

# Workspace Directory

In our annual overview of workspaces around the world, Courier recommends some of the best locations to set up shop.

**At least 3.1m** people around the world clock-in every morning at a co-working space. Millions more are actively looking – by 2022, global co-working membership is projected to rise to 5.1m.

But with so many options out there – from established giants such as WeWork to niche hot-desking upstarts focused on their members' specific skill-sets, demographics or interests – it's difficult to know where to begin the search. How do you cut through the marketing hype and find a space that's perfect for *you*?

That's why we've created the Workspace Directory: Courier's guide to some of the most interesting workspaces in the world. This year's directory – which focuses on London, New York, Los Angeles and Hong Kong (the latter being among the world's fastest-growing markets, with double the co-working site growth of the UK capital) – includes female-focused brands such as The Wing, higher-end options like Mortimer House in London and Neuhouse in the US, and many others that focus on their ethical credentials.

We hope you find the guide useful. It's constantly growing so, as always, if we've missed something important, just give us a shout and tell us what you think: [hello@couriermedia.co](mailto:hello@couriermedia.co)

# 3.1m

**The number of people globally who work at co-working spaces in 2019 – more than double the number in 2016.**



Top Blueprint  
Left Friends

# London



Ethical ethos £

## ARK Coworking

Designed for entrepreneurs looking to build companies with a social purpose, ARK in King's Cross has community at its core. The founders restored a dilapidated Victorian apartment building to create an inspiring workspace for creatives, social enterprises and startups, while the business itself is a social enterprise – the company works with its residents to help choose local partner charities and organisations, which ARK then donates a portion of its income to. **▼ 237 Pentonville Rd, London, N1 9NG**  
[arkcoworking.com](http://arkcoworking.com)

## Battersea Design Works

Battersea Design Works is an independent co-working space with a high street location on Battersea Park Road – right near Battersea Park. The company prides itself on its affordability and laidback atmosphere, and member facilities include meeting rooms, a fully equipped kitchen, free lockers, bike racks and showers, and even a garden for a lunchtime yoga class or private event. **▼ 521-525 Battersea Park Rd, London, SW11 3BN**  
[batterseadesign.works](http://batterseadesign.works)

## Benk + Bo

Tucked behind Aldgate East tube station, Benk+Bo takes a relaxed approach to working. There is a simple Scandinavian design throughout the three-storey brutalist building (a nod to co-founder Mariell Lind Hansen's Norwegian heritage) who created the company along with Antony Burger. You can start your day practising yoga in the yoga studio or flexing your fingers in the piano practice room before breakfast at the in-house bakery or lunch at the ground floor café. An abundance of indoor plants and regular art exhibitions help to create a space that keeps the work-life balance in check. **▼ 4-6 Gravel Ln, London, E1 7AW**  
[benkandbo.com](http://benkandbo.com)

## BLOOM.SPACE

Cost-effective co-working is key at this Bloomsbury office that is home to some 30 freelancers, consultants, SMEs and startups. The company's incubator programme offers mentoring, coaching, training and access to academics and business owners, while an outpost set on a country property in Malvern, Worcestershire makes for a good working holiday. **▼ 52 Gower St, London, WC1E 6EB**  
[bloom.space](http://bloom.space)

## Campfire, Shoreditch

Originally from Hong Kong, Campfire raised \$18m (£14.3m) in 2018 to expand its co-working business into other markets. Camp Shoreditch, which opened last year, is its first international venture. The space is designed to be minimalist, while the location close to Old Street roundabout in the heart of the City is ideal for both tech and creative startups alike. **▼ 81 Paul Street, London EC2A 4NQ**  
[campfire.co](http://campfire.co)

## Collabor8

This open-plan co-working space in Aldgate provides all the basics for startup businesses. Low key and approachable, if you are looking for a simple, laidback setting within walking distance of Liverpool Street and Shoreditch, then Collabor8 is worth exploring. There's an industrial vibe throughout, with exposed brick walls and factory-style pendant light shades, and unlike many spaces, all meeting rooms are kitted out with 50 inch screen displays and conference call phones. **▼ 3 Wool House, London, E1 1LX**  
[collabor8space.co.uk](http://collabor8space.co.uk)

## Fora, Spitalfields

Leading the way in premium workspace design is Fora. Its latest opening, Fora, Spitalfields on Folgate Street, has a sleek indoor-outdoor design, roof terrace and atrium-style events area, all within walking distance of the area's restaurants, bars and abundance of market stalls. **▼ 35-41 Folgate St, London, E1 6BX**  
[foraspace.com](http://foraspace.com)

