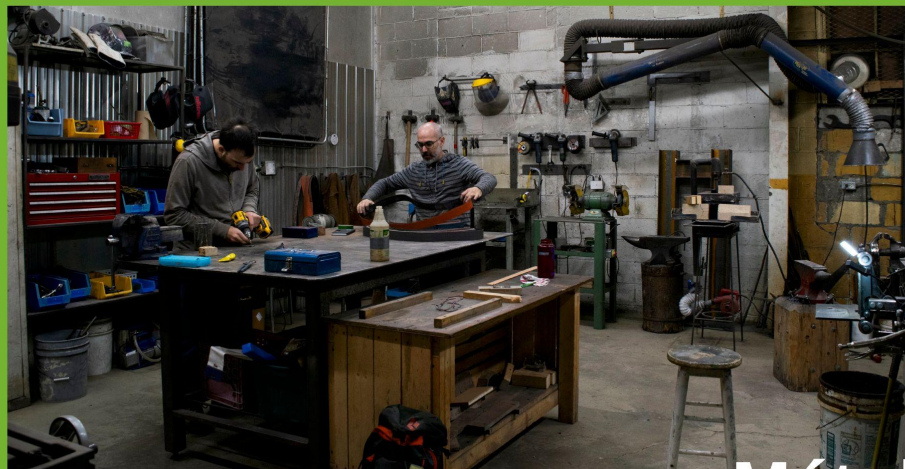


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# Opportunities

- Leverage CiviCRM as source of truth
- Develop integrations
  - Payments integration (Square)
  - Sync members file (Square + MyTurn)
  - Workshop usage tracking (Google sheets + civi API?)
- Custom Civi modules (?)
  - Tool/item lending
  - Time clock / usage log
- Fix email integration
  - Membership reminders
  - Newsletters



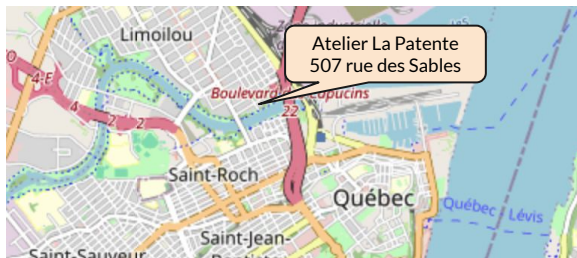
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# Thank you!

Come say hi if you're in Quebec City!



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