KIDMOB, The Mobile, Kid-Integrated Design Education Firm

WINTER 2014 NEWSLETTER

DESIGN ED NEWS

CURRENT WORKSHOPS

KIDmob conducts 21st Century Learning Workshops with teachers and middle schoolers.

Lighthouse Charter, Oakland, CA

Spring 2014, Open Recruiting Professional Development workshop with teachers.

Indian Valley Academy, Greenville, CA

Spring 2014, Recruiting Facilitators until 3/1
We will be returning to our pilot partner school for a new Spring workshop.

Youth Summit, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

April 2014, Recruiting Facilitators until 3/1
This cross-cultural workshop will be a collaboration between kids from California and Haiti. All of the students will have completed at least one KIDmob workshop and thus be equipped with a common design education framework. The students will work together while in Haiti on challenges from each group’s respective communities.

WORK WITH US!
Join the KIDmob Facilitator team. If any of the above workshops interest you, please email your resume and portfolio to Kadi@kidmob.org. Please note which project you are interested in. We look forward to hearing from you.

SPOTLIGHT ON RECENT WORKSHOPS

Rebuild Globally, Port au Prince, Haiti

1/28, 20 Students + 6 Facilitators + 2 Translators
Wow! Our first international workshop was a total success! KIDmob collaborated with Rebuild Globally, an NGO that makes sandals from used tires and offers an apprenticeship program that empowers students with employment and academic support. 20 students from the program spent a blitz day working through a localized design challenge: How might we re-envision the leftover tire waste from manufacturing? In groups, students explored various aspects of the challenge: the tire as a unit aggregate, physical characteristics of the raw material, ideas for localized applications, and more. We look forward to continuing to work with Rebuild Globally students at the Spring Youth Summit!

Stanford, Palo Alto, CA

1/23, 17 Students + 2 Facilitators
Armed with popsicle sticks and post-it notes, our first ever Kidmob Ambassadors, Sara Olsen and Sam Bertain (YAY!) recently travelled to Stanford to conduct a one-hour professional development workshop. In collaboration with Maureen Carroll and her undergraduate team in the “Educating Young STEM Thinkers” course, everyone spent an energy-filled hour moving rapidly through design ed activities.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PLAYGROUND?

STEAM FAIR
PARTNER: Feather River College
LOCATION: Quincy, CA
DATE: 5.30.14

Get Involved! KIDmob is looking for Facilitators to join the STEAM Fair Mob! We will be spending a few days in rural Plumas County, California, throwing an action-packed Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Design, and Math (STEAM) Fair for 150 middle schoolers. Using the KIDmob approach, we will take over the Fairgrounds for a fun-filled day in the sun! Interested? Contact Kate@kidmob.org.

NEWS FROM iLAB // HAITI

PARTNER: Haiti Communitere
LOCATION: Port au Prince, Haiti
DATE: Ongoing Initiative

Thank you to everyone who made it out to our second fundraising event: Passeport 02! We were able to raise $4,000 in a fun night of dancing, auctioning, and quirky carnival games. With your support, we have been excited to continue the development of the Innovation Lab. We returned in January to collaborate with our partners through further design education training, 3D modeling and printing skill building, and business development. Great work, guys! KIDmob is super proud to be on the receiving end of global press recognition for this project. Stay tuned to our facebook page for press posts!

SUPERHERO CYBORGs
PARTNERS: Helping Hands Foundation
LOCATION: Rhode Island
DATE: July 2014

A build your own prosthetics workshop is underway for the Summer of 2014! Starting from scratch or modifying an existing prosthetic, kids will go through the design process in order to prototype and implement their ideas using hacked toys and 3D printing techniques. Together with the Helping Hands Foundation we will put on our first ever Superhero Cyborgs workshop in what we hope will evolve into an ongoing, worldwide initiative. Stay tuned for updates on how this new beta project develops!