Skill specific £

## Four Corners

On the top floor of this photography production studio, Four Corners offers affordable studio space for local filmmakers and photographers. Set in a bright loft with high ceilings and original wooden beams and floors, there's a lot of natural daylight. Desk prices vary depending on size. There is also professional training and community support as added extras. **▼ 121 Roman Rd, London E2 0QN**  
[fourcornersfilm.co.uk](http://fourcornersfilm.co.uk)

## Huckletree, Soho

For a long time Huckletree has been the go-to workspace for many of London's leading tech, finance and creative businesses. Located in the heart of the West End, HKT Soho has a plant-based café, a packed community events and workshops programme and a meditation studio. **▼ 44 Ingestre Place, Ingestre Court, London, W1F 0JL**  
[huckletree.com](http://huckletree.com)



Opposite, left Mortimer House  
Above Benk + Bo  
Opposite, below Fora

Skill specific ££

## Makerversity

Located in London's Somerset House, Makerversity provides its 350 members – who have diverse expertise in design, materials, manufacturing and production – with prime workshop space. It's best suited for freelancers, startups and design studios who need workshop amenities: be that a woodwork room, textile workshop, sound studio or engineering workshop complete with the necessary tools and equipment. **▼ Old Post Room, Somerset House, Victoria Embankment, London, WC2R 1LA**  
[makerversity.org](http://makerversity.org)

## Ministry of Startups

The founders of Ministry of Startups have created affordable office space in central London. The no frills co-working spaces are spread among 12 locations, from Whitechapel to Canning Town, and are designed with the sole purpose to make it easier for startups to get off the ground. **▼ 38 Turner St, London, E1 2AS**  
[ministryofstartups.com](http://ministryofstartups.com)

Luxury ££

## Mortimer House

Featured in last year's Design Issue, Mortimer House in Fitzrovia continues to grow its reputation as one of London's most exclusive co-working spaces and members clubs. In addition to spacious, elegant workspaces, members have access to meeting rooms, a yoga studio and gym, as well as social house events and a critically acclaimed, eponymous restaurant. **▼ 37 Mortimer St, London, W1T 3JH**  
[mortimerhouse.com](http://mortimerhouse.com)

## RocketSpace

With Uber, Spotify and Hootsuite by its alumni list, RocketSpace helps tech businesses to scale. On the doorstep of north London's Angel tube station, RocketSpace has an application process that screens companies with a proven track record and potential for rapid growth. For successful applicants the main membership benefit is access to the RocketSpace ecosystem, which could be good for business development. Having expanded from San Francisco, RocketSpace has a global investor and advisor network. **▼ 40 Islington High St, London, N1 8BX**  
[rocketspace.com](http://rocketspace.com)

## Runway East, London Bridge

With a central location, Runway East's London Bridge station office is designed for startups looking to scale. The space, which is of interest among tech companies, has a roof terrace with panoramic views of the city. Runway East's focus is on helping members grow, and residents (including the likes of ClassPass) that have teams of 1-60 can connect with venture capitalists and angel investors through regular investor office hours. **▼ 20 St Thomas St, London, SE1 9RS**  
[runwayeast.com](http://runwayeast.com)

## Spaces, Farringdon

With co-working offices in more than 250 cities around the world, Spaces has hit on a functional office design concept that provides startup founders with the basic features they need to build a business. Featuring fast wifi, climate control, ergonomic furnishings, lots of meeting room space and flexible contracts for residents, Spaces in Farringdon is a simple and practical space. **▼ 77 Farringdon Rd, London, EC1M 3JU**  
[spacesworks.com](http://spacesworks.com)

Ethical ethos £

## The BRIGHT Club

Founded by the team behind *BRIGHT Zine* and ethical lifestyle shop The BRIGHT Store, this new co-working space aims to be a hub for London's vegan community. BRIGHT supports and nurtures vegan businesses through networking, co-working and collaboration based on ethical and sustainable values – everything down to the design and operations are in line with the company's core values. A caveat: members must be vegan or be supporting veganism through their business. **▼ 268 Hackney Rd, London, E2 7SJ**  
[thebrightclub.co](http://thebrightclub.co)

Skill specific £

## The Nest

This co-working space near the Thames riverbank in Wapping is designed for creatives, marketers, designers, filmmakers, photographers, animators and producers. There are six on-site studios complete with cameras, lighting and equipment available to members at preferred rates, alongside meeting rooms, open-plan office space, a podcast studio and editing suites. With just 20 or so businesses and freelancers in residence, it's a homey, welcoming feel place with 24/7 access. **▼ 2-4 Sampson St, London, E1W 1NA**  
[thenest.space](http://thenest.space)

