

Let's Explore

Building Community

Exploring & Generating
Hope & Energy

Plugging into History
& Building a Legacy



TINYisPOWERFUL

"Who can deny that the smallest ant can lift the heaviest crumb?
And that each crumb fills the bellies of the masses?"

Date:

Dialogue between:

TBN:

TINYisPOWERFUL comes from a long history of art in/with community and most recently a project "conNECKtedTOO by the Charleston Rhizome Collective" (2018-2020) which amplified art, culture and TINY BUSINESS as essential to neighborhood and commerce

We are a grassroots, interracial and inter-generational group of artists, activists, educators, and TINY Businesses. We embody art and culture as activators of sustainability and tools for supporting and promoting equitable, sustainable development in/with community. We believe that ART & TINY BUSINESS are nimble, adaptable, profitable, for the people and that BELONGING means celebrating many histories and cultures and BECOMING all we can TOGETHER.

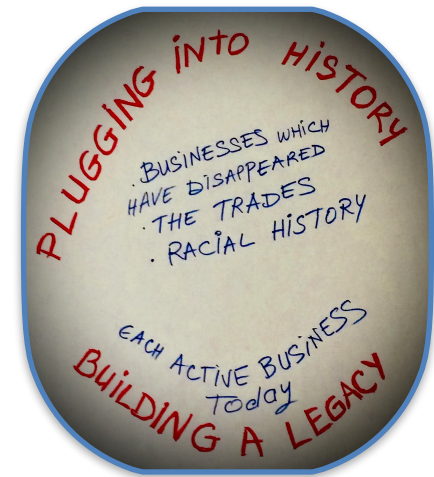
Today, and beyond, let's have conversations filled with fun, creativity, stories and honesty. As this is a dialogue, feel free to jump over, dance around or even sing any of the questions. There is no right or wrong.

Welcome to part 1 of the TINYisPOWERFUL process! Thank you so much for participating.

PLUGGING INTO HISTORY

Businesses, Trades that have disappeared, Racial History

Every Tiny Business active today, **BUILDING A LEGACY**



Hello ! Bonjour ! Hola ! How oonuh da do !

You remember your childhood as: ☐ Playful

☐ Painful

☐ Peaceful

☐ Just the way it was

How long is/was your journey to School?

Do you like the unknown?

Which communities are you part of?

Is your generation one of: ☐ Winner(s)

☐ Loser(s)

☐ Stupid question

Is your kids generation one of: ☐ Winner(s)

☐ Loser(s)

☐ Stupid question

Do you miss the home of your youth?

How old is old?

Do you see your life as: ☐ a Story? ☐ a Drawing? ☐ and/or a Film? ☐ a Monument?

Which communities do you wish to be part of?

Do you remember any business that was important for you when you were young?

Can you name any business that has closed down within the last ten years in your neighborhood?

Do you know a Tiny business that has been around for years?

Can you teach, educate, co-discover with others how to *Check all that apply*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> protest | <input type="checkbox"/> plan | <input type="checkbox"/> resist | <input type="checkbox"/> dream | <input type="checkbox"/> invest | <input type="checkbox"/> hate/fear | <input type="checkbox"/> be free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> refuse any abuse of power | | <input type="checkbox"/> be an artist | | <input type="checkbox"/> be a family member | <input type="checkbox"/> love diversity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> love tiny businesses | | | | | | |

How many locks do you have on your door?

What do you love or hate about Art?	What do you love or hate about Work?	What do you love or hate about Street?

On a bad day, what would you like to place between you and the world ? *Check all that apply*

- ☐ A perfect filter ☐ A notebook ☐ A good friend ☐ An Avatar ☐ An Ocean ☐ Nothing
☐ \$10 millions ☐ Classical Music ☐ Your bed ☐ Trees ☐ Other

On a bad day, what would you like to place between you and youths or between you and seniors ? *Check all that apply or add your own*

- ☐ Five floors ☐ A hug ☐ Solitude and silence ☐ A chalk board ☐ A mountain
☐ The army ☐ An Ipad ☐ A song ☐ A tiny something new

Is making noise part of your routine?
Do you call it music ?

No Yes
Is it very loud ?

What kind of sound ?

How do you get your news? *Check all that apply*

- ☐ Online/Text ☐ Radio ☐ Newspaper ☐ TV ☐ Barber/Beauty Shop
☐ A Family Member ☐ On the Bus ☐ At Night ☐ Social Media ☐ Around the way

How do you share your news?

