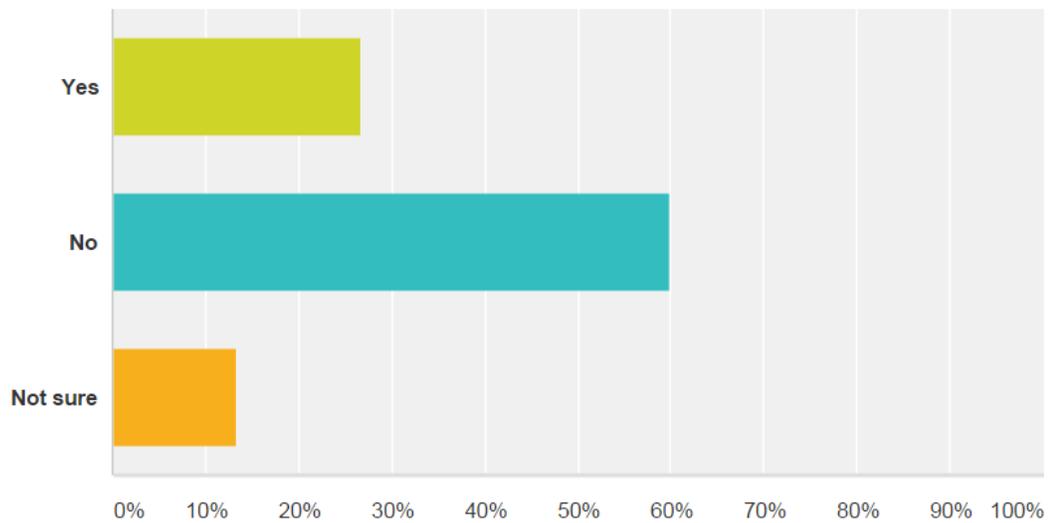


Children in the Milwaukee Makerspace Survey

November 3-10, 2014

Should Milwaukee Makerspace allow minors to become members?

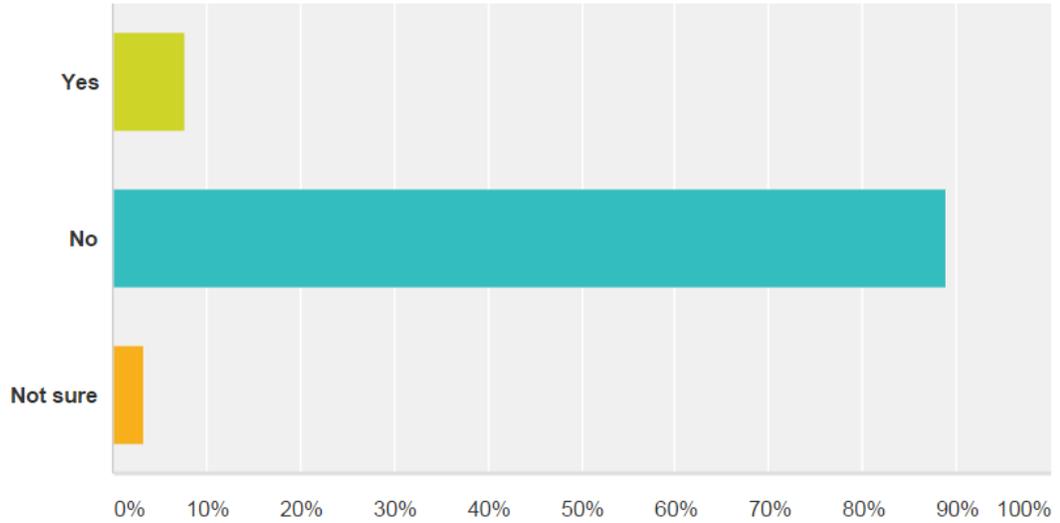
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Should makerspace allow minors to work in the building unsupervised?

