

### **Purpose**

The Annex is a collaborative project of Providence College (with leadership from its Feinstein Institute for Public Service), the Smith Hill Community Development Corporation and many individuals and groups with an interest in Providence's Smith Hill neighborhood. The Annex is a space where the Providence College campus and the Smith Hill community come together to start conversations leading to mutual understanding and collaboration.

The Annex is premised on an idea captured by writer Meg Wheatley in her book, *Turning to One Another: Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future*:

...we can change the world if we start listening to one another again. Simple, honest, human conversation...What would it feel like to be listening to each other again about what disturbs and troubles us? About what gives us energy and hope? About our yearnings, our fears, our prayers, our children?

Rich, authentic conversation and the relationships that come out of them often lead to action, and we expect that The Annex will be full of both conversation and action. The college will use this space for a variety of community based programming activities that are primarily educational and learning based. The space is expected to be used for neighborhood-based classes, meetings of PC and community groups and community based programming. The space will also be used as a site for developing "community action research" projects across the curriculum – research projects jointly designed and implemented by community and college partners, and intended to contribute to the development of the neighborhood. The space will serve as a site for neighborhood speak-outs on various concerns, and for reflection opportunities. Offering these programs at a neighborhood site deliberately designed to be shared with and hospitable to residents creates the potential for qualitatively different, and deeper, relationships. The focus of the projects will be relationship development and dialogue more than on program development and/or delivery.

### **Yearly Group Usage**

2012-2020\*

Organization/Affiliation	Point of Contact	Purpose of Usage	Frequency & Duration of Usage
Alvarez High School	Judith Dantuono <a href="mailto:Judith.dantuono@ppsd.org">Judith.dantuono@ppsd.org</a>	Training for New Teachers	Unknown (Summer '14)
Civil Rights Roundtable	Toby Ayers <a href="mailto:ricj@ricj.org">ricj@ricj.org</a>	Meetings	Monthly (Spring '14, Summer '16)
College Unbound	Adam Bush		Weekly (Fall '17-Summer '18)
Common Grounds Video Gamers	Tom Schmitz <a href="mailto:schmitzanimal28@gmail.com">schmitzanimal28@gmail.com</a>	Video Game Sessions	Weekly (Summer '14-Spring '20)
Community Banjo Music Group	James McLoughlin <a href="mailto:novec@yahoo.com">novec@yahoo.com</a>	Music Practice	Weekly (Fall '14- Spring '20)
Culturally Competent Teaching	Adam Bush <a href="mailto:asbush@gmail.com">asbush@gmail.com</a>	Course	Unknown (Summer '15)
Deep River Archive	Andre Bradley	Art exhibit and discussion between	Approx. 1 week

