

February 2024

Director's Corner

From our Executive Director, Lisa Cook. We are proud to announce that **Beth Toolan** has joined The Clubhouse Network team as **Senior Development Manager**. This year she's creating new outreach programs and build high-value relationships with corporate, foundation, and individual donors who will empower The Clubhouse Network to achieve its mission and growth goals.

MIT Media Lab Tours

During TCN **Immersion Weeks** for our new program leaders, the MIT Media Lab hosts tours to share the amazing research of their graduate students. We are grateful to our founders, Mitch Resnick and Natalie Rusk, who continue to offer insider views of the lab, particularly of the Lifelong Kindergarten program. If you have not yet had a tour, or if you'd like to share some of these inspiring discoveries with your youth members, check out this presentation created from the last few [MIT Media Lab tours](#).



VR Campus

TCN provides inspiration and skills development across emerging technologies, including **XR (Virtual + Augmented Reality)**. Youth members are beginning to explore our new virtual campus ('the Ville'), which will become a rich immersive experience for events, project showcases, collaborating, competitions, and much more. Stay tuned for news on **the Ville** coming soon – don't wait to get logged in, create your avatar, and start engaging!



Black History Month in the U.S.

Created to increase awareness of the struggles and achievements of Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the early 17th century through today. The theme for 2024 is **African Americans and the Arts**, spotlighting visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary, and other forms of cultural expression. [Learn more](#)



Creative Learning: Tribal Youth

At the Deer River Community Clubhouse in Minnesota and the Gila River Clubhouse in Arizona, youth members are collaborating to create a **calendar with 2 languages and artwork from 3 different tribes**.



Members say this is broadening their perception of the world to include wider cultural appreciation, as well as expanding their learning and social networks. Stay tuned for project completion during 2024. Learn more here: [Gila River Indian Community](#) and [Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe \(Deer River\)](#)

C2C: IT and Cyber Certification

Clubhouse to College/Career Program. TCN is now offering a free pathway to prepare for an **industry-recognized certification for entry-level internships and jobs.**

[Download the flyer](#) to see what's

happening at the Flagship Clubhouse, and if you are interested in adopting this for benefit of your youth, please reach out to your geographic liaison for information! Get more [C2C info](#) here.



Lunar New Year Celebrations



This event is celebrated by billions of people across the world on the first **new moon** of their calendar, based either on the **lunar calendar** or

the **lunisolar calendar**. Lunar calendars follow the lunar phase, while lunisolar calendars follow both the lunar phase and the time of the solar year. The determination of the first month of a new lunar year varies by culture. The more well-known celebrations include New Year's Day (or week) in the **Chinese calendar** and **Tibetan calendar** of East Asia; the **Buddhist** and **Hindu calendars** of Southeast and South Asia; the **Islamic calendar** and the **Jewish calendar** that originated in the Middle East; and the **Nisga'a calendar** from Canada. [Learn more](#)

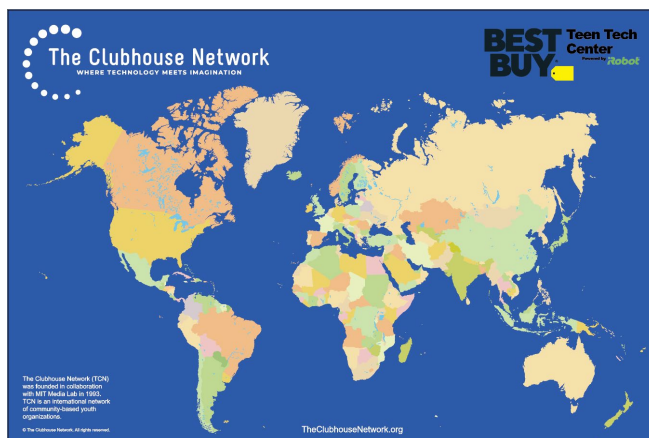
South Africa: Sci-Bono Centre

In Johannesburg, ~1200 youth at the Sci-Bono Discovery Centre are acquiring Information and Communications Technology (ICT) knowledge and skills. They access learning material from Cisco,



and are required to complete the work in order to graduate! Learn more about this and many other programs at [Sci-Bono](#).

World Map for Your Site Wall



As you may have seen, the Flagship Clubhouse in Roxbury has a large world map on its wall with dots at our **global locations**, including yours. If you would like to order something similar for your Clubhouse or Teen Tech Center, download this [branded high-res PDF](#) and find a printer in your area. Use push pins or dot stickers to show our current locations ([click here](#) for map/list).