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Inspiring Creativity and Self-Expression in Boston’s Teens

BOY M.ASS - Kahmali London is in the business of inspiration. He spends his afternoons with Boston’s teens, providing them with space and tools to explore and create. On some days he’s teaching youth to illustrate using a stylus and a tablet, other days he’s getting them started with SCRATCH, a tool for introducing coding concepts to young people. Every day, you can find him learning right alongside Clubhouse members. The Clubhouse learning model demands that staff and mentors be dedicated to life-long learning. How can you lead by example if you’re not pushing yourself? Kahmali lives and breathes the mission. “I love seeing people push themselves to their limits,” he says.

It’s no surprise that he’s currently learning how to pilot The Clubhouse’s new drone, how to play bass guitar, how to use DJ equipment, and always growing his digital illustration and animation skills. Kahmali is uniquely qualified for his role as Clubhouse Coordinator. He himself was a member in his youth. He spent his time after school in the Clubhouse primarily focused on drawing, digital illustration, and animation. Also a passionate gamer, Kahmali used software to create his own games, teaching his fellow members along the way. He credits his Clubhouse experience with inspiring him to attend a four-year college. After earning his associates degree from Bunker Hill Community College in Graphic Design, he went on to earn his bachelor’s in animation from the renowned Massachusetts College of Art & Design (MassArt).

“My dream is to help people be creative.” Kahmali would eventually return to The Flagship Clubhouse to pay it forward. The Flagship Clubhouse is located in the center of the Roxbury neighborhood, diverse and historic community in the geographic center of Boston uniquely positioned to reach Boston teens. This after-school STEM learning center is one of more than 100 Clubhouses located in 18 countries providing youth with life-changing opportunities for 25 years. The Flagship Clubhouse is the site gave way to an entire network. The Flagship and its staff often serve as a testing ground for initiatives and programs that then get distributed across...