	<a href="mailto:abradley@bigpicturelearning.org">abradley@bigpicturelearning.org</a>	PC & community	(Unknown 2012/2013)
Direct Action for Rights & Equality (DARE)	Misty Wilson <a href="mailto:wilson.misty@hotmail.com">wilson.misty@hotmail.com</a>	Retreat/meeting about prison reform	Once (Fall '12)
Dream Heavy	Jimmy Bouakhasith	Toy Drive	Annual (Winter '13 and '14)
English for Action	1. Kim Kohler <a href="mailto:kkohler@englishforaction.org">kkohler@englishforaction.org</a> 2. Fatima Martin <a href="mailto:fmartin@englishforaction.org">fmartin@englishforaction.org</a>	1. Volunteer training & retreat 2. ESL Family Literacy Course	1. 1 Weekend (Spring '13 and Spring '15) 2. Unknown (Fall '13-Spring '15)
Ester's Well	Janice Luongo	The Invisible Pimp	Once (Spring '15)
Facing It	Candy Hall	Event about positive body image	Once (Spring '15)
Fighting Against Natural Gases (FANG)	Sherrie Andre <a href="mailto:andre.sherrie@gmail.com">andre.sherrie@gmail.com</a>	Direct Action Everywhere, Street Medic Training	Once (Fall '14), Unknown (Spring '15)
Guatemalan Center of New England	Tiana Ochoa	Meetings	Weekly (Fall '17-Summer '18)
PC Feinstein Institute	1. Heather Whitney <a href="mailto:heather.whitney@providence.edu">heather.whitney@providence.edu</a> 2. Keith Morton <a href="mailto:kmorton@providence.edu">kmorton@providence.edu</a> 3. Sam Bergbauer <a href="mailto:sbergbau@providence.edu">sbergbau@providence.edu</a> 4. Jim Tull & Rick Benjamin <a href="mailto:jtull@providence.edu">jtull@providence.edu</a> 5. Feinstein <a href="mailto:fips@providence.edu">fips@providence.edu</a> 6. Annex Advisory Council 7. Jean Lamb <a href="mailto:jlamb@smithhillcdc.org">jlamb@smithhillcdc.org</a> 8. Molly Blake <a href="mailto:mblake@friars.providence.edu">mblake@friars.providence.edu</a> 9. Magali Garcia-Pletsch <a href="mailto:mgarciapletch@providence.edu">mgarciapletch@providence.edu</a> 10. Rebecca Twitchell <a href="mailto:rtwitchell@half-full.com">rtwitchell@half-full.com</a> 11. Kiley Leduc <a href="mailto:kleduc1@providence.edu">kleduc1@providence.edu</a> 12. Sara Melucci <a href="mailto:smelucci@providence.edu">smelucci@providence.edu</a>	1. Community Liaison Meetings (before site assignments) 2. Annex Grand Opening, Creating Talents to teach art, and Social Return on Investment Workshop 3. Alumni Weekend Brunch, and Community Potlucks 4. Reimagining Community conversation series for professional reflections and social justice motivators 5. Feinstein End of Year Celebration 6. Annex Advisory Council Meetings 7. Community Connections run by SHCDC & PC for cross-community building 8. Community Walks/Student Orientation 9. CWS Supervisor Trainings 10. Feinstein Institute 20th Anniversary Brunch 11. The Annex Annual Celebration 12. Feinstein Institute Partnership Recognition Celebration, and Summer Conversation Series	1. Once (Fall '12) 2. Once (Fall '12), Tuesday Nights (Spring '13), and Once (Spring '15) 3. 1 Weekend (Spring '13), and Monthly (Fall '12) 4. Unknown (Spring '13) 5. Annual (Spring '13) 6. Annual or Biannual 7. Thrice (Spring '13) 8. Orientation (Summer '14) 9. Unknown (Summer and Fall '14, Summer '16) 10. Once (Fall '14) 11. Annual (Fall '14) 12. Semesterly (Fall '14 and Spring '15), and Thrice (Summer '15)
Groundwork Providence	Amelia Rose <a href="mailto:rose.amelia@gmail.com">rose.amelia@gmail.com</a>	Board Meeting	Once (Summer '14)
Guatemalan Center of New England			Weekly ('19-Spring '20)
Half-Full	Rebecca Twitchell <a href="mailto:rtwitchell@half-full.com">rtwitchell@half-full.com</a>	Khadarlis Strategic Planning, Non-Profit Workshop series, Hurricane Sandy Donation Drive, Capital City Community Centers,	Once (Spring '13), Thrice (Summer '13), Twice (Unknown 2012/2013), Once

