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BALTIMORE INNOVATION WEEK IS MARYLAND'S LARGEST OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE CELEBRATION OF TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The seventh annual event series will take place Oct. 6 to Oct. 12, 2018. This year the Emerging Technology Center is the lead organizer with support from Technical.ly.

BALTIMORE — The 7th annual Baltimore Innovation Week will take place from *Oct. 6 to Oct. 12, 2018* across a variety of venues celebrating the technology, entrepreneurship and innovation communities in and around Baltimore.

From its origins in 2012, the goal of the week has been to celebrate the existing vibrant community and welcome more to join. Ahead of the seventh edition, local long time leader Emerging Technology Centers (ETC) steps up to lead the week's organization to refresh the programming. The ETC will be supported by the founding organizer of the series, Technical.ly, the network of local tech news sites, which will focus on its annual Developer Conference which will take place on *Oct. 10th, 2018*.

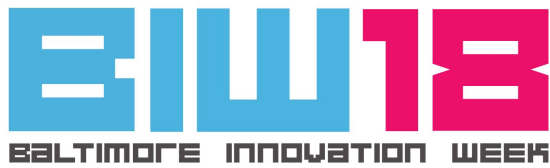
With the help of the ETC, dozens of tech community groups and educational institutions will independently produce daily official #BIW18 events categorized into seven tracks including Access, Business, Civic, Creative, Media, Dev (short for web and product development) and Sciences that shine a spotlight on the local establishments and startups.

"Baltimore Innovation Week has been an asset for the City of Baltimore to showcase diversity and inclusion across a wide spectrum of innovation and entrepreneurship. As a leader in the City in these areas, ETC is proud to take the lead as we move this annual program forward. said Deborah Tillett, the ETC President. "It's important that the city come together to tell Baltimore's story nationally."

To get involved please visit: <http://home.baltimoreinnovationweek.com/>

ABOUT BALTIMORE INNOVATION WEEK

Baltimore Innovation Week is an annual open calendar of events celebrating technology and innovation in the Baltimore region. The event series was first organized by Technical.ly in September 2012. Technical.ly is a network of local news sites that covers the impact of technology in Mid-Atlantic communities, including Baltimore, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Delaware and Washington, D.C.



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ABOUT ETC

The ETC, a venture of the Baltimore Development Corporation, is a 501(c)(3) technology and innovation center focused on growing early-stage companies. The ETC provides four programs for entrepreneurs: a tech focused incubator, Incubate Baltimore, a seed accelerator program, Accelerate Baltimore, a coworking space open to innovative individuals and teams, Beehive Baltimore and 9-week idea stage boot camp, Pioneer Baltimore. The ETC promotes economic development, providing business, technical, and networking connections to help these companies grow. Since 1999, the ETC has provided assistance to over 450 companies, 85% of which are still in business, creating more than 2,500 jobs and raising more than \$2.4 Billion in outside funding. The mission of the ETC is to foster a community of creative technology entrepreneurs, looking for support to grow their businesses and make a transformative impact on the City of Baltimore and state of Maryland.

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