## Youth Engagement Prototype

The Slab



# Background

Why did we build The Slab?

Why now?



## Why a Prototype?





## The Creation of The Slab

### **Community Partners**

Boys and Girls Club

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Youth Council

Rotary Club

Roteract

U of A Business Club

Chimo Youth Retreat

Citizens on Patrol

SEVA

Salisbury Composite

CASA

Saffron

Children and Family Services

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Kiwanis

Information and Volunteer Centre YESS

### **Local Businesses**

Sound Lab Studios

**Wizards Comics** 

Common Ground Cafe

Second Cup

Casa12Doce

Boneyard Skate Park

United Cycle

Transcend Coffee

FIND Edmonton

OUTSIDE IN THE EAST PLAZA OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE (2001 SHERWOOD DR.) SHERWOOD PARK

### A HUMAN'S GUIDE TO





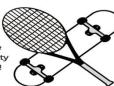


OPEN 12 NOON-6PM TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, AND 3:30PM-10:30PM THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2018.

### 1 CAFE LOUNGE

Hot and cold drinks, food, board games, and a safe place to connect in the community.

### 2. STUFF TO DO



The outdoor space will include outdoor games, books and plenty of room to kick back and relax!

### CIDANTED CTACE



All creative individuals between the ages of 12 and 18 are invited to our summer stage. If you are an aspiring musician, painter or poet, come show your stuff this summer. Contact Niall.Weber@Strathcona.ca to sign up.

### 4. OPPORTUNITY

There will be numerous opportunities for youth who want to get experience in leadership, volunteering, mentoring and social entrepreneurship. For more information, visit

Strathcona.ca/theslab

### 5. A SAFE, INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR ALL



A safe, inclusive space for young people to express themselves.

www.strathcona.ca/theslab



## The Opening of The Slab















### What We Saw at The Slab

Slab Participants

Average Age 15.2 years old



Most Popular Events at The Slab

51 youth • Battle of the Bands

26 youth

Fortnite Tournament

26 youth

 Magic the Gathering Card **Tournament** 

20 youth

• Paint Night

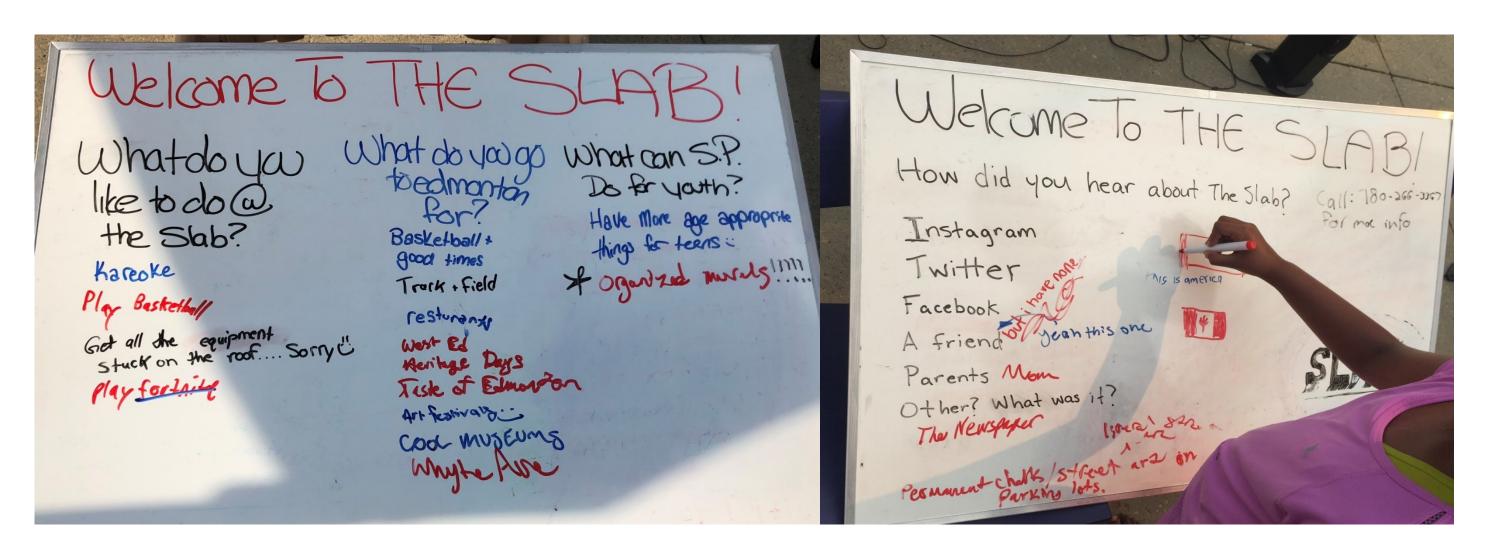


## What We Heard at The Slab

https://youtu.be/MrXIeKG2uAw



## What We Heard





## **Conversations at The Slab**











brianna\_ringette01 Had an awesome ringette get together with you guys today, make sure to come to @slabyouth sometime!



My kids have been enjoying The Slab this summer....thank you for having a fun/safe place for the youth of our community to hang out this summer! Beat them sitting on devices on the couch!!! I haven't been there myself (my teens would be horrified....lol)....but it sounds like it has been fun!

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### What We Learned

Events and activities increase participation

Mentorship + facilitation

Flexibility/improvisation

Location and accessibility to transit

Lounge area / rec



## What We Learned

### Prototype Adapt Trust the Cooperation process Incorporate new learnings and Community constraints partners and businesses involved



# **Moving Forward!**