- ☐ on the Bus ☐ during breaks ☐ on the phone ☐ with your colleagues ☐ on Social Media

Do you have ☐ a Blog? ☐ a Newsletter? ☐ a Diary ☐ a Radio Program? ☐ Are you archiving your memories?

Are you interested in surveys? _____ Ancestry research? _____ The cost of things? _____

How many minutes a day do you spend on your phone?

☐ cellphone?

☐ smart phone?

☐ tablet?

☐ other?

Do you have more than one?

Do you wish to get another one soon?

More than one?

What about public speaking, do you like that

☐ A tiny bit

☐ A little

☐ A lot

☐ Passionately

☐ So much

☐ Not at all

Where is the bulk of your memory? Circle all that apply

2000 ?	2010 ?	2015 ?	1940 ? 2020 ?	50 ?	60 ? Last year?	70 ?	80 ? In process?	90 ?
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What has been one of the WORST historic moments of/in your life?

What has had impact on your growth? Check all that apply

☐ The Civil Rights Movement

☐ The Arts

☐ Pets

☐ Decolonizing

☐ Friends

☐ A book

☐ Voting Rights

☐ Silence

☐ Traveling

☐ World War 2

☐ A song

☐ White flight

☐ Trees, fields and insects

☐ The other side of the street

☐ A teacher or a Family member

☐ Tourism

☐ #MeToo

☐ Black Lives Matter

☐ Family

☐ The Trump era

☐ Covid19

☐ Imagining that Tiny is Powerful

Is ironing part of your routine? No

Yes

Is sewing part of your routine? No

Yes

Do you like to tell stories?
Would you like to scream them?
Do you invent them? *Circle all that apply*

Do you name them?
to sing them?

Do you like them?
Are you funny?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> From gossips | <input type="checkbox"/> From your dreams | <input type="checkbox"/> Your travels | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> A song | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

For whom or what are your stories? *Circle all that apply*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Your kids | <input type="checkbox"/> Your Friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Celebrations | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors | <input type="checkbox"/> Customers/Clients |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your Grand parents | <input type="checkbox"/> To fill up heavy silence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |

Do you have/keep *Circle all that apply*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Any Photographs from your past | <input type="checkbox"/> Any photographs from this year | <input type="checkbox"/> Selfies in your phone | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorabilia | <input type="checkbox"/> School Books | <input type="checkbox"/> Handmade elements | <input type="checkbox"/> Things someone in your family made | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Old records/tapes | <input type="checkbox"/> Antiques | <input type="checkbox"/> Artworks | <input type="checkbox"/> Letters | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | What Other? |

WHAT DO YOU WISH TO PASS ON?

BUILDING COMMUNITY

With other Tiny Businesses, With the Local Community,
Through Social Media, With Youth & Schools, With City
and Other Institutions



What type of memory is most important for you ?

☐ Names ☐ Facts ☐ Patterns ☐ Prices ☐ Poetry ☐ Political understanding ☐ Short term ?

Do you feel you are losing your memory ? No Yes Like a slow and overloaded computer ? No Yes

In 2015 were you worrying about ☐ Whites ☐ Blacks ☐ People ☐ People of Color ☐ Immigrants
☐ the NRA ☐ No one ? ☐ Politics ? ☐ Tiny Businesses ?

And TODAY ? ☐ Migrants ☐ Youth ☐ LGBTQ ☐ People of Color ☐ Robots ☐ Immigrants
☐ Yourself ☐ Your Children ☐ No one ? ☐ Politics ? ☐ Tiny Businesses ?

You know, you do not have to answer all questions ?

Do you own your space ?

What percentage ?

How much ?

And do you hold your space ?

How ?

Is your trade dirty ?

dangerous ?

Do kids love it ?

