

Anna Young

CEO of MakerHealth, TEDMED Speaker, & MIT Lecturer

MakerHealth CEO, Anna Young, works from a fundamental belief that, with the right tools, everyday people can use their ingenuity to create devices that heal. Applying years of global experience with the Maker Movement, Anna brings prototyping tools and makerspaces into hospitals enhance the natural do-it-yourself problem-solving abilities of clinicians and patients. These Medical Maker Spaces allow providers to work alongside patients to create DIY health technology solutions for more customized and affordable care.

Anna is the co-founder of MakerNurse, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) sponsored program to empower and support inventive, frontline nurses who innovate, and hopes to bring nurse “making” to the forefront of health care solutions. Anna’s roots come from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) as researcher in the Little Devices Lab and lecturer in the Institute for Medical Engineering and Science. Anna has spoken at TEDMED, *WIRED* Health, and leading academic medical centers on the topic democratized medical device fabrication and user innovation.

In 2015, she was recognized by LinkedIn as a “Top Health Innovator Under 35” and in 2016 received *Fast Company’s* “Most Creative People in Business”. Anna trained as an economist at the University of Dayton and resides in Boston, Massachusetts.