



## Technology and Peacebuilding Workshop

Can technology build peace?

How can technology help develop connections between people and places?

What's the role of digital platforms in divided societies?

The relationship between peacebuilding and technology is a developing area. Technology can provide a vehicle for connection and communication across political divides and geographical spaces. It can, through the internet and web-based applications, provide a safe space for engagement with others through on-line forums, virtual spaces or connect people socially creating or enhancing relationships. The internet and digital platforms can offer resources, multi-media material and publications on conflict and peace-related issues that can raise awareness, as well as track conflict-related changes in real time, this can inform and lead to action to address pressing problems. Different applications from games through to interactive tools can be used to change attitudes through information, interaction with others and virtual learning.

If you are interested in these possibilities join us for an introductory workshop on this topic hosted by the **InPeaceLab**. The workshop will start with an introduction to the digital fabrication possibilities of the **FabLab**, then explore options for using technology for building peace with a special focus on **FactCheckNI**, <http://www.factcheckni.org>

**Venue:** FabLab, 6-8 Magazine Street, Derry

**Date:** 28 February 2017

**Time:** 10am-4pm

*Cost £35 for the day*

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**InPeaceLab** explores how technology and new media can be used to enhance peacebuilding practice. **InPeaceLab** is a technology and peacebuilding collaborative through the International Conflict Research Institute (INCORE) at Ulster University in Northern Ireland, in partnership with The Nerve Centre in Derry and Transformative Connections. It also includes international partners The Agirre Lehendakaria Center for Social and Political Studies in the Basque Country, New York based Culture Shock, and Scensei in Washington.

Directions to **FabLab**: <http://www.fablabni.com/centre/fablab-nerve-centre>

Information on **InPeaceLab**: <http://www.inpeacelab.org>