		Swap and Soiree, Unknown	(Spring '15), Unknown (Spring '15), One Week (July '16)
Honduras General Consulate	Tomas Avila <a href="mailto:avilatomasalberto@gmail.com">avilatomasalberto@gmail.com</a>	Meetings	Weekly (Summer '16-Spring '20)
Housing Network of RI	Katie West	Meeting	Monthly (Fall '17-Summer '18)
Ignatian Volunteer Corps New England (IVC)	Bill Walters <a href="mailto:wjtwj157@gmail.com">wjtwj157@gmail.com</a>	Meeting	Unknown (Summer '16)
Multicultural College Administrators Association	Antoinette Gomes <a href="mailto:agomes@ric.edu">agomes@ric.edu</a>	Retreat and Meeting	Unknown (Summer '15)
National Association on Mental Illness(NAMI)	Dana Dillon <a href="mailto:ddillon@providence.edu">ddillon@providence.edu</a>	Family-to-Family volunteer training and Teacher Training	Twice/Week (Spring '13-Spring '14) and Unknown (Fall '14 & Fall '15)
National Lawyers Guild	Morgan Victor <a href="mailto:mvictor@providence.edu">mvictor@providence.edu</a>	Legal Observer Training	Unknown (Summer '15)
Neighborworks Blackstone River Valley	Veronica Martinez	Meetings, Landlord classes	Weekly (Fall '17-Summer '18), Monthly ('19-Spring '20)
New Leaders' Council of Rhode Island	1. Miranda O'Hayer <a href="mailto:mohayer@riccompact.org">mohayer@riccompact.org</a> 2. Gabrielle Godino <a href="mailto:godinotoday@gmail.com">godinotoday@gmail.com</a>	1. Trainings for next generation of progressive political leaders 2. NLC Board Meetings 3. Meetings	1. Monthly (Fall '12-Spring '13, Summer '16) 2. Monthly (Fall '14-Summer '15) 3. Twice/Week (Summer '19-Spring 2020)
Olineyville Collaborative	Josselyn Velasquez Florian <a href="mailto:velasquez@olneyville.org">velasquez@olneyville.org</a>	Retreat	Once (Fall '14)
Partnership for Providence Parks	Wendy Nilsson <a href="mailto:wendy@providenceparks.org">wendy@providenceparks.org</a>	Volunteer trainings and workshops	Unknown (Spring '13)
Paul Cuffee School	Maria Monteiro <a href="mailto:mmonteiro@paulcuffee.org">mmonteiro@paulcuffee.org</a>	Strategic Planning	Monthly (Spring, Summer, & Fall '13)
PlayCorps	Wendy Nilsson <a href="mailto:wnilsson@cox.net">wnilsson@cox.net</a>	Partnership for Providence Parks	Unknown (Summer '14 and Summer '16)
The Progressive Alliance	Unknown	Discuss various issues (PC student led)	Once (Unknown 2012/2013)
Project401	Facce Maldonado <a href="mailto:Facce401@gmail.com">Facce401@gmail.com</a>	Breakdancing classes & practice	Weekly (Fall '12-Spring '20)
Providence After School Alliance (PASA)	Brittany Sandbergen <a href="mailto:bsandbergen@mvpasa.org">bsandbergen@mvpasa.org</a>	Retreat, AfterZone, Professional Development	Unknown (Fall '14), Monthly (Fall '17-Summer '18), Monthly (Fall '17-Summer '18)

