

A **Discotech** (which is short for **Disco**vering **Tech**nology) is a model for a communitybased and community-organized multimedia, drop-in workshop fair.

At a **Discotech**, participants learn more about the impact and possibilities of technology within our communities and take part in fun, interactive and media-based workshops.

Discotech workshops are designed to demystify technology and create a space where we can inform and engage our community around concepts such as: Internet use and ownership, tools of the digital trade and local resources. A **Discotech** utilizes the unique skills and expertise within each community and morphs to adapt to changing needs. **Discotechs** are constantly evolving, there are infinite ways of holding the event!

DDJC's **Discotechs** have integrated the following core concepts: Internet, Computers + Electronics, Policy and Community Resources. **Internet:** Using the idea of a "Consultation Station" we've organized youth to run computer stations where participants can (to name a few): → ask questions, get answers

- → start an email account
- → learn more about social media
- \rightarrow experiment with online tools like Flickr, etc.

Computers + Electronics: We've set up both do-it-yourself computer building, repair and demystification using salvaged and affordable parts and hands-on synthesizer workshops.

Policy: We've screened films like "The Internet is Serious Business" which illuminates the impact and possibilities of the Internet and technology within our communities.

Community Resources: We've distributed our info zines "Communication is a Fundamental Human Right" which includes educational tools, articles and technology resources alongisde other print material which cover local Detroit technology resources and activities.

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