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ImagineMakers Challenge



Fondation

Our mission

Since 1987, the Orange Foundation has sought to bring people and places together. With a global presence, it seeks to best meet people's needs and help them realize their potential and find their place in society. Deeply rooted in the territories, its actions are based around three priorities: **education, culture and autism.**

A major international footprint



Belgium, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, France, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Spain, Tunisia

Our areas of patronage



Acess to education

Because education is key to empowerment and social interaction, we are committed to helping people in need – particularly young people and women – to access original initiatives to learn differently, through projects that rely on digital technology and working together in particular.



Access to culture and the stage

Because culture is a formidable platform for dialogue and openness, we carry out actions to make it accessible to all, reaching out to new audiences, supporting original programs based around music and singing, helping to create a new generation of artists.



Supporting people with autism

We are confident that difference is an asset and we believe in everyone's potential, so we support people with autism spectrum disorder and their families through educational and cultural activities, to help with their inclusion and allow them to fully express their potential.

Education for young people in integration



**- Over 300
partners
- More than
85,000
beneficiaries
In 25 countries**

**The creation of the
Solidarity FabLabs
concept in 2014**

The Orange Foundation supports fablabs and third places to train young people in digital skills and soft skills through hands-on learning, thereby developing their employability..

**Launch of Jobs of
Tomorrow in 2019**

The Foundation supports courses on green and greening professions that meet the needs of local businesses to develop new skills among young people entering the job market and create jobs that cannot be relocated.

**Launch of Learning
Differently in 2024**

The Foundation supports collective projects carried out by young people who have dropped out of school or are in integration, which respond to a local need (associations, local authorities, businesses, etc.) in order to re-engage them, create bonds and develop their skills.

Education for young people in integration

Beyond calls for projects, our support also includes...

webinars

challenges

Fundings of commons

formations

2014

2025

- The international Solidarity FabLabs Challenge each year
- Theme: Sustainable Development Goals
- Featuring 3 winners, including 1 chosen through online votes



- The international ImagineMakers Challenge each year
- Theme: Emergency Commons
- Featuring 20 winners, each receiving €3,000

Emergency Commons project

A project led by RFFLabs, funded by the Fondation de France, and in partnership with the French Red Cross...



Deliverables centered around 3 axes

- **Remember: to keep a record of the commons created in emergencies, highlight citizen skills, and share this memory**
- **Prepare:** to strengthen the resilience of maker spaces, develop anticipation skills, and equip the venues
- **Reflect together:** to train, raise awareness, and mobilize through collective action

Prototypes based on 4 themes

- **Energy independence**
 - **Objective:** Guarantee access to immediate, safe and sustainable energy to support essential needs in crisis situations.
 - **Examples:** low-cost dynamo lamp, portable micro-solar panel, shared battery made from recycled materials, solar kit for mobile phones, bicycle generator, communal charging station, etc.
- **Access to water and food**
 - **Objective:** To offer frugal solutions that guarantee drinking water, safe cooking and food preservation in degraded contexts.
 - **Examples:** micro water filter, rainwater harvesting and storage, solar oven, portable rocket stove, filter bucket that can be converted into a cooler or seat, electricity-free storage device (desert fridge), etc.
- **Crisis communication and mutual aid**
 - **Objective:** Maintain reliable and inclusive access to information, strengthen local mutual aid networks when communications are cut off.
 - **Examples:** printed/cut-out universal pictograms, emergency signage, offline communication kit (local radio, offline QR codes, walkie-talkies), emergency mesh Wi-Fi network, removable 'mutual aid wall', tools for transmitting instructions, etc.
- **Citizen first aid and protection**
 - **Objective:** Equip people to act quickly while waiting for emergency services, facilitating the protection, guidance and comfort of those affected.
 - **Examples:** emergency whistle, head torch, first aid kit, self-calming kit (breathing cards, expression notebook), mobile comfort space, educational first aid kits, etc.

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A look back on... OctoberMake

- A **workshop** to reflect on the needs of fablab users in the event of a crisis, report on the resources available to fablabs, and share tools.
- **Conclusions** : the fablab as a space for prevention and preparation, a need to connect different stakeholders in the field to strengthen mutual support, and existing but little-known technical solutions.

Principles:

- Reproducible

Easily replicable in this crisis context or another, enabling distributed production with fablab tools, allowing users to use or produce it themselves after the crisis.

- Frugal

Using constrained resources (in terms of time for rapid response during a crisis, raw materials, means, etc.).

- Collective, inclusive, and citizen-driven

With a team of young people in integration and one or two residents ("citizen makers") to promote citizen engagement, mutual aid, cooperation, and psychological support among those affected.

- Organizational

Arranging the space to meet the needs (logistics, human resources, necessary partnerships, etc.).