Providence CityArts!	Barbara Wong <a href="mailto:barbara@providencecityarts.org">barbara@providencecityarts.org</a> Michaela Bolotin <a href="mailto:mbolotin@friars.providence.edu">mbolotin@friars.providence.edu</a>	Free after school arts programming	Weekly (Spring-Summer '14)
PC Courses	1. Keith Morton <a href="mailto:kmorton@providence.edu">kmorton@providence.edu</a> 2. Kara Cebulko <a href="mailto:kcebulko@providence.edu">kcebulko@providence.edu</a> 3. Heather Whitney <a href="mailto:heather.whitney@providence.edu">heather.whitney@providence.edu</a> 4. Nick Longo <a href="mailto:plongo@providence.edu">plongo@providence.edu</a> 5. Nuria Alonso-Garcia <a href="mailto:nalonso@providence.edu">nalonso@providence.edu</a> 6. Bill Allen <a href="mailto:wallen1@providence.edu">wallen1@providence.edu</a> 7. Aleida Benitez <a href="mailto:abenitez@gordonschool.org">abenitez@gordonschool.org</a> 8. Athena Fokaidis <a href="mailto:afokaidi@providence.edu">afokaidi@providence.edu</a> 9. Meg Griffiths <a href="mailto:mgriff11@providence.edu">mgriff11@providence.edu</a> 10. Kathleen Coorigan <a href="mailto:kcorrig2@friars.providence.edu">kcorrig2@friars.providence.edu</a>	1. GST Case Study on Local Food, The City And Series, PSP Smith Hill Study in Community & Place, and PSP Public Service in a Democratic Society, Public Teaching Department, Public Service Department 2. GST Capstone Class Trip 3. PSP Practicum End of Year Gathering 4. GST Capstone 5. ESL Instruction Workshop 6. Philanthropy Course Celebration 7. GSL Nicaragua and Youth Development Course 8. GSL Nicaragua Global Coffee Culture Course 9. PSP Retreat, Practicum Retreat 10. Philanthropy Grant Recipient Reception	1. Weekly (Fall '12), Annually (Fall '12-Fall '14), Unknown (Spring '13), Weekly (Spring '13), As Needed (Fall '17-Summer '18), Weekly (Fall '17-Summer '18) 2. Once (Fall '12) 3. Annual (Fall '12 & Spring '13) 4. Weekly (Fall '12 & '13, Spring '14) 5. Unknown (Spring '13) 6. Once (Spring '13) 7. Weekly (Spring '15) 8. Weekly (Spring '15) 9. Twice (Fall '14), Once (Fall '14) 10. Once (Spring '15)
PC Faculty, Staff, & Students	1. Raymond Hain <a href="mailto:rhain@providence.edu">rhain@providence.edu</a> 2. Tierra Marshall <a href="mailto:tmmarshall@providence.edu">tmmarshall@providence.edu</a> 3. BMSA 4. Mary Brennan <a href="mailto:mbrennan@friars.providence.edu">mbrennan@friars.providence.edu</a> 5. Julia Jordan-Zachery <a href="mailto:jiordanz@providence.edu">jiordanz@providence.edu</a> 6. Nick Longo <a href="mailto:plongo@providence.edu">plongo@providence.edu</a> 7. Trina Vithayathil <a href="mailto:tvithaya@providence.edu">tvithaya@providence.edu</a> 8. Michaela Bolotin <a href="mailto:mbolotin@friars.providence.edu">mbolotin@friars.providence.edu</a>	1. PC Philosophy Faculty Reading Group 2. Institutional Diversity Los Pleneros de 21 music and dance group 3. BMSA Soul Food Dinner, and BMSA Diversity Event 4. YouthRap Art Gallery 5. Yana to Wellness: Yoga for Girls 6. Global Studies Retreat 7. GST 101 and 201 CGC Info Sessions 8. Inside Out Project	1. Weekly (Summer '14) 2. Once (Fall '14) 3. Once (Fall '14), and Once (Spring '15) 4. Once (Fall '14) 5. Weekly (Spring '15) 6. Biannually (Summer '14-Summer '19) 7. Once (Fall '14) 8. Once (Fall '14)
Providence Community Libraries	Althea Graves <a href="mailto:agraves@providence.edu">agraves@providence.edu</a>	Meetings, PCL Review Committee, and Oral Histories	Unknown (Fall '12, and Spring & Summer '13), Unknown (Summer '14), and (Summer '15)
Providence Neighborhood Planting Program	Liz Downing <a href="mailto:ldowning@pnpp.org">ldowning@pnpp.org</a>	Meetings	Unknown (Fall '12 and Spring '13)
RI Black Business Association	Linda Morro <a href="mailto:lmorro21@gmail.com">lmorro21@gmail.com</a>	Meetings	Monthly (Summer '14-Fall '15)
Rhode Island Campus Compact	Mary Alice O'Connor <a href="mailto:moconnor@riccompact.org">moconnor@riccompact.org</a>	1. Community Service Directors/Scholarships for Service Supervisor meetings, VISTA Supervisor Meetings, Faculty Fellows Meetings, and Annual Presidents' Meeting 2. Deepening Partnership Training 3. Partnerships for Success Advisory Council Meeting	1. Monthly (Fall '12-Spring '15), Unknown (Spring '13), Once (Spring '13 and Fall '14- Spring '15), and Once (Spring '13) 2. Once (Fall '12) 3. Once (Summer '13) 4. Once (Fall '14)

