HEY YOUNG ARTIST!

We see you out there perfecting your Tik Tok dance moves! Bring those skills to your neighborhood by planning a socially-distanced Neighborhood Dance Party.

This toolkit, some friends, and the supplies on the next page are all that you need to bring a bomb-diggity dance party to your neighborhood.

Remember: the adults in your world can support you, but you are in charge.

Let's do this.
HERE’S WHAT YOU NEED

Plan your event 2-3 weeks in advance. Requires about 4-6 hours of organizing by youth leaders.

Two (2) or more young people who want to unite their neighborhoods in a joyful, interactive event.

A SPEAKER or way to play music (phone, tablet, computer)

A printed version of THIS TOOLKIT or blank paper

A way to market your event (flyers, chalk, social media event page).
ASSEMBLE A TEAM

Gather young people you know via text, email, phone or knock on doors (at a safe distance).

Set specific place and time to meet.

MEETING DATE & TIME

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PLAN THE EVENT

Gather in a socially distanced circle so everybody can hear and see each other. Then get down to business. Set your:

- Date
- Start Time
- Location

Things to consider:

- 2 hours is a great length of time for your NDP!
- What makes the most sense for your neighborhood:
  - Alleyway or parking lot?
  - Front yards or driveways?
  - Courtyard or boulevard?
- Is your gathering place accessible to all bodies and abilities?
Create invites, flyers (there's a printable one in this toolkit), a social media event, or chalk messages in your neighborhood.

Find or borrow a Bluetooth speaker.

Create a starter playlist on a free music app like Spotify. Include different types of music: show tunes, disco, country, kids bop (hello, baby shark), classical, hip-hop.
ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

So, your NDP is going to slap, but here are some additional things that you can consider:

**Raise awareness** around a cause or social justice issue like:
- BLACK LIVES MATTER
- Climate Change
- VOTE

**Raise money** or accept donations for a local charity or organization.

*Need ideas? Look at a [Google Map](https://www.google.com) of your neighborhood for local orgs. Or check out this resource on MN orgs: [https://smartgivers.org/organizations/](https://smartgivers.org/organizations/)

**Theme your NDP.** Underwater, 90’s, neon, glow-in-the-dark...the possibilities are endless. It’s a good idea to include this info on your flyer so people can come prepared!
Here are some tips to make the day awesome.

**Arrive early** with your planning team and have music popping as folks arrive.

**Welcome folks** with a wave (from a safe distance) and introduce yourself to neighbors you don’t know.

**Name tags** can be a helpful visual for learning new names and creating a welcoming vibe.

**Share the mic** by encouraging others to share their favorite songs and playlists!

**Invite people to share** dance moves! And ask them to break them down into simple steps to teach the group.

**Thank folks** for stopping by!
YOU DID IT!

Congratulations! You successfully brought your neighborhood together and shone as the bright youth leader you are!

We'd love to celebrate with you on social media! Share your event with #YouthLedNDP #NeighborhoodDanceParty and #sstStPaul or send them to marketing@SteppingStoneTheatre.org.

MY FAVORITE PART OF MY NDP

SOMETHING I LEARNED ABOUT MYSELF WAS...
NEIGHBORHOOD DANCE PARTY

SOCIALLY DISTANT W/ MASKS