



Sambhav

BREAKING BARRIERS, BUILDING BRIDGES

Survey Report

16 June 2025

Objective

To assess the needs of Vadodara's youth and determine their interest in a dedicated space like Sambhav, identifying preferred activities for such a space.

This survey, though based on a relatively small sample size of 37 youth, provides valuable insights into the interests, needs, and preferences of young people in Vadodara concerning a potential community space like "Sambhav."



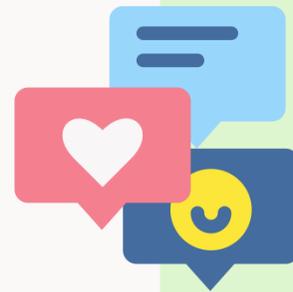
Key Findings

Dominance of Mental Health and Personal Connection:

Vadodara's youth overwhelmingly prioritize **mental health (73%)** for community engagement, seeking platforms for well-being and emotional support.

This aligns with their preference for "chilling and hanging out" (77.8%) and a "fun, relaxed space" (61.1%).

A successful community space must therefore offer a safe, supportive, and non-judgmental environment for deeper personal connections.



Social Consciousness vs. Leisure Activities:

While "**chilling and hanging out**" is the preferred free-time activity, Vadodara's youth also show strong interest in "Environment and Sustainability" (**51.4%**) and "**Art for Social Change**" (**43.2%**). This reveals a desire for both leisure and positive social contribution. "Sambhav" can effectively blend these by offering social activities alongside purpose-driven initiatives.

The Power of Shared Interests:

Shared interests (77.8%) are the top driver for youth event participation. This finding also resonates with the preference for "conversations that matter" (41.7%) in their free time, reinforcing the idea that youth are **seeking genuine connections** and discussions on topics they care about.



Practicality and Accessibility:

Vadodara youth strongly prefer **weekend events** (91%) and an affordable **price range of ₹100-₹200 (80%)**, highlighting the need for Sambhav to offer accessible timing and costs to maximize participation. This financial sensitivity likely also contributes to the popularity of low-cost "chilling and hanging out" activities.

Empowerment and Action-Oriented Engagement:

The strong desire for "support and resources to turn ideas into action" (54.3%) and to "feel empowered to make a difference" (51.4%) when engaging with the community is noteworthy. This moves beyond mere discussion and indicates **a desire for tangible impact**. This aligns perfectly with the top idea for societal contribution: "volunteer for a cause I care about" (61.1%).



Bridging the Gap - Passive Interest to Active Contribution:

While a significant portion of youth are interested in raising awareness (55.6%) and innovative solutions (47.2%), the highest response for societal contribution is volunteering (61.1%) and helping people in their local community (41.7%). This suggests that while young people are aware of broader issues, their immediate inclination for **contribution often lies in direct, actionable ways within their local context**.

From Abstract Topics to Concrete Action:

The interest in topics like **"Navigating politics" (35.1%)** and **"Personal identity" (40.5%)** can be connected to the desire to "feel empowered to make a difference" and "volunteer for a cause." Sambhav can serve as a space where these abstract discussions can transition into concrete actions, offering avenues for youth to channel their thoughts and concerns into tangible contributions.

Conclusion:

Vadodara's youth seek a community space that is more than just a hangout; they desire a relaxed, inclusive environment where they can address personal well-being (especially mental health), engage with shared interests, and translate their social consciousness into tangible impact.