What is more necessary to you ? *Check One*

☐ Training ☐ Being trained ☐ Researching ☐ All of these

What is more important to you ? *Check One*

☐ Owning

☐ Belonging

☐ Becoming

☐ Belonging & Becoming

☐ All of these

Do you think the Police is fair to ☐ You

☐ Your Community

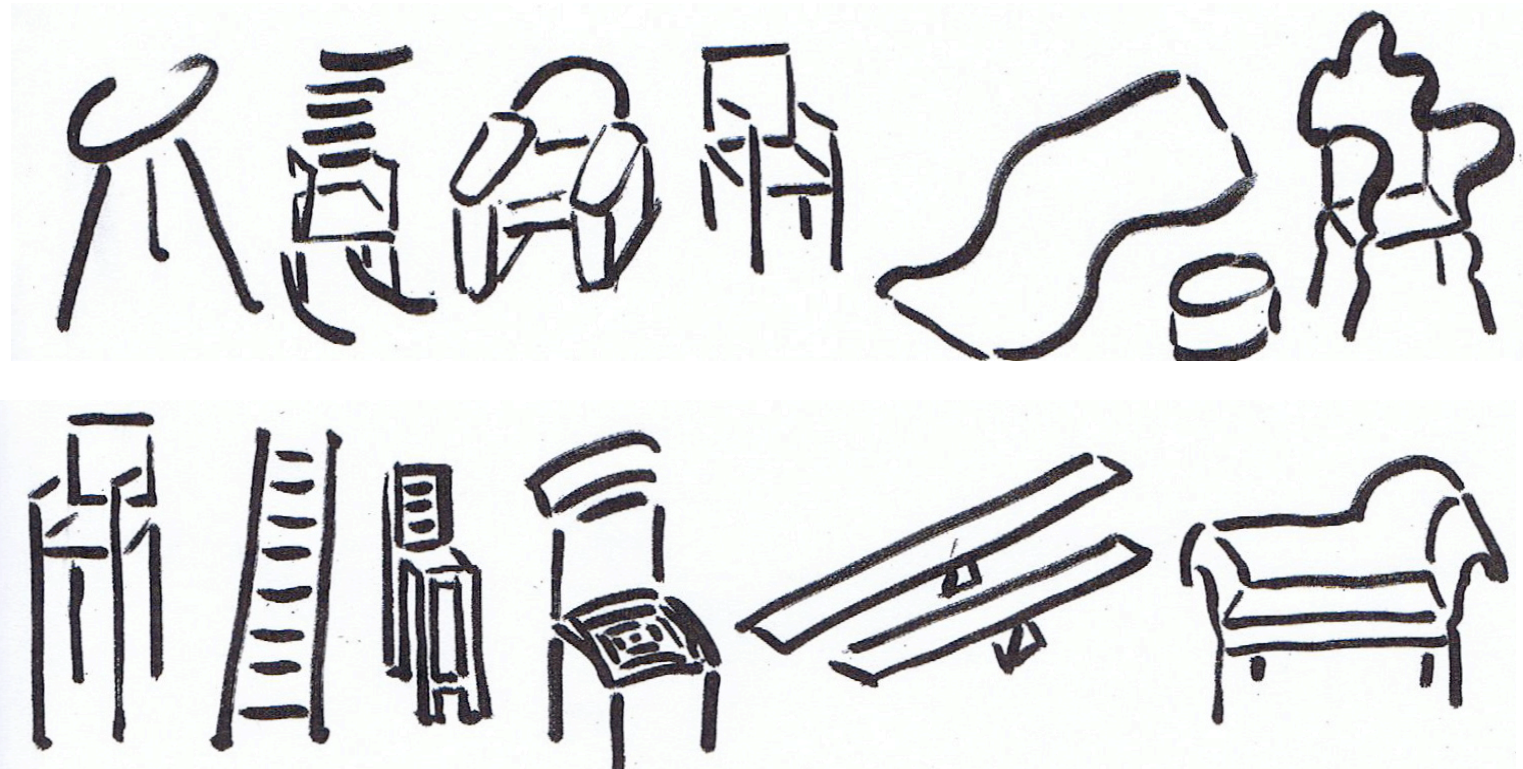
☐ Your Neighborhood

When you were very young, did you expect to make it to 20 ?

And today you expect to make it to how old ?

Would you like to know or do you know the life expectancy of the group you grew up in ?

Where do you see yourself ? Next to whom ? *Place everyone you wish, every situation you dream of*



Do you see Art as a way to envision differently ?

Art as a way to keep your fingers agile ?

Art as a field for imagining ?

Do Artists have power ?

What can the work of an Artist be ?

Any artist ?

Do you wish to work with an artist ?

What can you imagine 3 years from now ?

20 years from now ?

200 years from now ?

Next Century ?

Do you fear being profiled ?

Do you fear profiling others ?

Do you think you are prejudiced ?

Against whom ? ☐ Other races ☐ My own race ☐ Rich people ☐ Poor people ☐ LGBTQ people

Are you angry ?

Against whom ? ☐ Other races ☐ My own race ☐ Rich people ☐ Homeless people ☐ LGBTQ people
☐ the City Government ☐ the Federal Government ☐ a Family Member ☐ Covid19 ☐ Other

Do younger people expect to fare well as seniors ? *Yes or no*

Are you frustrated with *mark all that apply*

☐ Poverty ☐ Adult intelligent women ☐ Wall St ☐ the Police ☐ Black Males ☐ Collaboration
☐ The Government ☐ Being sick ☐ Immigrants ☐ Aging ☐ Other ☐ Nothing?

