

**Machynlleth Makerspace secure £12,500 grant for laser cutter and other equipment**  
*Machspace now has a laser cutter for use by members*

**Machynlleth, Powys:** Machspace (Gofod Gwneud Machynlleth Makerspace CIC), a fledgling non-profit makerspace founded by four local volunteers, have secured a grant of £12,500 from the National Lottery Community Fund, for spending on a laser cutter, an A3 printer/copier, and other equipment. This adds to Machspace's current provision, which includes a 3D printer, sewing machines, woodworking tools, and arts and crafts supplies.

A makerspace is a community workshop focused around making and mending, containing equipment and materials. Members sign up, pay a monthly fee, and can then access the space and use the equipment freely. Machspace has previously been awarded funding to allow local people on low incomes to join Machspace on a pay-what-you-feel basis until March 2025.

"Having a laser cutter (and generally having access to Machspace) is an immeasurable benefit to me and to loads of others. Space and kit to facilitate creativity is hard to access, and being able to experiment and play in the space has bolstered my love for the area. Last weekend I made some slate engraved coasters for a friend's birthday present. I've only been using the machine for the past week but am loving it so far!"

-- Iolo Walker (they/them), Machspace member and volunteer



**Pictured, left to right:** Nikki, Fee and Avery with the new laser cutter.

Address: 1 Old Town Hall, Penrallt Street, Machynlleth, SY20 8AJ - opposite the clock, the Bike Workshop, and the Community Hub.

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