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STEAM SERIES: FABRIKARIUM

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Makers Asylum, Andheri East, Mumbai

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After the 2016 and 2017 **STEAM SCHOOL** events, **Maker's Asylum** and **Institut Français India** partner once again under the umbrella of Bonjour India, a four-month- long, 100 project strong multi-disciplinary journey across India to further strengthen Indo-French ties. The events involve project-based creative learning and aim to connect Indian and French open-source innovation and FabLab communities.

STEAM Fabrkarium is a 5-day Hackathon at Maker's Asylum, Mumbai, which will bring out the best practices and initiatives in the field of physical disability. Organised by **My Human Kit, France** and **Maker's Asylum, India**, this unique collaboration will gather participants to design solutions for challenges posed by the differently abled, such as open-source prostheses and low cost electric wheelchairs. The participants will learn how to use cutting edge prototyping tools and will work towards finding high impact solutions to issues faced by the physically handicapped.

Talking about this initiative, **Dr. Bertrand De Harting, Curator General of Bonjour India** said, *"This is an initiative that is focused on creating high impact solutions for enabling the disabled. Participants will not only get the chance to network with mentors and advisors from all around the world, but will also be taught and given access to all the exciting prototyping tools available at Maker's Asylum. Bonjour India is thankful to Maker's Asylum for partnering with us in creating a meaningful initiative, in line with Bonjour India's goal of strengthening the technical and social innovation side of the Indo-French partnership."*

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