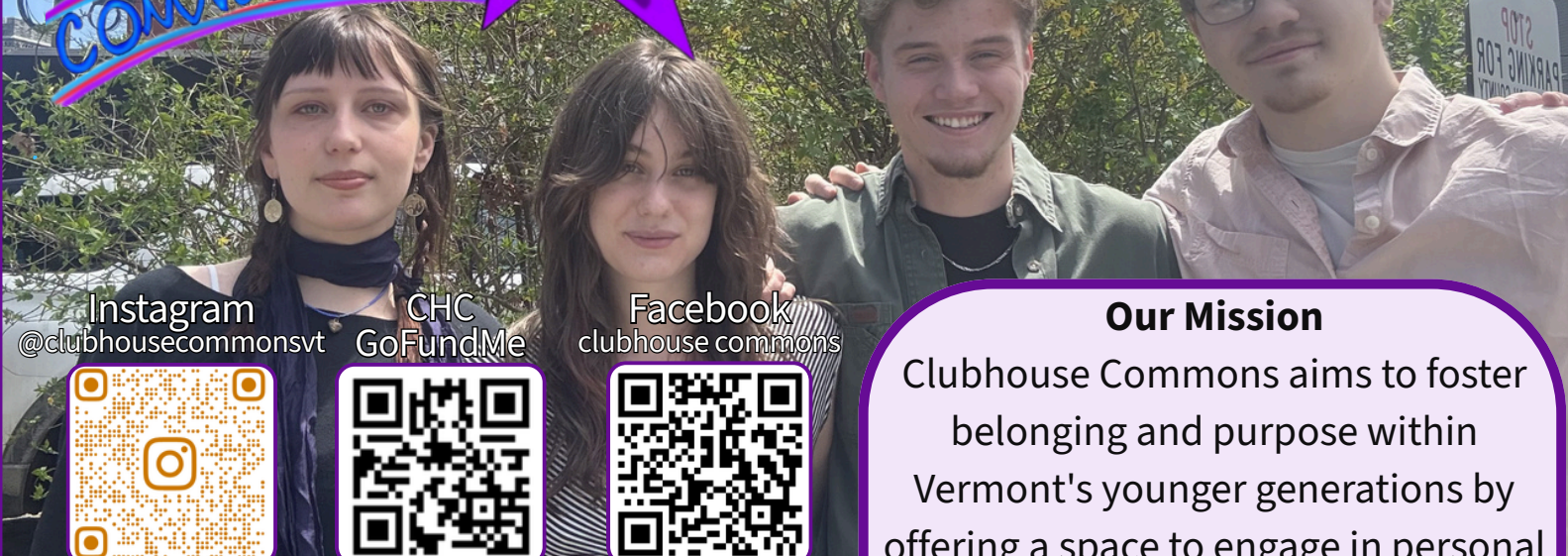


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ARTS AND ACTION HUB FOSTERING
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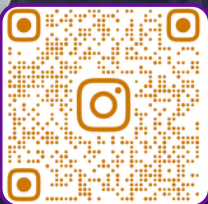
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Our Mission

Clubhouse Commons aims to foster belonging and purpose within Vermont's younger generations by offering a space to engage in personal inquiry for the sake of community impact.

Who We Are/What We Do:

- **Pursuing establishment in 4 Langdon St, Montpelier, VT.**
 - Serving the greater Central Vermont area by placing young people at the heart of our community, where they belong.
- **Purpose-built for those under 21 (12-20)**
 - Community space open to all, but intended for youth
 - Educational space open to students 12-18
- **Programmed to inspire self and civic engagement**
 - *Expressive Arts & Culture* (youth art showcased/sold in the space [on walls, through events], live music weekly [youth bands], youth-led art-based workshops)
 - *Social & Community* (comfortable seating, flexible gathering spaces, daily storage for belongings, environment for connection and rest, peer-led community activities, food/drink sold in space [partnership with Late Light Cafe])
 - *Educational & Community Engagement* (peer study groups, experiential youth-led, impact-driven workshops, potential partnership with local alternative learning programs to provide additional pathways to school credit, community mentorships/internships.)

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Why does this Matter?

Youth are an underserved and underrecognized demographic in Vermont. Young people make up 17.4% of Vermont's population, yet are continuously overlooked in programming and development throughout the state. Existing youth programming is often developed solely by adults and is undersupported, aiming to mitigate rather than transform. This leads to a disconnect between current youth-oriented spaces and the needs of young people. The lack of suitable spaces for youth has detrimental effects on our younger generations. Without dedicated and transformative social landscapes, young people face concerning levels of loneliness and isolation, resulting in increased rates of addiction (Savolainen et al. 2006), suicidality (Jin et al. 2026), and decreased overall well-being (Binte et al. 2023).

How does Clubhouse Commons Support these Needs?

Clubhouse Commons operates in a youth-for-youth model, meaning we provide young people with genuine ownership of and autonomy within the space. This builds trust and motivates engagement. At the Clubhouse, young people have a vital role in shaping programming, culture, decision-making, and spatial expectations. This is one way we aim to teach young people the necessary skills to be the solution to the problems faced by themselves and their peers. This model connects and keeps young people in their community, turning the Clubhouse into more than a drop-in space. We become a place for young people to build the platform on which they will stand for the rest of their lives.

Call to Action

Clubhouse Commons is a space built by young people, for young people, to the benefit of the greater community. **As a team of young advocates, we approach the work we do with an informed perspective. We understand the needs of young people, because they are our needs too.** Young people need places to go that are socially sustainable and exciting, foster multi-generational connections founded on mutual respect, and provide a meaningful sense of direction as they construct and contextualize who they want to be in the world. With your generous support, these needs can be met, and together we can kindle the spark that burns so brightly within our youth. Young people are our future, and we are invested. Are you?

To bring this project to fruition, we must prove eight months of operations at our lease signing on July 1st. Based on our estimates, we need \$50,000 to do so. We have strong funding potential, we have a sustainability model, but before we can receive grants or bring in revenue, we must exist as a physical establishment. So we are sending a call out to the community. Let's bring this beautiful vision to life together.

Objectives:

1. Foster Belonging

Create community space where young people experience safety, social connection, and meaningful participation

2. Youth Leadership & Self Advocacy

Provide opportunities for youth to shape programming, lead initiatives, and participate in community decision-making

3. Expand Access to Creative & Educational Opportunities

Support alternative pathways for learning, artistic expression, mentorship, and experiential education

4. Strengthen Community Integration

Build reciprocal relationships between youth and the broader community through arts, mentorship, collaboration and public engagement

5. Cultivate Purpose & Agency

Support young people in developing a stronger sense of identity, purpose, autonomy, and capacity to contribute to positive social changes

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