



THE PUZZLE S C H O O L

The Puzzle School is a non-profit organization focused on helping people of all ages achieve their goals through a design process embodied by puzzles:

1. Identify a goal.
2. Develop hypotheses around how to achieve the goal, test those hypotheses and iterate closer toward the goal.
3. Expect a nonlinear path with slow progress or even backward progress at points.

This process is also reflected in popular ideas from diverse areas such as The Lean Startup (entrepreneurism), the growth mindset (education), and the scientific method (science).

The Puzzle School focuses on creating interesting and inspiring programs for after school, adult education, summer school, etc. These programs reflect the puzzle design process and look to inspire students toward self-directed learning through additional resources where they can leverage the design process themselves.

Depending on the size of a potential space at the Foundry, The Puzzle School could be present in a number of different forms. A few possible forms include:

- An information kiosk dedicated to connecting people to various programs and services throughout the city, including the programs and services provided by The Puzzle School in a different location.
- A storefront that provides maker and art materials, robotics, legos, and other puzzle-like activities that encourage a wide range of activities.
- An area that can be leveraged for classes and events.
- Different designated areas that can focus on different skills, ranging from a makerspace to an arts area to an software engineering area, etc.

Regardless of the size of the area The Puzzle School would be focused on connecting people to educational and interesting programs and services within Cambridge as well as inspiring them and supporting them through Puzzle School programs that simultaneously teach the puzzle design process.

More information about The Puzzle School, it's progress, and it's financials can be found at <http://puzzleschool.com> or by contacting info@puzzleschool.com

"If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea."

– Antoine de Saint-Exupery

"The minute I dropped out I could stop taking the required classes that didn't interest me, and begin dropping in on the ones that looked interesting."

– Steve Jobs

"As soon as children find something that interests them they lose their instability and learn to concentrate."

– Dr. Maria Montessori

