

CultureHouse



A pop-up community space
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We are



A living room for the community

Like a living room, CultureHouse is a place where all should feel comfortable to hang out with no requirement to purchase anything.



An urban design test kitchen

Employing DIY and tactical urbanism, we work to create a livable space that works for people using methods that can be applied elsewhere.



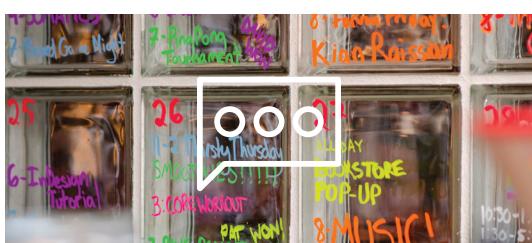
A third space

CultureHouse is a third space between home and work to hang out, meet people, create, share skills, and learn.



An indoor public park

As a vibrant cultural institution in the Boston area, CultureHouse brings the community aspect of a public park inside to use year-round.



A host for regular programming

We host regular programming determined by the community such as board game and trivia nights, conversations, community dinners, and live music.

Our work



Indoor pop-ups

We opened our first indoor pop-up at Bow Market in July 2018. We hosted 50 events over 27 staffed days including 5 concerts, 5 tutorials, 4 ping pong tournaments, and 4 trivia competitions.



Design & Build

Using open source digital fabrication methods, we design and build elements that foster community.

Outdoor pop-ups

We pop-up in outdoor spaces like public parks and plazas. We've popped up in Lafayette Plaza in Cambridge, Jackson Mann Plaza in Allston, Union Square in Somerville, and participated in Cambridge PARK(ing) Day.



Manual

We wrote and published a report with the goal of sharing what we've learned and empowering others to create indoor public spaces in their own communities. You can view the report at culturehouse.cc/manual.

Impacts



CultureHouse addresses a community need

Rapidly increasing rents in the Boston area has led to widespread commercial vacancies. Vacant storefronts are bad for communities and hurt local businesses. CultureHouse activates these storefronts to revive downtown cores.



CultureHouse attracts people and gives them a reason to stay in an area

"[CultureHouse] is one of the only reasons I came here - all the businesses were closed and I just jumped on the trampolines... it's such a pull for the area." – A CultureHouse visitor



CultureHouse increases livability and joy

Through the creation of a space that is fun, comfortable, and unexpected, CultureHouse brings a smile to people's faces and improves their quality of life.