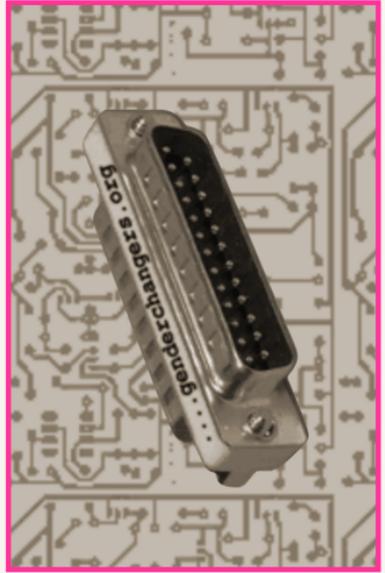


The ASCII hacklab started in 1999 as a free internet workplace in the Netherlands.

Most people running ASCII were men, with tech experience. The few women who were active at the space decided to create a women-only initiative, the GenderChangers, with the motive to exchange technical skills, unimpeded by the competitiveness of male geeks.

Inspired by the pile of computers on the space, they started their gatherings with a hardware crash course. It went so well that they decided to start a series of workshops to include more women in technology and free software.

It took long discussions, efforts and disagreements, for women-only workshops to be accepted and embraced by the men of the space.



Technically and literally a gender changer is a computer part. It is an adapter that changes the "sex" of a port. We are reclaiming the term to mean a person interested in the gendered aspects of technology. (Genderchangers.org)

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