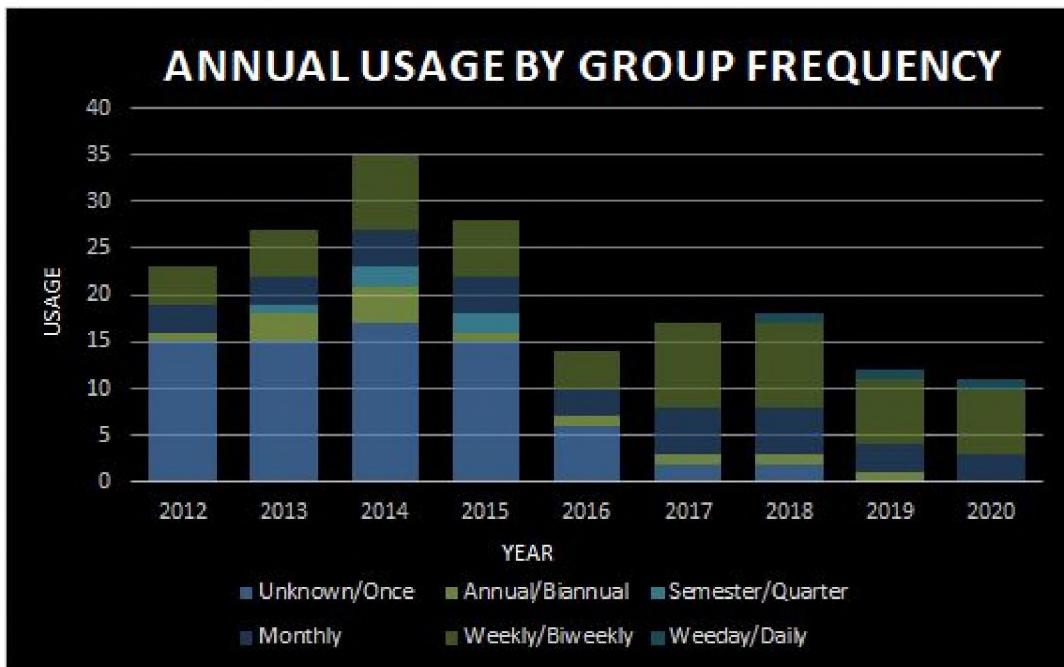
		4. VISTA Board Game Night 5. VISTA Meetings	5. Monthly (Spring '15, Summer '16)
Rhode Island for Community and Justice	Tess Fast <a href="mailto:tessafast@rici.org">tessafast@rici.org</a> Toby Ayers	Community Dialogue between Faith and Community Leaders with Law Enforcement, Police-Youth Dialogue with Everett Theater, Meetings	Unknown (Spring '15), Unknown (Spring '15), Monthly (Fall '17-Summer '18)
RI Department of Health	Danielle Fontaine	Focus Groups	Unknown (Summer '12)
RIDHA			Monthly ('19-Spring '20)
RI Institute for Labor Studies and Research	Sophie Tan <a href="mailto:stan@riilsr.org">stan@riilsr.org</a>	ESOL Classes	Weekly (Fall '14-Spring '15)
Sanctuary North	Rick Jakubowski <a href="mailto:rtakubowski@gmail.com">rtakubowski@gmail.com</a>	Unknown	Unknown (Summer '16)
SHARP		Unknown	Every Weekday ('18-Spring '20)
Smith Hill Community Development Corporation	1. Francis Smith <a href="mailto:fsmith@smithhillcdc.org">fsmith@smithhillcdc.org</a> 2. Jean Lamb <a href="mailto:jlamb@smithhillcdc.org">jlamb@smithhillcdc.org</a> 3. Griffin Rouse <a href="mailto:grouse@smithhillcdc.org">grouse@smithhillcdc.org</a> 4. Fadjanie Cadet <a href="mailto:fcadet@providence.edu">fcadet@providence.edu</a>	1. Christmas Lighting/Caroling and Smith Hill Café 2. Housing Network Annual Meeting and Community Connections 3. Blood Drive, Tree Planting, and Turkey Drive 4. Smith Hill Youth Networking Event	1. Once (Fall '12) and Spring & Summer '13 2. Once (Spring '13) and Thrice (Spring '13) 3. Quarterly (Fall '13-Summer '15), Once (Spring '13), and November '14 4. Unknown (Fall '14)
Smith Hill Economic Incubator Group	Keith Morton <a href="mailto:kmorton@providence.edu">kmorton@providence.edu</a>	Meetings	Unknown (Summer '12, Fall '12, & Spring '13)
Smith Hill youthRAP	Lauren Utschig <a href="mailto:laurenutschig@gmail.com">laurenutschig@gmail.com</a>	Teen Workers, Summer reading, and Dance Classes	Unknown (Summer '12 & Summer '13), Weekly (Summer '12 & Summer '13), and Weekly (Fall '12 & Spring '13)
Sojourner House	Gloria Greenfield <a href="mailto:ggreenfield@sojournerri.org">ggreenfield@sojournerri.org</a>	Women's Support Group, World AIDS Day, Staff Meetings	Weekly (Summer '13), Once (Fall '14), Weekly (Fall '17-Summer '18)
Support Group	Irma Velez		Monthly or Bi-weekly (Fall '17-Spring '20)
UMass Boston	Heather Whitney <a href="mailto:heather.whitney@umb.edu">heather.whitney@umb.edu</a>	ASB Retreat	Thrice (Summer '14)
Welcoming RI Committee	Brandon Lozeau <a href="mailto:brandonlozeau@diiri.org">brandonlozeau@diiri.org</a>	Meeting	Unknown (Fall '14-Spring '15)
Women Supporting Women	Emerald Ortiz		Monthly (Fall '17-Summer '18)
Young Professionals		Game night	Weekly ('19-Spring '20)
Young Voices	Peter Chung	Strategic Planning, and Fundraising	Unknown (Summer '12)

