Social Change Initiative: Resource Guide

Ongoing

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AZ

K'é Infoshop / Linktree / Taalaa Hooghan Infoshop / The Red Nation Mutual Aid – Land Ownership

Volunteer Camp · Open

AZ

Web keinfoshop.org/donate/?fbclid=IwAR1z2XQCsuhLYmHVohsS4L2yL–RI9DKJU4zYc4FR5yau8FcvjY4cU4rN1Ms
Service Temporary

from the website:

From May through August 2020, we were leased a house by a large Navajo housing entity, some might say it's an authority. It was great! We had space to store, package, and deliver food and other critical items to hundreds of Diné families and thousands of relatives within Diné territory. We planted a garden, a source of comfort and peace for us, we were on a roll. Then for whatever reason, this authority decided to lick federal boots and didn't renew our lease. THEN they destroyed our Da'ah'keeh/corn field, which is like ripping a baby from its mother. We don't mind the lease not being renewed, more opportunities for us, but the destruction of the Da'ah'keeh shocked us into realizing how precarious our abilities to live autonomously are in the hands of inhuman institutions. Help us raise $75,000 to begin our first stage of a long held dream of building an off–grid commune.

We are still providing mutual aid, but have slowed down due to the size of our cozy Infoshop, which we pay rent for to a fucking oil company!

Now is probably the best shot we have at raising enough funds. Our first tier goal is $75,000 to purchase materials and tools needed to build our mobile off–grid infoshop. Second tier is $250,000 to buy back stolen land near a bordertown and restore kinship with it. The first–tier is our immediate priority to ramp up our mutual aid efforts again.

There are grants available for this, we don't want to apply for them because we must maintain our autonomy and ability to serve our relatives directly without any branding or parachuting, which are against our organizing principals. Help us continue to evolve our infoshop from a small radical community center to a model of how it may be done throughout Indigenous territories.

We are are not a non–profit but have a fiscal sponsor who can accept tax–deductible donations on our behalf by clicking this link:

COVID–19 Mutual Aid
K'é Infoshop will be partnering with the following organizations to build an autonomous yet effective distribution system to provide food and other essential items to families affected by the COVID–19 pandemic:

– Linktree of Indigenous Mutual Aid Groups
http://linktr.ee/keinfoshop

– Taalaa Hooghan Infoshop – Donation Page
http://www.indigenousaction.org/

– The Red Nation – Donation Page
http://therednation.org/

Why is the Navajo Nation hit hard by COVID–19?
Only 60% of households within the Navajo reservation have running water, the remaining 40% must haul water many miles for their families and livestock. Resource extraction and exploitation have depleted much of our direct water sources (aquifers, natural springs, rivers, lakes, etc.) and devastated our watersheds (e.g. irradiated from over 500 abandoned uranium mines). The lives, lands, and natural rights of Diné and Hopi people have been sacrificed so the capitalist economy of the Southwest U.S. may thrive. Without coal mined from Dzixl Yizhiin (Black Mesa, Arizona) by Diné and Hopi people to power the Central Arizona Project canal system, settlements known as Phoenix, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and other abominably unnatural metropolises in the Southwest would not exist.

The Navajo Nation reservation/interment camp is about 27,000 square miles in size with only 13 grocery stores to feed over 244,000 people. There are also 10 continously understaffed, underequipped, and underfunded hospitals within the Navajo Nation. Almost one–third of homes within the Navajo Nation lack electricity, internet, and cell services. Most of these same households live on 10 gallons of water a day, whereas the average American home uses 100 gallons. The socio–economic conditions of life on a reservation exacerbates the high mortality rate of diseases among Indigenous people due to extremely limited access to clean water, unpolluted land, and fresh organic foods. The crumbling infrastructure of roads, pipes, and communication makes the situation ripe for a pandemic breakout.

All Indigenous nations have been subjected to the same abuse and immiseration created by U.S. policies to deny Indigenous people their ability to truly determine their own futures. By outsourcing our kinship to inhuman structures, we have erased any semblance of self–determination for the false promises of peace. This does not mean we are looking to "go back" to pre–contact with European settlers, we are striving to recenter our purpose of upholding healthy and dignified lives for all based on kinship with human and non–human relatives.