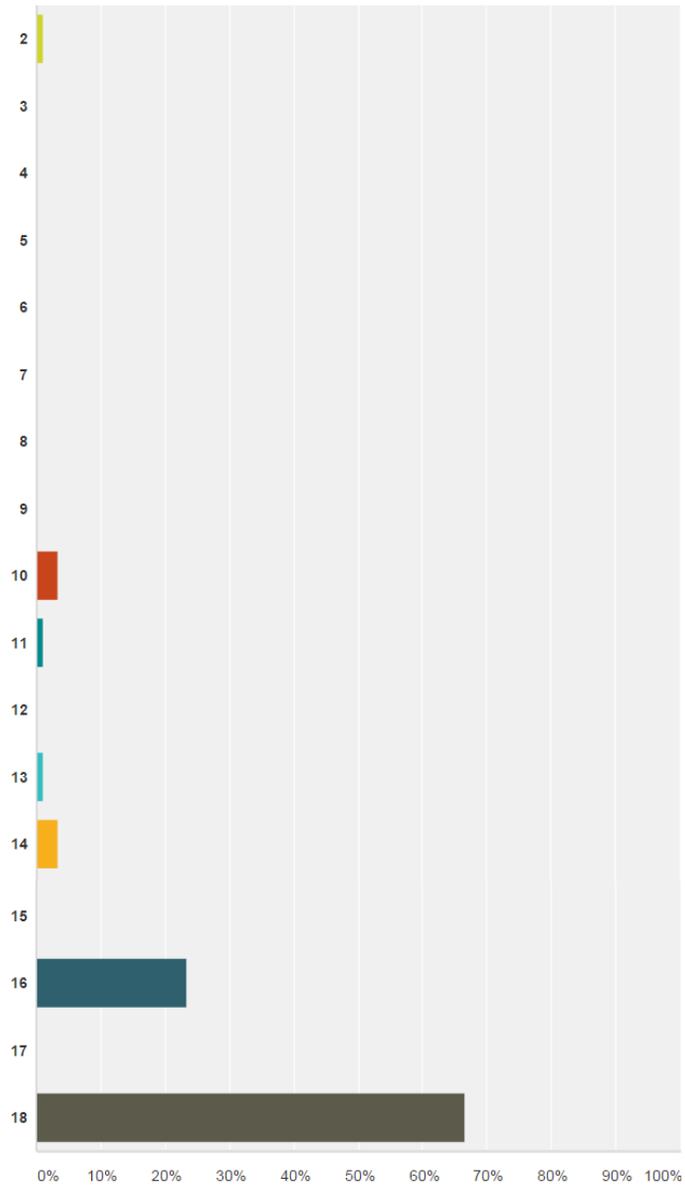
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What should the minimum age be to become a member?

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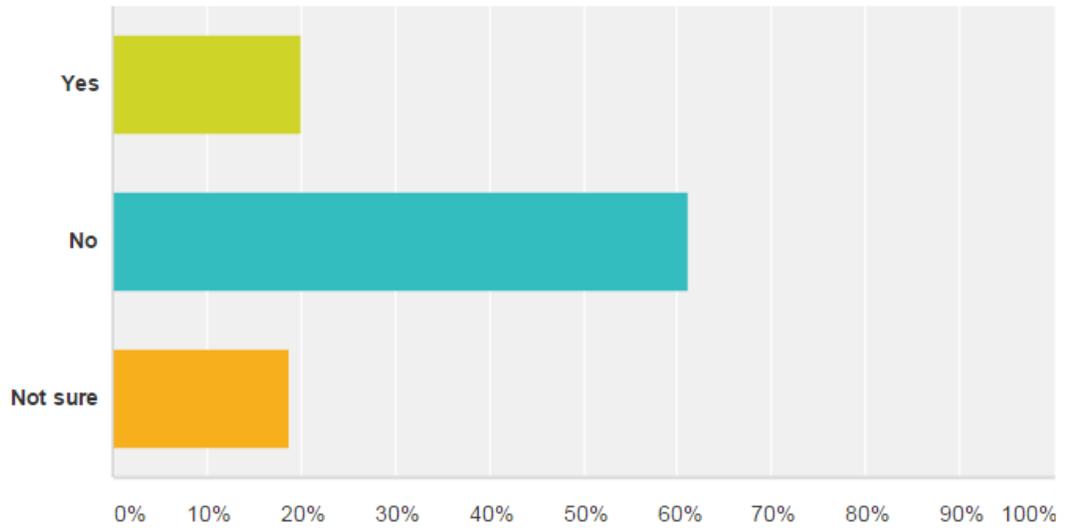
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Would you sign a a minor's membership application if they asked you to endorse them?