Do you believe most people of color who want to open a small/tiny business have bad credit ?

Do you believe most White women who want to open a small/tiny business have good credit ?

Whatever the answer, do you think it is because of:

☐ Low Income ☐ High Income ☐ Survival Techniques ☐ Don't want to pay Taxes ☐ Fear of others

What don't you understand about ? *Choose one subject to elaborate*

○ Computers Hip hop Art in/with Community Opera Activism Self-Care Churches Micro loans fake news

Do you like going to bed ? Do you have time for naps now ? Did you ever have time for naps ?
Are you scared at night ? Are you scared in the dark ? Are you scared all the time ? Do you live in fear ?

How do you feel about the future of your country ?

☐ Hopeful ☐ Doubtful ☐ Don't care ☐ Other

How do you describe Luxury? *Mark all that apply*

☐ \$\$\$ ☐ The Arts ☐ Human values ☐ Security ☐ Healthy food
☐ Women's Lib ☐ Silence ☐ Traveling ☐ Access to Loans
☐ Having Assistants

Do you think the "Buy/Buy/Buy/Sell/Sell/Sell" consumer mentality is a substitute for Hope?

What does Middle Class mean for you ?

How do you feel about Charleston ?

☐ Hopeful ☐ Lost ☐ Don't care ☐ Other

Can you visualize being somewhere else ?

Can you imagine being someone else ?

What do you like to have the most around you ? *Check all that apply*

☐ Trees ☐ Flowers ☐ Pedestrians ☐ Birds ☐ Kids ☐ Water
☐ Cars ☐ a Family Member ☐ Don't care What about guns ?

Do you feel you are an antique or an innovation ?

Are you for sale ?

For how much ?

Are you an heirloom ?

Do you have scars/wounds or not ?

Any invisible ones ?

Any artists or potential artists you may recommend ?

Any Tiny Business you recommend ?

How do you define a Tiny Business ?

How do you define Artist-Activist-Educator ?

Do you think Arts, Culture and Tiny Businesses build Community ?

What would stimulate you most ? *Check all that apply, but mark one with a star*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A multi-site play | <input type="checkbox"/> A Poem | <input type="checkbox"/> An activist song for youth | <input type="checkbox"/> A book to commemorate our conversation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A series of posters | <input type="checkbox"/> A dance marathon | <input type="checkbox"/> A parade or a procession | <input type="checkbox"/> A film experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A bus ride to the beach | <input type="checkbox"/> A jingle | <input type="checkbox"/> To build stuff | <input type="checkbox"/> An exchange of letters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An organized protest | <input type="checkbox"/> An engraving or a sewing workshop | <input type="checkbox"/> A petition | <input type="checkbox"/> Plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Touring your neighborhood with strangers | <input type="checkbox"/> Materials, which ones? | <input type="checkbox"/> Tools, which ones? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Network research | <input type="checkbox"/> A trip to the Islands | <input type="checkbox"/> A trip to New York | <input type="checkbox"/> A trip to France |

