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SPEAKERS, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOMEGROWN TECH CONFERENCE MAY 2

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — BarCampBirmingham3, a homegrown tech conference, is calling all Birminghamians to serve as speakers and volunteers. For the third time in four years, this daylong event will feature seminars, panels and networking, all for free.

Not only does this conference attract more than 70 professionals from the metro area as well as neighboring states, it also fosters a sense of community among those working in cutting-edge fields.

And during this prolonged recession, BarCampBirmingham3 provides ideas and resources for those looking for new options for careers.

Organizers need assistance in two areas:

- Speakers are invited to talk about their areas of expertise in half-hour sessions, on topics ranging from programming, marketing, equipment, social media and more.
- Volunteers are needed for set-up, sponsor recruitment, logistics and other duties. You help plan it, you bring the equipment and supplies, you suggest the topics and share your know-how.

It's fun, it's free, it's social networking in the real world.

The conference takes place Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Innovation Depot, 1500 First Ave. N., downtown. Lunch and snacks are included.

Event sponsors are Bright House Networks, Campaign Monitor, CommonThread, Holt A/V, Kinetic Communications and Kreatek.

To find out more about volunteering, visit barcampbirmingham.org.

Jeremy Flint of Kinetic Communications is available for interviews to how BarCampBirmingham3 volunteers and participants can get a leg up on the competition in this challenging economy. Contact him at Jeremy@kinetic.com or 324-5858.