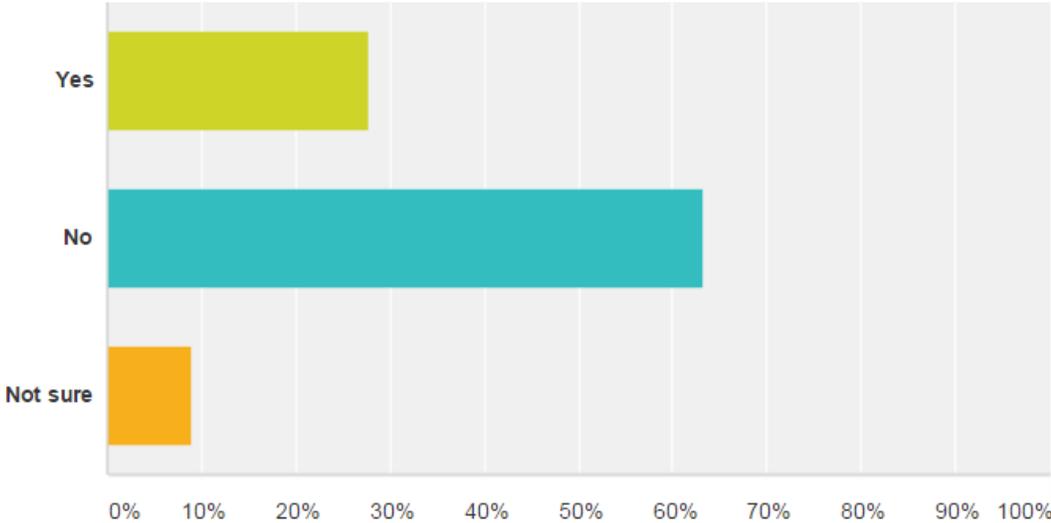
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	20.00% 18
No	61.11% 55
Not sure	18.89% 17
Total	90

Should a specific membership level be created to allow minors to become members?

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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	27.78% 25
No	63.33% 57
Not sure	8.89% 8
Total	90

Please leave any additional comments or feedback you have in the field below.

Answered: 42 Skipped: 48

I have kids and one of them might be living with me soon or at least I hope so. She is 15 and a half and she is following me in every aspect of what i do in my life right now ans she loves to see what I am doing. I would like to be able to have her come to the space if and when i have her. To that being said it would be nice to be able to have your kids to the space but they must not leave your side if they are to be there. Rule number one would be just that and you get three warnings and then they could not come back again until they become a full fledged member. but I also think that there should be an age limit on that also.

1. If we can do so reasonable safely without significant increasing the cost for other members. I don't necessarily believe kids will lead to more injuries or workspace clutter than our other members. 2. Assuming reasonable training and someone else is nearby (I believe no one should be working in the shop without someone else nearby) 3. Cars are far more dangerous so 16 seems reasonable 4. If I know the individual. Perhaps a qualification test? 5. Sure. Lower because kids have less more or Higher because they require more insurance?

Minors accompanied by members/parents OK.

testing multiple submissions 2

testing multiple submissions 1

The discussion on the board has been great, with some exceptions, but I feel that having 17 or younger peoples as members would be unwise. Let them enjoy the space as a guest and be supervised (at all times!) by the adult they came with.

I think only if directly supervised by a parent or guardian. Any other condition or exception is only asking for trouble or injury.

Naturally, everything depends on vetting the members before letting them use the space. We're supposed to do that anyway, the age of the person shouldn't really matter. Most people taller than the table saw understand that it can hurt them. We're supposed to check people out on the tools that they use. I don't think that children are any more likely to hurt themselves than an adult. (It's not like it's fun or productive...) Minors should have a legal guardian's signature authorizing the use of new or dangerous tools. I was using big power tools unsupervised in my high school's theater department when I was a 14 and I turned out okay. I've seen, or heard stories, about adults doing inappropriate or irresponsible things at the Makerspace, I don't think children would be any worse. When an adult does something stupid, we (or a government institution) can officially blame/punish them. I don't think the Makerspace would be as protected if a child did something wrong and got caught. Membership dues - Minors aren't supposed to be out late at night, and they'll be spending a lot of time in school. Then again, I have to go to work during the day, therefore I sleep at night. Our ability to access the Makerspace is similar. (I don't care if they're at the 'space past bedtime. That's not my problem, it's their's.) ----- BUT ---- I definitely do not want the Makerspace to become "kid and family friendly." I don't want people to feel restricted or limited in what they want to make, say or do because minors may be present. If a minor wants to join, their guardian(s) need to sign away any sort of notion that their child will be sheltered or protected. If the lawyers and insurance companies can't handle that, then no minors.

