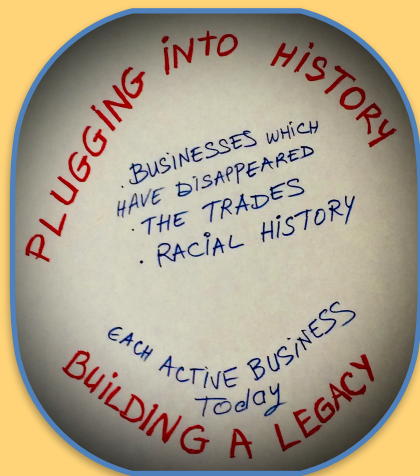


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PART 1



LED BY THE CHARLESTON RHIZOME COLLECTIVE

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We are a Collective of Artists, Educators and Activists.

Our recent project “conNECKted: Imaginings for Truth & Reconciliation” (2015-17) challenged processes of collaboration in the visual arts and practiced equitable community involvement.

We are now working on “**conNECKtedTOO**” which invites very small / TinyBusinesses to envision with us how Arts & Culture in/with Community can engage Economic Development and meet our common needs in the area.

Your accepting a conversation with the Charleston Rhizome Collective is an opportunity for us – and Charleston – to meet you where you are, introduce ourselves and generate hopes, connections and potentials.

Let’s try here, with this friendly Interview/Conversation. Have fun! Be creative! Be honest! Feel free to jump over questions. Dance around them. Sing them if necessary. There is no right or wrong.

Welcome to the process and thank you so much for participating. Don’t worry, you are not signing a contract!

This is **PART 1** of a welcoming **conNECKtedTOO** conversation

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PLUGGING INTO HISTORY

Businesses, Trades that have disappeared, Racial History
Every Tiny Business active today, BUILDING A LEGACY



You remember your childhood as: Playful Painful Peaceful Just the way it was

How long is/was your journey to School?

How long is/was your journey to Work?

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*

- fight plan resist dream invest hate/fear be free
- refuse any abuse of power be an artist be a family member love diversity

What do you love/hate about Art?	What do you love/hate about Work?	What do you love/hate about Family?
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What do you love/hate about Writing?	What do you love/hate about your Street?	What do you love/hate about Buses?
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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
- with your staff
- with your colleagues
- social media
- Digging deeper, do you have a Blog?
- a Newsletter?
- a Black or White Board?
- a Radio Program?
- a Diary?
- 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?

Do you wish to throw them all out and not get other ones ever again?

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*

- 1930? 1940? 50? 60? 70? 80? 90? 2000? 2010?
 2015? Last year? In process?

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
 the Colonial & post-colonial era
 Pets
 Friends
 Women's March
 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
 A book
 #MeToo
 Black Lives Matter
 Family

Do you like to tell stories?

Do you invent them? *Circle all that apply*

- From your memories
 From the news
 From what you hear everyday
 From your readings
 From gossips
 From your dreams
 Your travels
 Music
 A song
 Other

Do you name them?

Do you like them?

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

- Your kids
- Your Friends
- Special Celebrations
- Visitors
- Customers/Clients
- Your Grand parents
- To fill up heavy silence
- Other

Would you like to Scream them?

to Sing them?

Are you funny?

Do you have/keep *Circle all that apply*

- Any Photographs from your past
- Any photographs from this year
- Selfies in your phone
- Memorabilia
- School Books
- Letters
- Handmade elements
- Old cloths
- Old records/tapes
- Antiques
- Things someone in your family made
- 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 ?
Like a slow and overloaded computer ?

- No Yes
 No Yes

Do you have a desk ?

Have you ever taken a personality test on Google?

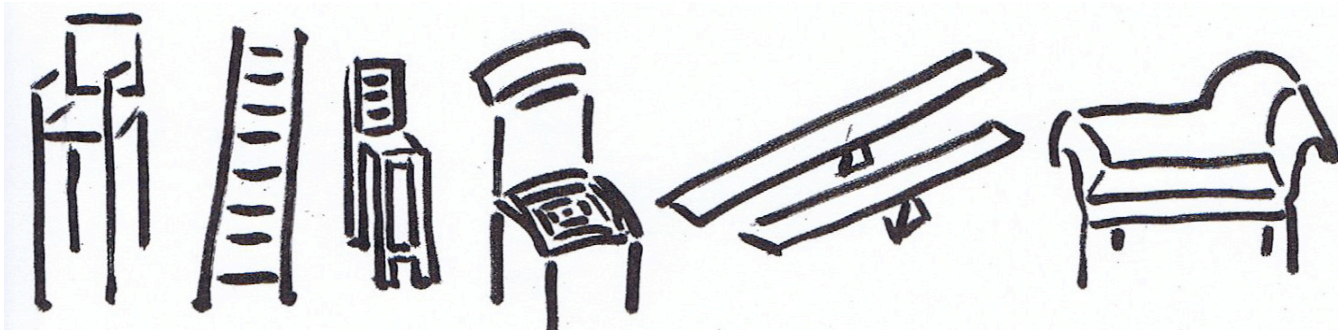
In 1965 were you worrying about Whites Blacks People People of Color Immigrants
 Yourself Does not apply to me

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

And today ? Migrants Youth LGBTQ People of Color Robots Immigrants
 Yourself Your Children No one ?

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

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



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 ?

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

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
- Contemporary art
- Opera
- Activism
- Churches
- Micro loans
- fake news

What can you imagine 3 years from now ?

20 years from now ?

200 years from now ?

Next Century ?

Do you like going to bed ?