GENERATING & EMPOWERING

Tiny Businesses, Youth, A block, Underserved people **HOPE AND ENERGY**



Are you *Circle all that apply*

a STUDENT

an ELDER

an INVESTIGATOR

a FATHER

a WRITER

an OBSERVER

a MOTHER

a BUSINESS MAN

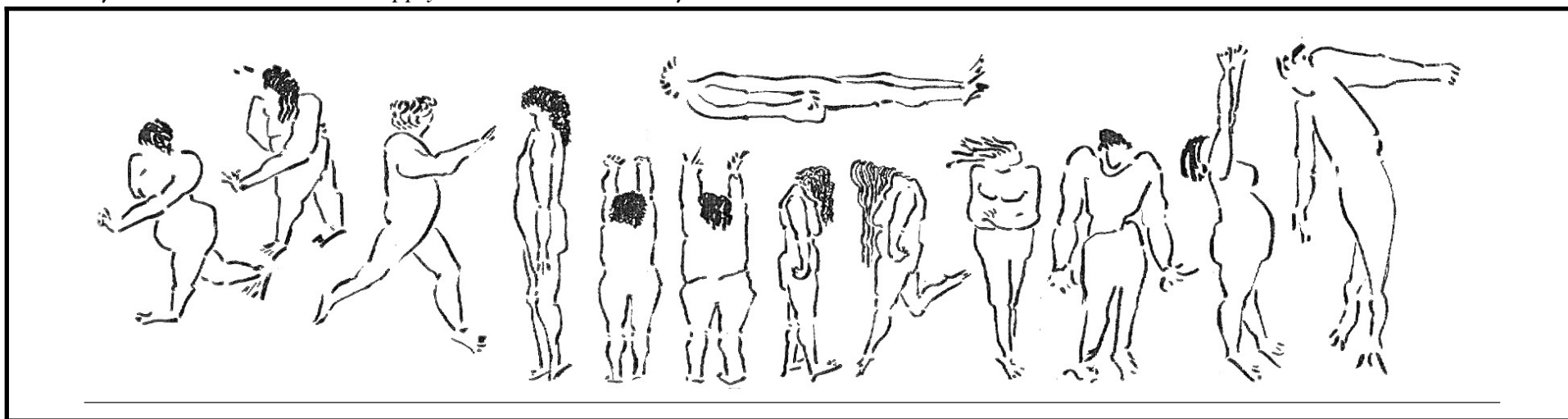
a BUSINESS WOMAN

a KID

Who else?

How do you feel? *Circle all that apply.*

Why?



Do you wish to be:

a BUILDER

a MERCHANT

a MANAGER

a CONDUCTOR

Jack of all trades?

a PRODUCER

an ARTIST

Who else ?

Is having a passion

☐

worrisome

☐

creative

☐

necessary

☐

unrealistic

☐

painful

☐

helpful

WHAT ARE YOU MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT? *Rate from 1 to 10 (1 being the most of the most)*

The business of food

The government

Your race

Your job or lack of job

Your entrepreneurship

Energy consumption

Healthcare

Tiny Businesses

North Charleston

Your children, grands and those of others

None of the above

None of your business

STUFF TO LEARN FROM ? *Yes or No*

Walter Scott murder trial
Healthcare in Cuba

Public schools
Poverty

Billionaires

Tiny Businesses
The changes of Charleston

Privatization of Water

Your skills
Your ancestors

Have you ever been unemployed ?

How often ?

For how long ?

BECAUSE OF ? *Check all that apply*

- ☐ Money ☐ Family ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Social Class ☐ Race ☐ Your Age ☐ Studies ☐ Covid19
☐ The Government ☐ Gentrification ☐ Illness ☐ Other

You are, or wish to be, self-employed, your own boss; why that ? *circle all that apply*

- ☐ No boss ☐ Able to involve my family ☐ Learning at my own speed ☐ Working with the people I want
☐ Able to experiment ☐ Taking all decisions ☐ Working alone ☐ In charge of my money ☐ Others

You have a Tiny Business; any regrets ? *Check all that apply*

- ☐ No supervisor ☐ It involves my family ☐ Everything is an experiment ☐ Very long hours
☐ It is hard to find good helpers ☐ 24/7 ☐ Money ☐ Responsibilities
☐ Administration and Bookkeeping ☐ Everybody thinks I am rich and asks me for money ☐ Others

What will the legacy of today's Charleston be ? *Check all that apply*

- ☐ another 50% of African American leave town ☐ another 80% of Low Income residents leave town
☐ the resegregation of schools ☐ the take over by global tourism ☐ Other

What is one legacy that you have received ?

Which communities do you feel, part of ? *Describe them with TWO WORDS*

- 1-
2-
3-

Are you looking for opportunities to share your thoughts?

Are you looking for opportunities to get power?

Do you love power?

Do you resent power?

Do you have power?

What kind ?

Are you willing to sell what you know ?

to share what you know ?

to imagine what you know ?

Who is/are against you ? *Check all that apply*

Are you interested in designing monuments for ? *Check all that apply*

Consultants

Frontline workers in time of Covid19

Dealers

Muhyidin

Your neighbor

Your neighbor

Banks

Robert Smalls

Employees

Tiny but Powerful

The Police

All of the above

Other

Other

Do you feel you know us better than one hour ago ?

Do you like Ceremonies ?

Do you like Live Shows ?

Which ones ?

Do you like Festivals ?

Which ones ?

How Loud ?

What is the funniest age?

What is the scariest age?

Do you wish to see us again ?

What about a recorded interview ?

Something from this conversation

What would you like to speak about ?

Any answer you wish to change ?

AND LASTLY ...

Please tell us about CHARLESTON IN FIVE WORDS:

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____

Please tell us about YOU IN FIVE WORDS:

Can we make a rhyme out of them?

Even a Song?

Or a Poem?

a Painting?

a Cartoon?

Please tell us about YOUR WORK IN FIVE WORDS:

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____

Please tell us about YOUR BUSINESS:

And again can we make for you a Rhyme or a Song or a Painting or a Cartoon out of them?

SEE YOU SOON ! This is only our First Conversation !