Should be 21+

I started hacking toasters and clocks when I was a cub scout. That was also when I started carrying a knife (folding cub scout lock back). I started scavenging and molding lead from the rifle range in boy scouts. I got my share of cuts and burns. In a makerspace I would expect the responsible adult to be just that - responsible for the minor. I am not a babysitter and have no desire to be. Personally, I am more comfortable with dogs than children, but am willing to go with the group's decisions on both.

Some ideas that i didn't want to share with the group as a whole. Their membership should be a low cost add-on membership to their parents membership, they should only be allowed in the building with their parent, their should be some sort of 3 strike penalty clause. they should only be allowed to work on member approved projects (no free projecting) it should be used as a way for parents to supplement a school shop/craft program (seeing as how many of them are disappearing from our schools) if a minors membership gets revoked the parent should have their membership status revoked for a time and then have to go through a re-approval process. Parents should be required to be members for a minimum amount of time and be in good standing with the club. Children should have to learn to clean areas before they can use them and go through proper safety training and pass a test before being allowed to use a certain area. they should have to wear a badge that declares their status or level of training for each area for example lvl-1 passed safety training can be in the area to watch and help clean lvl-2 basic knowledge of equipment can use it while being supervised

I have no idea how much this would increase our insurance, so it's hard to answer well.

For the wiki entry suggesting other places to go for kid-friendly activities, you can add the UberDork Cafe.

I prefer an adult friendly space, most places cater more than enough to people with kids. I prefer working/socializing at a place with no children.

This will have to be carefully monitored; perhaps decided on a case by case basis. Parameters will have to be clearly and carefully spelled out. There will have to be clear penalties for: 1. Kids who don't ALWAYS follow all the rules, and 2.. parents who are not CONSTANTLY supervising their kid.

Minors, 16 and above only, and only with an existing adult member's supervision. Would fall under the Family discount.

Ive been keeping some tabs on the conversation at play and would like to include that those children in question (16-18) that are interested in making, are (or at least were presented with the option of) "making" in their school. Woodshop, metals class, any art class, etc. I think that can tide them over for a couple of years until they graduate high school and turn 18. Besides, there was just a thread going around discussing too many members/member amount cut offs and not enough space. And yet we want to open the doors to a whole new demographic when we are bursting at the seams with the current one. Just a few thoughts.

Our current model relies very heavily on the personal responsible and accountability of each member. Allowing minors to be members will cause both maturity and legal issues with that.

Define unsupervised.

For #4, I didn't want to put unsure, as I would sign off on one after speaking to them and deeming them mature and responsible enough, but not if they seemed like they would be a problem. The same courtesy I would grant to any adult member.

This is a double edged sword: bright, industrious kids can be a source of inspiration. I'm not sure parents will be held accountable when the underage makers are present. I hate to be exclusionary but I think it is wise to keep it adult only with perhaps certain days/times that the space could be kid friendly with responsible parents. No, I don't think they can use tools and machinery.

Member minorship should be the same cost as anyone else - be it as a 'full member' or as a 'companion'. The contract that they and their legal guardian sign is what makes them have a 'specific membership' and causes the minor to abide by any rules and regulations that we, as a group, may decide on as needed for the minor. I don't want minors using any tool desired unsupervised. I think that the guardian and the teen should be working together on the tools, and both must be checked out on the tool that the teen is using. I think that there needs to be clear guidelines around the teen and their membership. I think that making them 'full members' with the full rights and rules is a bit dangerous as by law they are not specifically liable to the contracts they sign. Hence why the guardian must be in on this the whole way with them. As for signing a membership application, a minor's application is the same as an adult member. I am not sure because it will change on a case by case basis. If I feel the teen will be an excellent member, yes I will sign it... If I feel the teen is a load of poop... then I will not be signing the membership request. It's the way it is today with prospective members. No change in that thought process.