We demand an end to capitalism and its failures. COVID–19 is a wave of injustice & genocide for all poor, displaced, & dispossessed people.

*To understand more about the geo–politics of the Diné and Hopi, please visit this link: http://www.indigenousaction.org/geopolitics–of–the–navajo–hopi–land–dispute–zine/

How does K'é Infoshop organize?

Our organizing principals are guided by the Diné philosophy of "K'é Hasin", the presence of Kinship and Everlasting Hope. Let's not fool ourselves into romantic visions of survival, instead we must bind our futures together for total liberation. If we have to lean on our ancestors for anything, it is that they prayed for Life and not death. Not just for Diné people but for all relatives above and below the surface.

Do not grieve for the world as it was before. Be guided by the flames of hope from millions of humble people of the Earth organizing mutual aid and direct support. Don't let these fires die alone, let us bring them together to create a new dawn of revolution.

We know many of you are afraid because our futures have been held hostage by the rich and imperialist classes for so long. This uncertainty is a consequence of incessant abuse and humiliation caused by the monsters known as Capitalism, Colonialism, Racism, and Patriarchy; all four are enemies of the Diné. Slay these monsters with us!

K'é Bei Nihi Dziil – Through Kinship We Are Strong.
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Environmental Sustainability; First Nations / Native Americans; Homelessness Relief Services; Indigenous Mutual Aid; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Oct 14, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10397

FL

Your Families Future [training/life skills]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Reddick, FL
Phone (352) 591–3339
Web yourfamiliesfuture.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

"POSITIVELY EFFECTING GENERATIONS TO COME

Fostering Your Families Future, a 501 (c)3 , empowers people through education, hands on training, and life skill workshops, to help families succeed and thrive in life, giving them the knowledge and experience necessary to prosper throughout their lives. Fostering Futures is a program that has a profoundly positive effect on our future generations. "

Services offered: Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Social Change Initiative
Updated Nov 14, 2022 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10542

HI

Ku'ia Agricultural Education Center & Hawaii Farmers Union

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community Center: Na Aikane O Maui. 562 Front Street Lahaina , Hawaii 96761; Farm: ahupua'a of Ku'ia on Legacy Lands of Keli'i Kulani, Lahaina, HI
Web www.ksbe.edu/ainaulu
Service Temporary

mauiboi83 at gmail dot com

Community Center
https://hfuuhi.org/chapters/maui–lahaina–chapter/

Chapter Notes: Lahaina chapter is on Maui's west side.
Meeting Schedule: Last Monday of each month.
Meeting Time: Doors open at 5:30pm. Pre–meal pule begins around 6pm followed by member announcements. The meetings typically conclude before 8pm.
Meeting Location: Na Aikane O Maui. 562 Front Street Lahaina , Hawaii 96761

Interview with the founder:

My name is Kaipo Kekona, I'm 38 years old. I was born and raised here on Maui in Lāhainā. I now manage a 12.5 acre farm site known as Ku'ia Agricultural Education Center in the ahupua'a of Ku'ia on Legacy Lands of Keli'i Kulani. Part of our mission for our site there is to not only reclaim space as a native historical food property, but also introduce to our community the practices that would encourage a healthier food system and soils for us to be maintaining in our community. We also hope to fulfill demands in our schools and our senior citizen centers and housing. That's what we want to be able to provide. We also have put aside spaces for people in our community that share an interest to begin a farming spot there, and we make this all possible through a collaboration with the Hawai'i Farmer's Union United, with their foundation, 501c3 nonprofit arm, and Kamehameha Schools, the owners of the property where we are located. I am the Chair of the Lāhainā Chapter with the Hawai'i Farmer's Union United.

I also serve as Po'o for the Aha Moku Ka'anapali Council for the district of Ka'anapali Moku that goes from Pu'u Keka'a to Makamaka'ole. In this position, we advocate for generational resource management practices, and in that manner, we identify different resources methods that we need to consider, implementing more traditional management practices. I also donate my time here at Na ʻAikane o Maui's Cultural Center. That's my own little side passion; I am a father of four children as well.

Going back a year ago, to pre–COVID times, can you walk me through what was happening and share a little about your experience as the pandemic unfolded?

