

conNECKtedTOO

A project from THE CHARLESTON RHIZOME COLLECTIVE

Our MISSION:

“As a group where Education, Art and Activism intersect, the CHARLESTON RHIZOME COLLECTIVE - grassroots, inter-generational and **interracial by design** - has committed to conNECKtedTOO, a project of **ART & CULTURE IN/WITH COMMUNITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**. We will seek and involve Tiny Business partners:

- to support and promote TINY BUSINESS in Charleston, as a vital part of commerce and neighborhood
- to build a mentorship program and awaken in YOUTH a spirit of entrepreneurship
- to fully embrace THE ARTS AND THE SPIRIT OF THE ARTS as activators of sustainability”

Our VISION:

“We envision COMMUNITIES where issues of exclusion and inequities in economics, education, housing and business no longer exist.

For us BELONGING means celebrating all histories and cultures, and BECOMING all we possibly can, as we build a future TOGETHER.”

The COLLECTIVE believes that TINY BUSINESSES are nimble, adaptable, profitable, for the people.

That is why:

- we experiment, we research
- we exchange skills, we teach each other
- we take personal responsibility
- we stand for environmental justice and socio/economic equity
- we denounce the cultural impact of gentrification
- we amplify the voices of disadvantaged, low wealth and historically marginalized communities

For us collaboration means shared ownership and autonomy not consensus.

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conNECKtedTOO, as a multi-faceted experiment, is being constantly imagined, forged and promoted. We will also attempt to establish **conNECKtedTOO** as a Tiny Business in its own right.

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