Did you have time for naps ?

Do you 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 the Middle Class ?

How do you feel about Charleston ?

Hopeful

Lost

Don't care

Other

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

Trees

Flowers

Pedestrians

Birds

Kids

Water

Cars

Don't care

What about guns ?

Can you visualize being somewhere else ?

Can you imagine being someone else ?

Do you feel you are an antique or an innovation ?

Are you for sale ?

For how much ?

Are you an heirloom ?

Any artists or potential artists you may recommend ?

Any Tiny Business you recommend ?

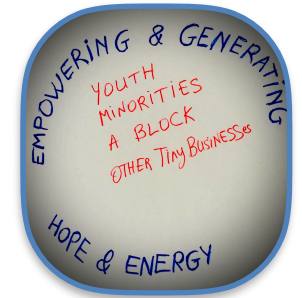
How do you define a Tiny Business ?

How do you define Artist-Activist-Educator ?

How do you define Arts and Culture ?

GENERATING & EMPOWERING

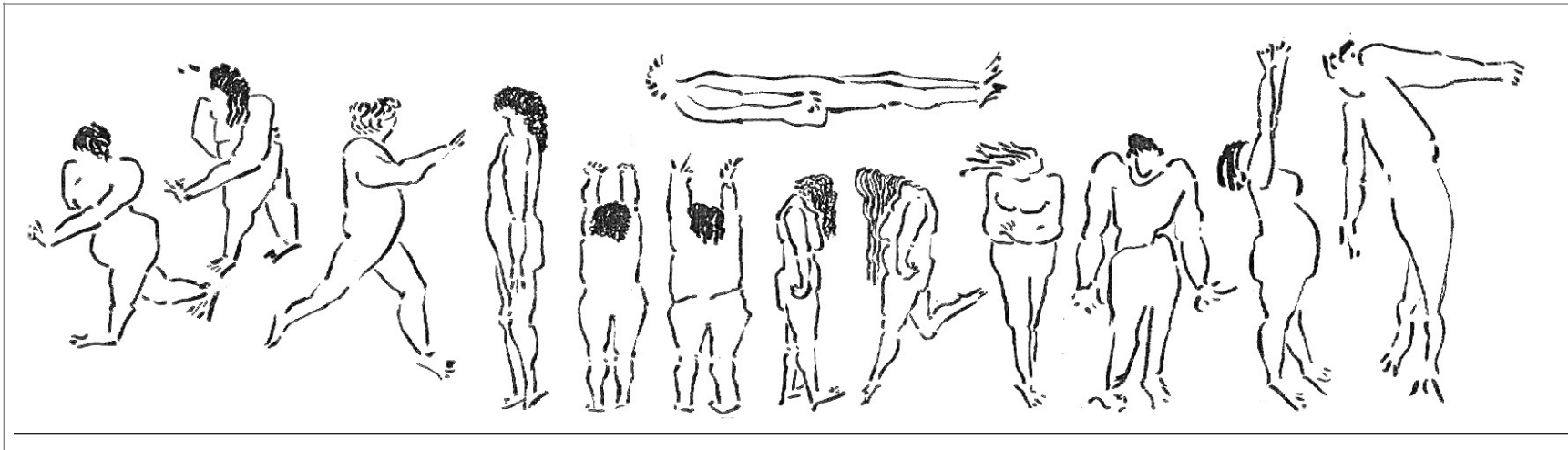
Tiny Businesses, Youth, A block, Underserved people HOPE AND ENERGY



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 Who else?

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



Do you wish to be: a MERCHANT a CONDUCTOR a PRODUCER an ARTIST
a FABRICATOR a MANAGER Jack of all trade?

What else?

What do you think having a passion is: worrisome creative necessary unrealistic painful helpful

What are you most passionate about? *Rate from 1 to 10*

- Obesity
- The government
- Your race
- Energy consumption
- The drug industry
- Tiny Businesses
- Charleston and the area
- Your art or trade
- Your children, grand children and those of others
- The business of food
- Your job or lack of job
- Your entrepreneurship
- Healthcare
- Some of your love experiences
- None of the above
- All of the above
- None of your business

Stuff to learn from? *Yes or No*

- Billionaires
- Walter Scott murder trial
- Black Lives Matter
- Tiny Businesses
- Healthcare in Cuba
- Poverty
- Your ancestors
- Privatization of Water
- Public schools
- Las Vegas
- Your behavior
- Your pet(s)
- Charleston changes

What is the funniest age?

What is the scariest age?

Are you self-employed now?

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
- Other

Do you trust ?

No one

Someone

Five people

Ten people

Do you want to be *check all that apply*

trusted

trustfull

trustable

depends

Do you trust ? *Check all that apply*

Trainers and Facilitators

Your family

The Police

Justice

History

God

The President

Everyone

No one

Which communities do you feel, part of? *List at least three*

1-

2-

3-

4-

5-

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 against you? *Check all that apply*

- Teachers
- Consultants
- Dealers
- Your neighbor
- Three people from your family
- An association or a support group
- The City
- The President
- God
- No one
- All of the above
- Other

Who is with you? *Check all that apply*

- Teachers
- Developers
- Three people from your family
- The City
- Your neighbor
- God
- An association or a support group
- Consultants
- The President
- No one
- All of the above
- Other

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

Do you wish to see us again?

What about a recorded interview?

What would you like to speak about?

Would you like that we prepare questions from your answers here or do you prefer to choose the subjects now?

Any answer you wish to change?

TELL US MORE ...

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?

Or a Painting?

Or 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!