So for us, back when life was what life was before COVID, (I'll never be able to say life is regular), but when life was what it was, as far as what I do with ag and culture and traditions we always felt like we were on that tipping point where you're either gonna move forward and save it and restore, (I'm not even sure restore is the proper word) or fall the other way and lose it all. That was life in itself. The more we decided to just stay in the path that we were in, the more we would continue to lose. So, we always were trying to make the effort of consciously choosing our path. I think we're all on a path that we don't pay much attention to, and then when we do pay attention, we realize really quickly, that we want to get off of that path.

So, I've been farming before COVID, and I found myself in the agricultural department or industry since I was in high school, picking pineapples and working on farms on the Big Island when I stayed there for about two years. Always farming and always with the same mission to try and learn how to grow good, healthy food and feed our community. I got the opportunity to farm at Ku'ia, we made those efforts and we were working with the schools and doing large–scale volunteer programs.

We utilize organic growing practices, you know, regenerative farming practices, taking the effort to collect indigenous microbes and put that back into the soil to help facilitate that healing process for our soils before planting. That's what we were doing; that's what our mission was. And then COVID hit.

Bouncing back, we're taking in all those old sayings that you hear when you're a kid growing up, you know, "it's not about how you fall, it's about how you get up."
Mind you, we also went through a few natural disasters in this short timeframe as well. Hurricane Lane came through in 2018 and we had a huge fire in the middle of the night. We lost a lot of acreage and our farm got totally scorched and burned away and we were only a year in. Bouncing back, we're taking in all those old sayings that you hear when you're a kid growing up, you know, "it's not about how you fall, it's about how you get up." I mean, we couldn't give up, this was a challenge, so we'd go at it again.

Then in March 2020, COVID struck. We stopped all our programs, obviously. Now our farm is down to being operated by just three of us with no volunteer help. Volunteers are our big thing. I don't even like calling them volunteers, It's everyone's farm at that point because you come and work on it and it's designed to be for our community. So, if you're from a community and you're working on that farm, it's no longer the educational site, it's your farm. When people show up to work with us, it's a big difference. It's a big help and we lost a lot of that. So, we found ourselves trying to find avenues where we could still fit in. We appreciate being with, helping, and working with our community. When that was taken away, we were like, well, what are we going to do for our community? They're always there for us. How are we going to be there for them, even more now?

Na ʻAikane at Maui Cultural Center in Lāhainā, photographed by Angie Diaz
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So, we started working with Na ʻAikane at Maui Cultural Center and they had a program going with QLCC, Queen Lili'uokalani Trust. And they were doing CSA boxes and we were gathering produce through different farms and stores, and distributing boxes to our community. So, I took on from Honokōwai to Honokōhau, and distributed boxes throughout that area. We did that for about six months, just that program. That was one adjustment. We also found other collaborations, because that we had this need to support and keep our local farmers going. A lot of farmers were growing crops for an industry that was no longer present– the "tourist industry."

When that wasn't there, a lot of our farmers didn't know what to do with the excess food that they had while at the same time adjusting to the loss of income. That was another thing that we had to consider and figure out is– how are we going to help those guys stay afloat? Luckily for us, we already have a strong backing and support with Kamehameha Schools and HFUU. So that's how we're able to stay there. Between our two organizations, we have a foundation to stand on that will keep us going for a little while, you know, a few years more,

We definitely are working on financial profile expansions. Our farm will take a while to be able to produce so much to sustain itself. So, we needed to find sources to help us sustain ourselves as we develop our farm. So, we have that, but our other farmers don't have it. And that's a big difference already. When we did that, we found Yayoi Hara. She is the daughter of Reverend Hara

in Lāhainā's Jodo Mission, and she had a passion to open up a farmer's market during this time. She came to us to find support in helping her promote it, get in touch with farmers, recruitment, and all that kind of stuff. So, we partnered up with her in providing a farmer's market that we still are operating now, every second and last Thursday of the month.

With our Hawai'i Farmer's Union Foundation, we went out and got some other emergency grants available through the CARES Act funds program. And we got one through OHA and one through the Maui County Strong Fund. We catered to our first responders with programs that we manage at our farmer's market. We said, "Hey, with this money, let's make a win–win situation here. Let's cater to our community that is in need and stretched thin, and let's also cater to our farmers which are stretched thin as well." We developed a program where we made scrips, for the people in this program to go and buy any fresh produce out of our market, which really helped our farmers a lot too.