Luxury ££

## The Refinery, Chelsea

Formerly a pottery studio close to Kings Road in Chelsea, The Refinery Chelsea calls itself 'a community of curious folk.' The space is welcoming, with large windows allowing natural light in, studio-sized desks and private offices. A small roster of members makes for quite a close-knit community spirit. **▼ 13 Radnor Walk, London, SW3 4BP**  
[therefinerylondon.com](http://therefinerylondon.com)

# London

## The Shoreditch Arch

Opened in 2006 – before co-working spaces were even a thing – this trailblazer is still going strong and provides entrepreneurs and small businesses with the basics needed in a working environment at an affordable price. Space is often scarce, but bide your time and it could be worth it – the founders of Eve Sleep, Frame and Meat Mission have all called this place home.

📍 Arch 462, Kingsland Viaduct, 83 Rivington Street, Shoreditch, London, EC2A 3AY  
[theshoreditcharch.co.uk](http://theshoreditcharch.co.uk)



## The Trampery Republic

Initially set up as a 12-month 'gathering of creative pioneers', The Trampery Republic has become a permanent home for entrepreneurs and creative businesses based in East India Docks, located 20 minutes from Shoreditch and Bank. The newly built atrium and balcony levels make for spacious and light-filled workspace, with 24/7 access.

📍 Import Building, 2 Clove Cres, London, E14 2BE  
[thetrampery.com](http://thetrampery.com)

Affordable £

## The Workary, Hanwell

On the more affordable end of the spectrum, The Workary in Hanwell offers workspace at just £125 per month. Founded by the team behind CIC (Community Interest Company) Wimbletech, this Workary office is a little out of town but well connected to central London via Hanwell Broadway tube. The interior is no frills, but if you're looking for a desk, internet and a community of like-minded people at a low price then this could be a great option to get started.

📍 Cherington Rd, London, W7 3HL  
[wimbletech.com](http://wimbletech.com)

## Uncommon, Fulham

Launched in 2017, Uncommon has opened four co-working spaces in quick succession across the city, including Uncommon in Fulham by the Thames. Attention to detail and a stacked community event schedule are what set the company apart. The atmosphere and decor in the coffee lounge, zen garden and communal spaces are calming, while a bespoke furniture and fit-out service is offered to members with private offices. There are weekly networking events, wellbeing and fitness classes, workshops and talks to help members make connections and ignite creativity.

📍 126 New King's Rd, London, SW6 4LZ  
[uncommon.co.uk](http://uncommon.co.uk)

Above X+why  
 Right The Refinery

## WeWork, 10 Devonshire Square

WeWork – the Starbucks of shared workspaces – has opened this location right by Liverpool Street station nestled between the City and Spitalfields. The space has all the hallmarks of a WeWork set up – micro roasted coffee, beer on tap, a 'bring your dog to work' policy – with the addition of spectacular views over the city, a games lounge and wellness room.

📍 10 Devonshire Square, London, EC2M 4YD  
[wework.com](http://wework.com)



## Work.Life, Bermondsey

Located close to the bustle of Bermondsey Street, and Borough and Maltby Street markets is Work.Life. With offices in London and Manchester, Work.Life has carved out a reputation for creating spaces which reliably provide the essentials needed for startups in areas with a lively vibe. The company's founders David Kosky and Elliot Gold believe everyone should feel happy in their work lives. Collaborating with others is also highly encouraged.

📍 5 Tanner St, London, SE1 3LE  
[work.life](http://work.life)

## Working from\_

The latest venture from owner and developer Ennismore is Working from\_ – a co-working arm that will debut in Southwark in October. Freelancers and small businesses alike can expect similar surroundings to The Hoxton Hotels in Shoreditch and beyond, with the addition of 24/7 access and an in-depth event schedule. You can book a tour now, and given the popularity of The Hoxton's cafes and bar areas as a remote work location for digital nomads, spaces are likely to be booked fast.

📍 32 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 8PB  
[workingfrom.thehoxton.com](http://workingfrom.thehoxton.com)

Ethical ethos ££

## X+why

With B-Corp certification in the works, X+why – a spacious, laidback workspace near Whitechapel – is one of a new crop of co-working options that exists to support purpose-driven businesses. Alongside memberships that include access to daily yoga, meditation and pilates, X+why host regular events on the theme of purpose in business with discounts for members.

📍 20-30 Whitechapel Rd, London, E1 1EW  
[xandwhy.co.uk](http://xandwhy.co.uk)