

Zine Club Discord Community

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Club Charter

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PREAMBLE FOR THE CHARTER OF “TOADSTOOL’S ZINE CLUB”

Established by a young group of Hamilton artists, we are creating a moderated and inclusive safe-space for LGBTQ+ and ASPEC adults (18+) for all ages and skill-levels to create and grow together both online and “IRL”.

We are stronger together. We’ve seen ourselves grow faster and fuller working side-by-side. The pandemic has forced us a shift in how we to work, but we still swap skills and build our story-telling techniques to keep developing our own personal publications.

WHY JOIN US?

1. BECOME AN AGENT OF CHANGE — INSPIRE OTHERS WITH YOUR CREATIVITY

What will our future look like? How can I create even the smallest of change in the world? How do I find something bigger than me? As a group, we ask difficult questions and attempt to answer them through our work.

2. BEGIN A CONVERSATION — PUSH BOUNDARIES THROUGH THE POWER OF PRINT

Share in conversations focusing on Canadian indie arts, comics, self-publishing, and how we all fit into modern zine culture.

3. BUILD YOUR CRAFT ALONGSIDE OTHER LIKE-MINDED CREATIVES —

Gain helpful advice on your project before your finished, swap skills with our talented and established members, share your work in online and continue the conversation on Toadstool’s Community Discord Server!

HOW TO JOIN

Beginning March 5th, 2020, our in-person meetings at Central HPL are currently suspended due to COVID-19, but you may join us online via Toadstool’s Community Discord Server (as of June 17th, 2021).

HOW TO ACCESS THE SERVER:

- Support the club with a donation on [Ko-fi](#),
- Purchase from the Club’s PWYC digital zine library [on Gumroad](#),
- Subscribe for FREE to our newsletter,
- or upon personal invitation by an authorized server member.

STAY TUNED FOR LIVE-STREAMS HELD BY JOEY ON [PICARTO.TV/JOEYTOADSTOOL](#) AND NOTIFICATIONS FOR LIVESTREAMS ARE SENT VIA DISCORD AND SOCIAL MEDIA!

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OUR EVENTS

“Joey Toadstool” will hold private a Q&A and discussion via our invite-only Discord server in the #zine-club Voice Chat channel. There will also be the occasional zine-making tutorial livestream held publicly on <https://picarto.tv/joeytoadstool>. Stream alerts are sent via the Toadstool’s Community Discord Server and social media!

Live events, markets and conventions are places we want to get our members work into. We fundraise to help cover vendor fees, printing fees and other event-related costs (such as transportation).

Club members can encourage fundraising efforts by promoting the club’s [PWYC Zine Booth on Gumroad](#) to people you know looking to support Queer Art Communities. You can also directly support the club with a generous donation to [Toadstool’s Ko-fi \(coffee\) Shop!](#)

SERVICES & RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS

- Gain professional and inclusive advice from our team of diverse and trusted creators — talk to people in the art industry and other like-minded talent from many different walks of life.
- Reach out to @everyone for guidance any time you need a quick-tip for your current project, a constructive critique on a piece, or suggestions for your next zine!
- Access a discord community full of resources for learning, opportunities to collaborate with professional artists and a place to promote yourself and your work!

MEMBERSHIP FEES & CONDITIONS

Currently our club does not charge a regular membership fee. The Zine Club Discord Server is run by myself and the wonderful, dedicated server @admins and @mods. Support the server with a boost, or become moderator!

Do you live on Discord? Do you have experience with bots, widgets and the like? As a group of artists, we are always looking for server @mods. Anyone who has been on the server over 90 days may be eligible!

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