



A teaching bicycle shop co-operative
www.thebikeproject.org (217) 469-5126

Mission

- The Bike Project is a non-profit, charitable organization of bicycle users whose mission is to educate and empower the community by providing a welcoming space to learn about bicycle repair, engage in maintenance practices, and promote safe operation through outreach and advocacy activities.

Member-run

- Student (\$25)/Community (\$40)/Family (65\$) memberships
- Work-equity memberships (8 hours)
- Monthly member meetings
- Flat organization
- Membership benefits!
 - Discounts on new and used parts, classes
 - Access to tools, consumables

Open shop hours

- Urbana
 - Volunteer staffed
 - Tues and Thurs 6:30-9pm, Sat and Sun 2-5pm



Open shop hours

- Campus
 - Staffed by a full time shop manager and part time student employees
 - Mon-Fri 2-6pm



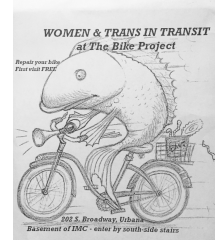
Build-a-bike program

- Take a frame, make it a bike, buy it cheap, leave happy



Additional programs: Ladies and Trans hours

- Monthly hours that focus on creating a safe, welcoming, and empowering space for people who identify as something other than cis-male

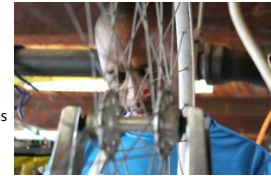


Additional programs: Mechanics hours

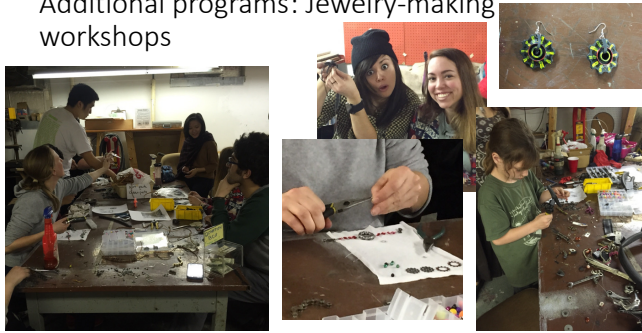


Additional programs: Mechanic classes

- Basic through advanced
- Recent topics include:
 - Bottom brackets
 - Cleaning and servicing the headset
 - Servicing wheel hubs and truing wheels
 - Installing and adjusting brakes



Additional programs: Jewelry-making workshops



Outreach: Cranksgiving



Cold weather, still lots of food!

Warm weather, 1900 lbs of food!

Outreach: Workshops in local schools



Outreach: Donations to Working Bikes



Outreach: Other stuff

- Tandem arts events
- Habitat for Humanity Community Bike Sale
- Light the Night
- Supplying volunteers for other events (Bike Rodeo, Bike to Work Day, etc)
- Support LifeCycle

University partnership



Some numbers:

- 7584 shop visitors (2162 in Urbana, 5422 on campus)
- 401 memberships
- 88 build-a-bikes
- 253 refurbished bikes
- 131 feet of used cable housing
- 111 used wheels
- 250 light sets
- 256 U-locks