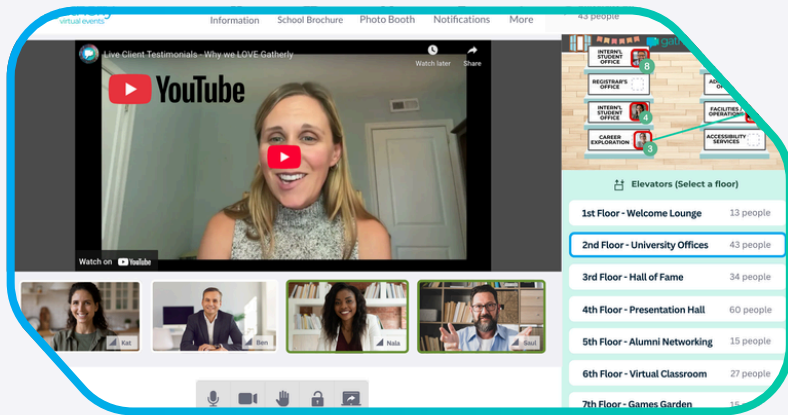
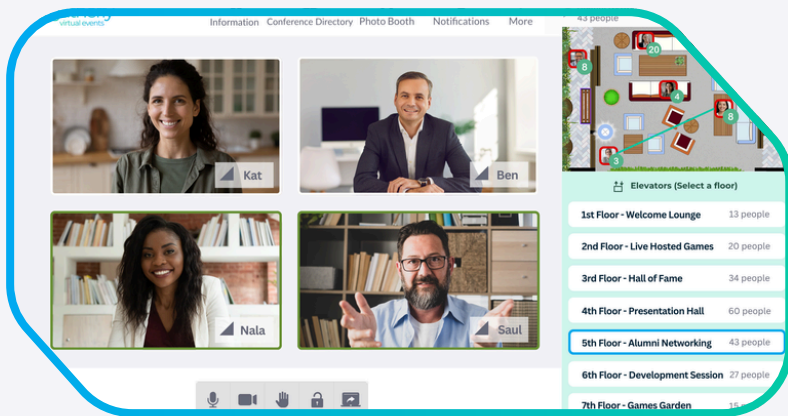




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Gatherly Venture Expo Q1 2026



Where startups and the ecosystem meet.

 Thurs. Feb 19, 2026

 11AM - 4PM ET



An event for the modern, distributed world.

Overview

Discover innovative startups in a life-like, **interactive environment**.

Founders showcase their companies in **expo booths**, while investors, and ecosystem partners explore and engage at their own pace.

This is a people-first expo, not a content-heavy conference. Short spotlight conversations add energy and context, while most of the experience is intentionally unstructured for natural exploration and meaningful connection.

Why the **Gatherly Venture Expo** Is Different

The Gatherly Venture Expo is designed to feel alive.

- **Life-like digital venue with multiple floors and spaces**
- **Organic networking and movement**
- **Asynchronous interactions**
- **Measurable engagement for founders and partners**

The result is an **experience that feels closer to an in-person convention**, without the limitations.

First time joining an event on Gatherly?
[Watch our quick tutorial video here!](#)

Who It's For

Founders (Exhibitors)

The Venture Expo is ideal for founders who want meaningful exposure and real conversations.

Exhibiting founders capture insights and engagement data, and remain discoverable beyond the live event window.

Viewers (Investors, Operators, Community)

Attend to discover startups, learn from industry leaders, and network naturally.

How to Get the Most Out of the Venture Expo

- Start in the Expo Hall and explore booths at your own pace
- Spotlight Sessions are broadcasted to all floors — then return to networking
- Join conversations naturally; no scheduled meetings
- Revisit booths and follow up asynchronously after the live program
- There's no “right path” — explore what interests you most

Tip: The best conversations often happen between spotlight sessions.



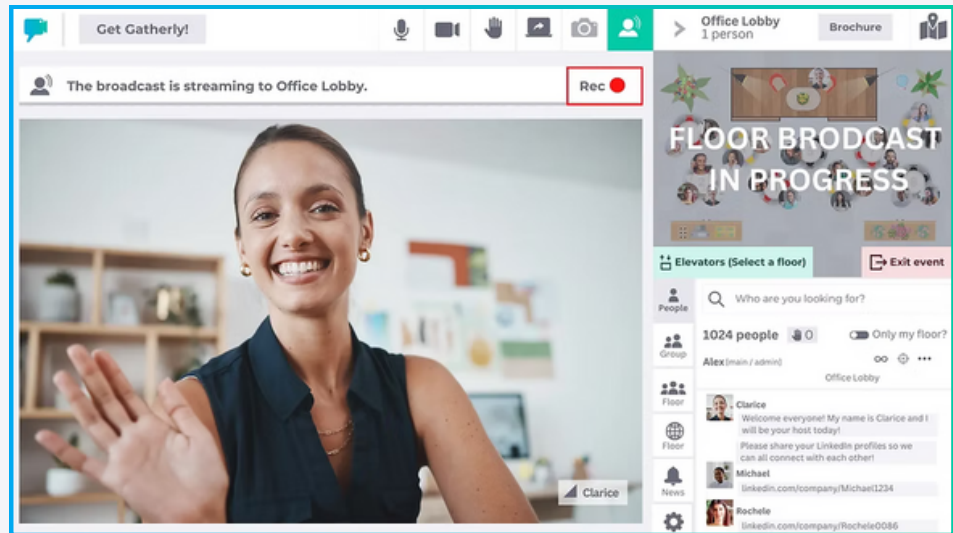
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The Experience

