

# Gangplank – A Collaborative Workspace

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**Mission:** Gangplank provides infrastructure and resources to the creative class, encouraging the free exchange of ideas that will lead to innovative solutions that change the world. We believe in collaboration over competition and providing a safe environment for failure.

**Description:** Gangplank is an open space, free of walls and offices, to encourage interaction between our members, anchors and visitors. Additionally, we offer services to startups in the form of workshops, presentations and mentoring, as well as opportunities to connect with experts and potential investors. There is no cost to participate in Gangplank. Gangplank is an Arizona nonprofit, currently pursuing federal 501(c)(3) status.

**Initiatives:** In order to attract and retain talent in Arizona, communities must be places to live as well as work. Gangplank initiatives provide programming to that end.

- Gangplank Junior – Allows students to learn and explore with the freedom to fail. Includes programs such as DangerScouts and First LEGO League.
- Gangplank Academy – Our weekly presentations (Brownbags) invite community leaders to share their stories or teach a short subject. Workshops are longer presentations with the goal of teaching a new skill.
- Gangplank Studios – Classes, workshops and events bringing together the arts and entrepreneur communities, as well as create a thriving downtown area for residents.
- Gangplank Health – Health often takes a backseat to business. This initiative seeks to balance life and work through programming.
- Community Outreach – Gangplank staff assists in planning offsite events, as well as partnering with local organizations.

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