Belfast Hackerspace in Record-Breaking Global Game Design Event

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Local Belfast hackerspace, Farset Labs, will be hosting its second year as an official [Global Game Jam](http://globalgamejam.org/) site, as part of the Game Jam world-record attempt. The event runs from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 January, and is a great chance to meet people and make a complete game in a weekend.  There is no required skill level to take part - programmers, artists, musicians and enthusiasts are all welcome.

Global Game Jam is a worldwide weekend focused on creating games; from full-scale console and video-games, to board games and card games. Some of the games created are associated with charitable causes, such as the [Games For Change](http://www.gamesforchange.org/) movement.  This year’s event already involves a number of large [sponsors](http://globalgamejam.org/sponsors), including PlayStation Mobile, Unity and Github. The theme for the games will be announced on Friday night, with many different people and backgrounds combining to create some interesting, thought-provoking projects, and have fun while doing it.

The first Global Game Jam was run in 2009, and this year there are already over 350 individual Jam sites registered around the world for 2014. Farset Labs will be live-streaming video from Jam sites all over the world during the 48hr event, and there will also be an opportunity to see and play other teams’ games at the end of the weekend.

Entry to the event is free, though entrants should register at www.globalgamejam.org to be part of the Global Game Jam world record this year. The theme will be announced at 5pm on Friday 24 January, and it’s expected to be an exciting weekend with a few surprises.

More details on the event and the venue can be found at www.farsetlabs.org.uk.

Notes for Editors

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**About Global Game Jam**

Global Game Jam is an annual event taking place every January, started in 2009, that brings together talented individuals from within every community. It is a unique opportunity for people to push their skills and challenge their way of working. Participants work concurrently with other developers around the globe; rallying around a central theme, with 48 hours to create a game or prototype.

More at: www.globalgamejam.org

**About Farset Labs**

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Farset Labs is a [hackerspace](http://hackerspaces.org/wiki/) based in Belfast that opened its doors in April 2012. It is a shared facility for creative and technological experimentation and coworking, as well as a popular event venue. The facility is open to anyone interested in tinkering and welcomes people from all walks of life to use its space, attend events, and get involved with the maker community in northern ireland.

**Definition of “Hackerspace”**

“Community-operated physical places, where people can meet and work on their projects” (source: [hackerspaces.org/wiki](http://hackerspaces.org/wiki/)).

### Media Assets

* Attached photos of Farset Labs:
* *FLabs\_EventSpace\_001\_Med.jpg* – A Technology workshop in the Farset Labs event space.
* *FLabs\_CoWorking\_001\_Med.jpg* – Coworking space at Farset Labs.
* More photos, logos, etc. available on respective company websites.