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POP-UP SERIES

ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, 32 YOUNG PEOPLE GATHERED AT SALT HILL PUB IN LEBANON TO DISCUSS THE REASONS THAT LEAD THEM TO STAY IN, OR LEAVE, THE UPPER VALLEY. POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

“THE UPPER VALLEY IS A GREAT PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY, BUT A TERRIBLE PLACE TO TRY AND START ONE.”

TOP REASONS YOUNG PEOPLE

STAY

LEAVE

- ACCESS TO NATURE AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- "BUY LOCAL FIRST" EMPHASIS
- EASY TO GET INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY

- HIGH COST OF LIVING
- LACK OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY
- HARD TO MEET PEOPLE

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- RELAX ZONING REGULATIONS TO ALLOW MORE HOUSING DENSITY
- BE MORE WELCOMING TO IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, AND CELEBRATE THOSE ALREADY HERE
- BETTER PROMOTE THOSE SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THAT CURRENTLY EXIST
- CREATE A NH-FOCUSED APP ("LIVE FREE OR SWIPE") FOR DATING, EVENTS, ETC.

“THE INTERNET SPEEDS IN MY TOWN ARE SO SLOW MY GIRLFRIEND AND I CAN'T EVEN STREAM NETFLIX.”