A multi-floor venue that mirrors the flow of live events.

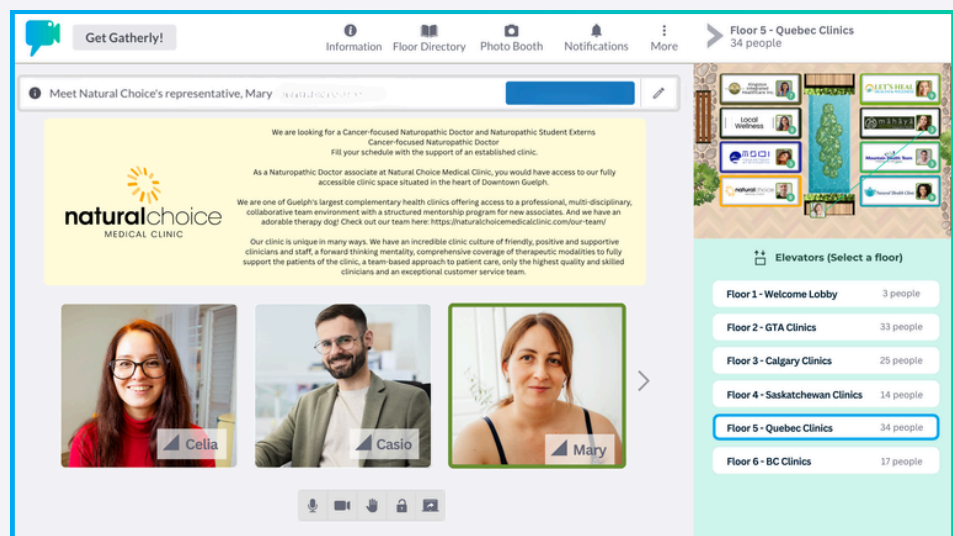
Main Stage

Keynotes,
fireside chats,
and spotlight
sessions.



Expo Hall

The heart of
the event.
Organic
discovery.



Networking Lounges

Designed for
higher-signal
conversations.



Gatherly Venture Expo – Agenda

Expo Hall open throughout

11:00 AM – Doors Open

11:15 AM – Opening Remarks

11:30 AM – 4:00 PM – Expo Hall Open & Networking (Ongoing)

Spotlight Sessions

10-minute conversations, every 30 minutes

Each followed by 20 minutes of open exploration

12:00 PM – Spotlight Session (TBD)

12:30 PM – Sarah Romanko, **Geek Ventures**

1:00 PM – Jason Butcher, **Orbit Capital**

1:30 PM – Christine Song, **5 to 9 Society**

2:00 PM – Spotlight Session (TBD)

2:30 PM – Spotlight Session (TBD)

3:00 PM – JJ Richa, **Pismo Ventures**

3:30 PM – Closing Remarks

Final 30 minutes for open exploration



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Tickets & Participation

Viewers (Investors, Operators, Community)

- Explorer Pass - **Free**
 - Expo access, startup booths, async content
- VIP Pass - **\$99**
 - VIP lounge, attendee list (opt-in), priority access, private networking

[Register to Attend](#)

Founders (Exhibitors)

- Founder Booth Pass - **\$149**
 - Ideal for founders testing visibility
- Founder Booth Pro Pass - **\$199**
 - Ideal for investment-ready founders
- Accelerator/Community Bulk Package - **\$1,199**
 - Includes 8x Founder Booth Pro Passes

[Apply to Exhibit](#)

Why Attend?

- Discover and showcase startups in a new environment.
- Connect naturally without Zoom fatigue, asynchronously.
- Built for meaningful new relationships



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About Gatherly

V!r+u@L doesn't have to be a bad word.

Gatherly reimagines event engagement with immersive digital venues designed to replicate the energy, spontaneity, and connection of in-person experiences.

The **Gatherly Venture Expo** is a flagship event created to support the startup ecosystem by enabling deeper discovery, more natural networking, and lasting connections.

Get Involved

The **Gatherly Venture Expo** collaborates with a curated group of ecosystem partners who share a commitment to supporting founders and innovation.

All partnerships are thoughtfully selected to ensure alignment and meaningful value for attendees.

👉 Inquire about sponsorship opportunities:

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