**Reflections**

Questions for Maker Faire reflections:  
  
Maker Faire and you:  
  
1) How was your time at Maker Faire? Did you enjoy it?  
  
Definitely 🙂  
  
2) Would you consider visiting a Maker Faire again in the future?  
  
Most certainly.  
  
3) Would you consider exhibiting something at a Maker Faire again in the future? Why?  
  
Definitely loved the free lunch and the camaraderie, met lots of interesting folk 🙂  
  
4) Was Maker Faire different in any way to what you had expected?  
  
Your impressions of Maker Faire UK in general:  
Various, exciting, friendly, lots of very interested and engaged people.  
  
5) Who/What kind of people do you think was the target audience of Maker Faire UK?  
  
Interested and curious folk of all ages.  
  
6) If you had a look around Maker Faire UK, what were the highlights for you? Which other stalls/exhibits/maker activities did you find particularly interesting and why?  
  
I liked the guy and his son with the amphibious bike. They were so enthusiastic despite what a primitive stage the invention was at, it was lovely to see sheer love for invention shining through.  
  
7) Was there a focus on certain kinds of making or was there a mix?  
  
Your thoughts on our stall and Maker Faire UK:  
  
There was a good mix at Open Lab's stall, and a good mix overall at the Maker Faire. There were a larger number of electronics based stalls than any other, and perhaps traditional making stalls were at the other end of the scale, but the balance was well maintained, and there was great variety.  
  
😎How did our stall fit into Maker Faire UK?  
  
OpenLab's stall tucked itself comfortably between the most popular stall type (technology) and the least (traditional crafts).   
  
9) How was our stall different from the other stalls/program?  
  
OpenLab's stall stood out as one of the few stalls representing both education and community groups whose primary aim is to use the therapeutic advantages of invention and creation to help people improve their lives, in contrast to the many private interest and profit making groups also present.  
  
10) What do you think did our neighbours (abx-labs electronics shop and Leeds Hackerspace) think about our stall?  
  
Your experiences at our stall:  
  
I'm afraid I never found the time to talk to the guys at the next stall, though I chatted to a number of other stallholders.  
  
11) What kind of people did you talk to mostly? (eg. Makers, novice makers, people just generally interested in making, people facilitating making for others or please specify other kinds of people)  
  
Lots of Makers, organisers and trustees of Maker Spaces, people engaged in their own projects and intrigued by new ones.  
  
12) What kind of people do you think engaged most with our stall? Was there a difference between exhibition and hands-on activity?  
Didn't notice a type, everyone who took an interest took a deep interest 🙂  
  
13) Did you notice any “real” makers engaging with our stuff? If so, in what ways?  
  
Additional comments: There was a lot of interest from Makers of all kinds, often they were interested in the intersection of traditional skills and high tech stuff.  
  
  
14) Any other observations that you found interesting?  
  
I noticed there were a lot of flashy whiz-bang type stalls in the other rooms of the venue, but I was pleasantly surprised by the sustained and intelligent interest that less showy stalls like ours attracted. People took significant amounts of time to absorb what we were doing. The Maker Faire crowd were not superficial, or of any particular type, nor were they only interested in high tech 🙂  
  
15) Was there anything surprising?  
  
I was surprised by how many people enjoyed our simple wooden puzzles 🙂