Metacomment: These questions don't leave a lot of room for nuance, Brant. A responsible high school student interested in building their skillset would be a great member of the space. Having separate rules for under 18 makers seems sane and safe. It is silly to draw the line arbitrarily on age when we have loose guidelines on adult members.

I think that teens who have proven themselves capable of using the equipment under supervision should be allowed to use them on their own. The checking out process should be more vigorous.

Thanks for exploring this!

lets keep it an adult organization

I believe how we handle kids now is sufficient for day to day access. Kids are guests of a parent member who is responsible for keeping their children on a short leash. I am concerned that opening things up more will turn the rest of us in to babysitters for others. That's not why I come to the space. I'm ok with high school students being a joint member with their parents. But it is important that a parent is the primary member and takes responsibility for their teen. I've raised my kids and don't want to raise someone else's. I don't want to be put in the situation of always having to watch out for kids in our space. We have enough adults that are irresponsible and inconsiderate of others that have to be managed on a daily basis. We don't need to add more. I don't have a problem with having targeted events or activities for a specific period of time. If someone wanted to do a kids club that met once a week at a specific time for kids activities. That would be fine. Then everyone would know that for this set time this activity would be going on. Parents would be members/guests and responsible for organizing and overseeing the activity. Others could volunteer if they wanted. But no obligations on the membership at large to ensure the activities and take care of equipment and supplies. It would be up to the parents/club to provide supplies, organize and ensure safety. We have other clubs that met at the space. So I don't see a kids club being any different. Other than maybe allowing supervised use of equipment with the equipment owners and area sponsors approval. I love working with kids and would volunteer often. I just don't want to be in a position where I have to constantly be looking out for them on a daily basis when ever I am at the space. If a parent brings their kids in on occasion they do so understanding the unguarded culture of the space. Someone is going to drop the "F" bomb, maybe have too much to drink, have a boob accidentally exposed or an argument break out. It's not an every day occurrence but it does happen. And parents need to understand that this is a place for adults to play, make and create which adults relax in. Not a place we're always portraying socially accepted behavior. Rule #1 don't be a dick. That is as good as it gets. And sometimes being a dick can sometimes be up for interpretation. That's why we have the BOD (Babysitters Of Dicks). So other than dedicated activities for kids where every one tries to make things kid friendly (G rated) Parents bring their kids at their own risk. The space is PG13 at its best.

At least one of the minor's legal guardians must be a member.

Its an adult club

Minors should not be members and any minor that is in the space should have close adult / guardian supervision.

Minors must be accompanied by adults. No more than one minor guest. No minors between 11:30 PM and 6:00 AM

To quote Tom G: "The best compromise we have is what we do now, we allow minors 10 and older in when accompanied by a parent. The parent is 100% responsible for what they do. And yes, they are not allowed to use power tools." Or, there's always Betty Brinn for them. I'm not sure why we're even having this discussion!

I will no longer be a member if minors are admitted.

From my PC (First one was from phone)

I would love to encourage kids to become makers...but I don't think The Milwaukee Makerspace is the place to do it. We've discussed a satellite space before, what if the parents and kids got together with BBCM and, with MMS's backing, started a more family-oriented makerspace based out of BBCM? Just a thought.

What we have now is ok, why change a good thing? If you want to come in with your kids and work together that's fine. If you want to have the craft lab be your personal baby sitter then get out of the space. Also do not expect me to moderate my actions because kids are around.

Maybe we could give this idea a try on a limited basis. Anyone signing up for this with me to realize that it could possibly end at a certain specified time if it didn't work out.

It really depends on the person and their skills. Also, some areas are inherently more or less dangerous than others (ie casting metal versus designing a 3-D model for 3-D printing).

16 and up should at the least be able to join.

I think there should be a specific membership level and for that level there may be limitations on tool use and unsupervised activities.

I am fine with 16+ year olds using non-power tools at the makerspace if they are accompanied with parents.

Test from Brant