

voidpointer

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I (Pieter) had a space which I'm squatting/rebuilding and been able to buy an old shop in Schaarbeek, Brussels, named it voidpointer and organized some social/art events/meetings there. Benjamin wanted to setup a Brussels hackerspace. We're both involved in hacking, making, code tinkering and opensource. We're also involved in the local wireless mesh network, which is the main common interest for all of us for the moment. We just needed to give the whole thing a go. We set up for a bootstrap meeting 3 months ago (October 2008); Since then we've been meeting monthly with unplanned meetings in between, just building things during weekends.

We go completely non-funded (for now) and all material is personal property or lended from local artists' organization 'OKNO' or found somewhere around;

The space is around 100 square meters. We've got a big window on the street which makes it easy to show off the things we've done. We also have a little electronics lab (arduino, scope 50Mhz, soldering irons and a lot of junk), a library (lots of tech books, engineering computer science, science

fiction). In the basement we've also got a little atelier with lot's of tools (steel saw, TIG welding station, wood router & saw stuff). The idea is to use the space as coworking space during the week (so doubling it's use and get some revenue rolling in... if all goes well) -- though this is just an idea for the moment.

Meetings' activities range from having a coffee and talking about projects, assembling workshops to actually build stuff together. There's quite some people involved from the creative fields, so we spend quite some time into finding creative uses for those technologies, building installation pieces etc.

There's no true manifesto of the space, other then it should all be possible. Voidpointer defines a location/address, but doesn't imply the activities / structure of things happening.

