



The Clubhouse Network News

May 2024

Director's Corner

From our Executive Director, Lisa Cook.

Regional Teen Summits are coming in June and July!

We look forward to these regional events where teens are coming together in person in regions around the world to learn and collaborate on STEM media projects. In August, we will host a **VR Teen Summit Celebration** for all youth members inside our Virtual Campus. Stay tuned for more information coming soon.



May 28. Don't forget that all RE@CH winners will be announced at a global event hosted inside the TCN Virtual Campus auditorium, so get your avatars ready...

Mental Health Awareness Month

15 Mental Health Apps That Can Help Youth Every Day.



Check these out to discover one or more apps that may be helpful to your youth members:

<https://onlinedegrees.bradley.edu/blog/mental-wellness-apps/>

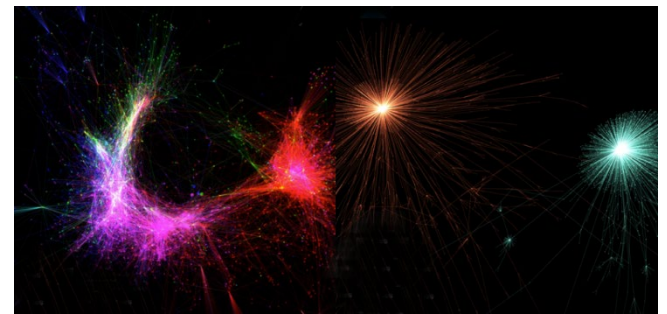
RE@CH Media Festival

Winners Will Be Announced Soon!



The [RE@CH Festival](#) deadline to submit youth projects was May 11. Clubhouse Network leaders are sorting and ranking projects. Public voting will begin soon – check the website here on or after

MIT: Constructive Communications



The [MIT Center for Constructive Communication](#) at the MIT Media Lab is bringing together researchers in AI, computational social science, digital interactive design, and learning technologies with software engineers, journalists, artists, public health experts, and community organizers to explore and address the effects of deepening societal fragmentation in America.

AANHPI Heritage Month



Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is a time to celebrate and honor the diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans. Let's take this opportunity to recognize the rich tapestry of cultures within our community and appreciate the invaluable impact that Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have had on our society.

Asian American is defined by the Office of Management and Budget as "a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent."¹ The six largest sub-groups of Asian Americans are from China, the Philippines, India, Korea, Vietnam, and Japan.

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander is defined as "a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands."

The AA and NHPI population consist of over 50 distinct ethnicities in the U.S. There are over 20 million people here who identify as Asian/Pacific Islander (6.1 percent of the overall population).

Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are the fastest-growing racial groups in the country. More data can be found here: www.aapiunited.com, and youth equity information here: <https://access-equity-belonging.extension.org/about/racial-and-ethnic-youth/asian-pacific-islander-youth/>

IT Certifications in South Africa



New Impact Story available on our website! Be sure to check out inspiring Sci-Bono Discovery Centre graduates earning industry certifications before they graduate, enabling entry into lucrative career pathways in South Africa. See photos and watch a short video about their grad ceremony. [See Impact Story](#)

Creative Tech: XR in Argentina



<https://www.clubhoureach.org/2024/entry/1939>

Welcome to **Parallel Worlds**, a virtual reality experience of the Puerta 18 Clubhouse. You'll see on their green table there are 5 elements related to workshops, and by taking up each one, visitors are transported to that area to face different challenges. More than 30 young people between ages 13 and 18 participated, over 5 months. Learning to model in 3D in Blender, they worked on environments, assets, textures, graphic design, programming, sound, experimentation, and research in Oculus and Unity. They prepared the experience for their 2023 year-end production show, where around 300 people experienced their virtual Clubhouse and had fun in completely new worlds.

Newsletter Feedback?

Our monthly TCN Newsletter goes out to all of our Clubhouse and Teen Tech Center staff. We'd love to know your thoughts: what is useful, what is inspiring, and what else would you like to see here? Also, if you have an interesting project or event happening that you believe would be beneficial to share with other sites, please feel free to [send in your suggestion!](#)



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