

Public Service Announcement

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City of Edmonton

A hackathon with a difference

Participants use open data in upcoming hackathon

The City of Edmonton, the Edmonton Public Library, and the Province of Alberta are hosting a hackathon.

Date: February 22, 2014, International Open Data Day

Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: EPL Makerspace, Main Floor, Stanley A. Miner Library

What is a hackathon? Participants will use City of Edmonton data sets to create apps or charts, maps and graphs that show data in a visual way, propose standards for displaying common data sets, scrape data from the City's [Open Data catalogue](#) to make it available for others or even create their own data catalogue.

This will all take place at EPL's new Makerspace, a creative digital hub that houses high end computers and software, along with other incredible technology and equipment.

What makes this hackathon different? Representatives from various City of Edmonton business units will be available to answer questions about their data sets.

Who is invited? Hackers, designers, developers, librarians, statisticians - anyone with an interest in open data.

Register online at: epl.ca/odd2014.

Note that only 50 participants will be accepted.

International Open Data Day is a gathering of citizens in cities around the world to encourage the adoption of open data policies by the world's local, regional and national governments.

Confidential and sensitive information held by the City will continue to be handled in accordance with existing protocols, and provincial and federal law.

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