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MingleSpace Org Enlists Everyday Places to Take the Lead on Social Connection

Now inviting businesses and organizations of all kinds to participate for free and help build a national network of MingleSpaces

Milwaukee, WI (August 4, 2025) – Today, MingleSpace Org launches a national campaign enlisting everyday places to take the lead on social connection by creating MingleSpaces—connection spots where anyone is invited to say hi. After a year of pilots in seven breweries, four cafés, a park installation, Oktoberfest, and a number of music venues, the nonprofit has refined its prompt library, signs, and overall experience and is now ready to scale. A member download page lets any café, museum, university, or other places get signs and launch a MingleSpace. The first milestone is 1,000 MingleSpaces by Dec. 2026, on the way to 10,000 sites nationwide by 2030.

What is a MingleSpace?

A MingleSpace is a designated connection spot, a social table or area marked by a sign where anyone can stop by and say hi. Scanning the sign's QR code opens 100+ conversation prompts organized into progressive levels of depth— from icebreakers to imagination challenges, brainstorming local projects to sharing personal dreams— along with place-specific topics and mini-activities. People can post anonymous highlights and MingleSpace summarizes recurring themes, shared back with the host community to inspire new collaborations.

Why MingleSpaces?

MingleSpace Org envisions a future where nearly every public place offers a dedicated connection spot, an expected piece of social infrastructure that sparks spontaneous conversation.

Everyday Opportunities for Connection

- Meeting new people shouldn't require an event or an app; a clearly marked spot in places people already visit invites anyone to stop by and say hi.

Places Lead the Way

- By adding a MingleSpace sign that encourages introductions, places take the first step toward connecting the people who gather there, making it easy to start a conversation.

Stronger Communities, Less Isolation

- Spontaneous conversations build trust, spark new ideas, and turn strangers into neighbors, amplifying creativity and reducing loneliness.

How Places Join

1. Sign up: Go to MingleSpace.org/participate and complete a short profile.
2. Download & Print: Get free PDFs for table signs, A-frames, or banners and send to a local printer.
3. Display: Install your sign in a high-traffic spot, central table, or any gathering area.

Join us in making social connection abundant in the places people already go.

Partner at Scale

We're actively seeking institutional partners—corporate impact teams, civic and tourism bureaus, well-being nonprofits, and multi-event organizers—to help us build 10,000 MingleSpaces nationwide.

About MingleSpace Org

Founded in Milwaukee in 2024 by author and community-builder Michael Anthony Kirsch, MingleSpace Org is a Wisconsin-based nonprofit helping everyday places create connection spots—MingleSpaces—tables or areas where anyone can say hi to someone they haven't met yet. Learn more: MingleSpace.org | michael@minglespace.org.