

# **EP3: NEW Blood**

**The Tea Parlour**

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**TEA PARLOUR**

Tea is always included.



**Founding Members**

**Zhong party!**



## **Purpose:**

- 1. Social collective that connects identity with space**
- 2. Showcase neat spaces in Calgary's Chinatown**
- 3. Engage young adults in the Chinese social community**

# THE TEA PARLOUR



The Tea Parlour is a pop-up that brings together two traditional activities in Asian culture: Tea and Mahjong. Join us as we drink tea, play community mahjong and experience places we've never been.

Where: Wai Kwan Manor- 200 1 St SW

Time: 2-5 pm

Cost: \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door

To sign up: Follow us @teaparlouryc on instagram and DM us to register!

Space is limited

Through tea and mahjong, the Tea Parlour aims to introduce you to amazing spaces in Calgary's Chinatown. We will be engaging in community play. All levels welcome. All ages welcome.





**Wai Kwan Manor**

# **Big issue# 1**

**Barriers to breaking into into Chinatown's community**

- No natural node- contact information was difficult to find, had to rely on word of mouth and “who you know”**
- Skeptical organizations**
- Other barriers: language, age, status (economical, social, marital)**





**MSBCA Clubhouse**

# **Big Issue# 2 Are there different perspectives on community ?**

- Different values
- Building community when it is no longer related to your family clan or where you live but based on heritage and identity
- Community where it is no longer geographical or institutional based

**Big Issue #3 - Young  
Canadians without a  
structured community  
are looking to establish  
that sense of identity.**

**What are the amenities, facilities, or social spaces that are missing to tie you to Chinatown? The only available social spaces are to eat and drink**



**The Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizens Association**

# What we saw!

- High attendance - sold out events
- More unknown spaces were discovered and visited
- Young Chinese Canadians were looking for a sense of community
  - Repeat attendees: looking for non judgemental and friendly social experience
  - Offers to volunteer/help out
  - More collaborating partners