- Contextual

Responding to a specific need (already experienced situation, known risk, etc.).

- Resilience

Enhancing the capacity of those affected by a crisis to protect themselves against immediate impacts and quickly regain an acceptable daily life despite the degraded context.

The ImagineMakers Challenge

Goals

- Contribute to the RFFLabs Emergency Commons project by proposing useful solutions to address crisis situations
- Enable young people in integration to participate in an international challenge and become agents of change

For whom?

All partners who have been supported at least once by the Fondation Orange*

How?

- Assemble a team of young people in integration and include 1 or 2 residents/citizens
- Co-design a prototype that addresses a specific emergency need

Why?

- Win €3,000 if your prototype is selected to be refined and documented (20 winners)
- Access the RFFLabs Makers toolkit, available to everyone

* Within the framework of the call for projects: Together for Youth Inclusion, Solidarity FabLabs, Solidarity Third Places, Professions of Tomorrow, Learning Differently

The ImagineMakers Challenge

1. You are interested!

- Ensure that you have been supported by the Fondation Orange at least once in one of our 25 countries and that you have submitted your reports
- Review all the details and attend this webinar or listen to the replay
- Assemble a team with young people in integration and include 1 or 2 residents/citizens who are makers

2. You apply

- Collaborate as a team to design an initial prototype on one of the 4 themes, following the Principles of the Urgent Commons project
- Begin documenting your process, taking team photos and creating a video
- Submit your application on our platform before December 8th

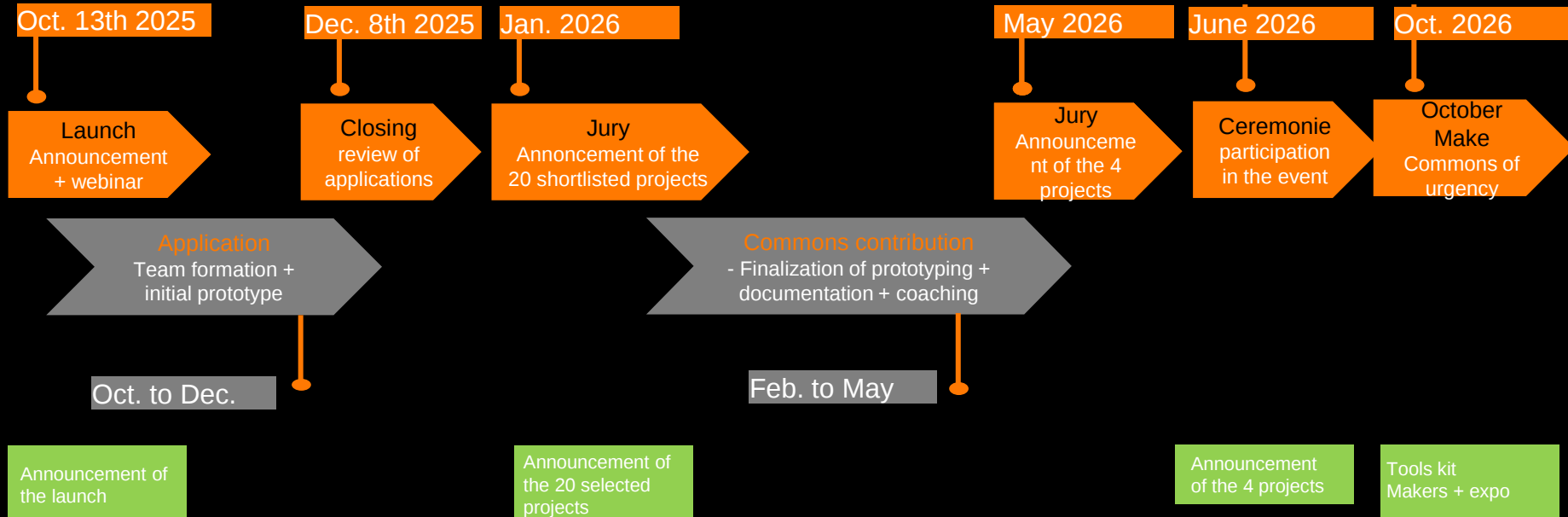
3. You are selected

- We will organize a jury and inform you of the 20 selected teams, each winning €3,000, in January
- We will send you a common template to document your prototype to ensure it is replicable (for those not selected but who still wish to document their work, the template will be available)
- Refine your prototype and complete the documentation, with additional support from a coach

4. You are celebrated!

- You will be featured in communications throughout the challenge
- Your prototypes will contribute to the “Prepare” axis of the project by becoming part of the “Makers Toolkit”
- Four teams will be selected for a special event, and your prototypes will be included in the exhibition (axis “Remember”)

Planning



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Link to the Fondation website to apply

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Thank you !