



A Collaborative Project of  
**Social Tinkering: A Human Connection Project**



## Partnership/Ally Form

2022

This form is for organizations and businesses who are considering partnering with the *Rutland Plus* collaborative. The *All Are Welcome Here* (AAWH) visibility campaign is a project of *Rutland Plus*.

### ***Our Background:***

At the end of 2020, a group of us began meeting regularly to coordinate our efforts to elevate LGBTQ+ support and visibility in Rutland County. In June 2021 we ran some Pride events and celebrated Pride for the first time as a whole community in the Rutland region. The *All Are Welcome Here* visibility campaign was created, over \$5,000 was raised in 2 weeks time. We installed Pride banners in downtown Rutland for the first time in Rutland's history. The Rutland Regional Medical Center, Green Mountain Power, and Awesome Graphics stepped into the spotlight as strong allies, supporting these efforts with their resources and leadership, showing the LGBTQ+ community they are seen and valued here. Several more organizations and businesses also showed their leadership and support by giving out the free campaign stickers and yard signs, helping us distribute them all over the region. In January 2022, Social Tinkering started a more formal collaboration and this has become "*Rutland Plus*", an LGBTQ+ collaborative building visibility and support for Rutland County.

***Our Vision: A Rutland Region where all people feel truly welcome & supported.***

***Our Mission: To coordinate all community resources for greater effectiveness, visibility, and support for LGBTQ+ people in Rutland County.***

By participating in *Rutland Plus* and displaying and giving out AAWH items, you are becoming a valued partner and ally in the All Are Welcome Here Visibility Campaign and our collaborative's work. Social Tinkering and Rutland Plus are committed to ensuring that we do not cause further harm to the LGBTQ+ people we serve. Part of that involves ensuring our partners and allies are committed to LGBTQ+ safety, to learning, to engaging, and to leading in our effort to create a Rutland County where all people feel truly welcome and supported. To participate as a partner/ally of the Rutland Plus collaborative, we ask that you pledge to work with us to actively increase visibility and support of LGBTQ+ people. Together we will shift our culture to be one of welcoming and belonging for everyone.

Please complete the Rutland Plus/All Are Welcome Here Partnership/Ally form at the link provided here to join us in this important and fun work:

<https://forms.gle/JgKEt7v9sNWiuZP39>

*\*We will review your answers and be in touch with the contact person you listed within 10 days of receiving your request to partner with us. Thank you so much for stepping into your allyship to help us grow connection and belonging in Rutland County!*

As a partner/ally, you can support Rutland Plus in a variety of ways as we recognize that every individual, business, and organization brings different strengths and resources to this good work.

Here are some ways that you can support our work! Think of another idea? Give us a holler!

- Display and/or distribute the AAWH and *Rutland Plus* products.
- Purchase an AAWH banner to hang on your building.
- Sponsor our work by committing to donate annually or per project to our Collaborative.
- Participate in our monthly *Rutland Plus* meetings - send a representative!
- Sponsor the production of AAWH or *Rutland Plus* products to be distributed out to the community.
- Host a social or educational event to increase learning and engagement to support LGBTQ+ people in our Rutland County communities.
- Integrate justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion into the policies, trainings, and operations of your organization or business.
- Host a fundraising event for *Rutland Plus* and the AAWH campaign!
- Join our mailing list to keep track of all happenings and participate!
- Join the *JEDI Movement*, a collaborative facilitated by Social Tinkering to further justice, equity, diversity and inclusion in Rutland County.

\*Have another idea? Contact us! We love creative ways to support LGBTQ+ people!