

## Nigeria's CcHub makes co-working free



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Nigerian tech and innovation space Co-Creation Hub (CcHub) has announced free access to its co-working space from 13 June, as the flagship Lagos incubator looks to further develop the local tech startup ecosystem.



Image via Co-Creation Hub

Launched over five years ago, CcHub has been an enthusiastic backer of Nigerian startups, launching a \$500,000 fund and investing in early-stage ventures like Truppr, Traclist, GoMyWay, Jekalo, Mamalette, GRIT Systems and Autobox.

It has now announced that the membership structure of its sixth floor co-working space will be changing, with access now primarily free aside from a few paid desks. Details will be announced this week on how startups can secure free access.

CcHub co-founder Bosun Tijani said the hub believed in providing a simple platform that inspires and supports experimentation, an attitude he believes led to the development of the tech cluster at Yaba.

"We launched the CcHub with a huge aspiration to create a unique space for creatives, technologists and other exciting people to build the future we all seek for Nigeria. We have collectively demonstrated what progressive Nigerians can do with the right support – CcHub today is one of the highly referenced tech hubs across the world," he said.

Tijani said though it was always tempting to judge the impact of the community through the success stories of certain

startups, the biggest value lies in the "serendipitous and undocumented outcomes" of CcHub.

"Little is known about how the many hackathons we all engaged in led to the stronger ecosystem we have in Lagos today," he said.

CcHub has been busy of late, announcing the launch of its new edtech initiative re:learn, an open living lab focused on learning and the smart application of technology in schools.

Disrupt Africa reported in December the hub had partnered Venture Garden Group, Omidyar Network and the Bank of Industry to launch the NGN1 billion (US\$5 million) Social Innovation Fund, which will back young entrepreneurs with solutions to local problems, with a particular focus on "next generation infrastructure".

In September last year, the hub announced the launch of TechSQUAD, a platform connecting local businesses and organisations without technical teams to local technologists to work on their digital projects.

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