	<a href="mailto:kaicolachung@gmail.com">kaicolachung@gmail.com</a>	Host Committee Meeting, Summer Program/Training & Senior Workshops	& Spring '13), Once (Summer '14), Unknown (Summer '16-Summer '18)
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\* Group Usage Gap for 2016 (not included if date range was not provided or recorded in previous report)

\*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic- the Annex ended programming from Mid- March 2020 to TBD at time of report.

#### Summary of Continued Usage (2012-2020)



During the Annex's first year of operations, it attracted approximately 15 groups for one-off events annual/biannual events, 3 for monthly events, and 4 for weekly/biweekly events. The following years steady decline in the number of groups utilizing the space for one-off events, especially starting in 2016. This figure was reduced by nearly 50%. Meanwhile, the groups utilizing the space on an annual basis were quite steady throughout the years, with slight peaks in 2013 and 2014. However, the decrease in groups utilizing the space for one-off or annual/biannual events was contrasted by the increase in groups utilizing the space on a monthly, weekly/biweekly, and weekday/daily basis. The increase in these usage frequencies during 2014, and then again in 2017. Following this period, the usage became more consistent and most of the groups utilizing the space are regular partners. This demonstrates that the Annex has become a space for specific community groups in the Providence (and more generally, Rhode Island) area.

Unfortunately, like so many other community-engaged projects and resources, the PC/Smith Hill Annex closed in March 2020. As the pandemic became a reality in Rhode Island and on the Providence College Campus, the Annex closed in accord with public health and college policies; every day that we pass, unused space serves as one small reminder of the social isolation so many of us are experiencing.

Prior to March, the Annex was cranking along in its 8th year of operation, riding on the good work of co-leader Kate Corwin, a graduate student in the MBA program. Kate had been deeply involved with the Smith Hill community while she was an undergraduate and utilized her relationships to encourage and support use of the Annex. She helped make the Annex's mission materialize: this simple 1,000 square space is offered for free to campus and community groups, and exists for the express purpose of encouraging conversations that bring hope to the future.