

Join us at the Intersection of Arts, Culture & Community on Nov. 9



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[Our Connecting Spaces: What does it mean to build community through arts and culture?](#)

Although the Charlotte-region is full of colorful murals, maintains a robust performing arts schedule, and is decorated with meaningful sculptures and art, are we *truly* making the most of our creative spaces? Does it matter? Beyond creative expression, the Charlotte arts and culture scene can foster opportunities for connection among diverse groups of people.

Recent research by Raj Chetty and his team suggests that connections across class - or [economic connectedness](#) - are associated with higher rates of economic mobility in communities around the United States. [Previous research](#) also suggests that participation in the arts is associated with more diverse friendships. Yet, as noted by [Arts Impact Charlotte](#), the arts have been underemphasized as a potential tool to improve a range of issues associated with low rates of economic mobility.

In our second Schul Conversation on **Nov. 9 at noon**, we'll discuss the social and economic impact of arts and culture on building relationships across class and difference. This conversation lends itself to our larger [Schul Forum Series](#), which focuses this year on the spaces where we connect, specifically asking how those spaces build community and facilitate relationships or create barriers to economic connectedness.

So, how can we make the most of opportunities in the arts and our creative spaces to improve economic prosperity? How do we ensure equitable access and diverse participation in our region's arts and culture sector? How can we develop connections in creative spaces and what are the benefits for the community at large? [Click here](#) to see who's going to be a part of the Nov.

9 conversation and register to join in!

Both of the years' Schul Conversations and the [Chancellor's Speaker Series](#) will lead to our in-person Schul Forum event on February 1, 2024. Stay tuned for more details to come.

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