I'm finding that the farmers that we do have are really strapped and don't have the time available to be a part of an organization, you know?
lahaina farm–17_websize.jpg
Ku'ia Agricultural Education Center photographed by Angie Diaz
I had no idea that you were doing so much it's really incredible. That farmer's market is amazing! You talked about some of the vulnerabilities: that turning point for farmers who had crops that were for the hotels and the need to pivot to find a market, and Lāhainā had a need for a venue to sell fresh local food. Are there other food system vulnerabilities that were exposed to you during this time?

One thing that I want to mention is our community's dependence on imports. Being in the Farmer's Union for quite some time now and trying to develop a Lāhainā Chapter, I'm finding that the farmers that we do have are really strapped and don't have the time available to be a part of an organization, you know? Also, there's not much other farming that's specifically catering to the local community, although we have a lot of good gardens going.

When that shut down came, I started watching the stores. Our grocery sections, our vegetable section started to shrink. You'd see a table disappear. Then they narrow it down a little, consolidate, make it more clean and nice, and then another table disappeared. I started thinking, oh, it's only a matter of time before the cost is going to go up really high and it's going to get desperate in town. I'm starting to think for the worst of it, of course, but we held through so far and it seems like we're picking up a lot quicker than everybody predicted we would, back into a regular norm, depending on the system.

I've seen pictures on social media of Lāhainā Safeway with empty shelves right now because of the influx in tourism.

Right. So what happened is that the stores had to adjust because the demand had shrunken.

Kaipo, as I'm talking to you, I'm thinking about the land that you're on and what I know about the history of agriculture in Lāhainā. You mentioned that historically it was farmland and I'm curious if that refers to the history of sugar production in the region.

Historically where we are, we've done a lot of research to try and figure out where we were and who we are and what we're gonna do. And we identified our space in Lāhainā to be known as Ka Malu 'Ulu O Lele. That's history not taught in school. And Ka Malu 'Ulu O Lele is the name of a large food forest system that took place in our area, in the moku of Lāhainā. And it extended from Launiupoko to just past Māla, and up to around 500 to 700 foot elevation. There's a total of roughly about 10 and a half square miles.

You can find all kinds of beautiful stories about it from both native and foreign testimonies. Newspaper articles and stories that tell about what was present in the time and what people observed. So, we teach that at our farm site, the sense of place, as well as to our farmers, to be well familiar with the area that you farm in. A lot of the things that we noticed with farms, as far as the general farm goes, even if they do organic practices and their best health practices for soil rejuvenation and erosion and all those things, they cover–crop the best they can. However their site doesn't go beyond their farm parameters. At our site, when you come, we speak to that subject. Know your watershed, know your streams, know all of those things that are vital pieces to sustain your farm and those are all identified in the historical properties of our area.

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That's as light as we'll go on the historical concept of your question. And then as far as the mill goes, the mill came in and, that's another history line, but to remove the food forest system, (I'm sticking to ag), they did three major burnings in the food system. That food system didn't just provide food. It provided the material for housing, provided the material for clothing, and medicine. I'd like to use a fancy word for it, "expressive art" where you get to use dyes and colors from plants that was all found in this food forest system, along with the food provided, you know, the sweet potatoes, the kalo, the ulu, and all the different bananas. All of that is referenced in these logs that we were reading and it kind of gave us the vision for our farming, which wasn't difficult at that point. So, we moved forward.

Ku'ia Agricultural Education Center photographed by Angie Diaz
Ku'ia Agricultural Education Center photographed by Angie Diaz

You know what else we noticed? People who have farmland and have water, but don't have the time to farm because of the demand of our living on the islands. The cost of living is so high that a farmer cannot sustain himself unless you are fortunate enough to live on your farm.
When I think of West Maui agriculture today, it seems like a food desert. On top of that, you've got all these tourist mouths to feed and empty grocery store shelves.

As I mentioned earlier, the stores started cutting back and they had to adjust to demand. There wasn't the same demand that was present before the pandemic. Food was going bad and getting old, things that we didn't care to eat in our communities weren't moving off the shelf. One of the products that stuck around on the shelves, in the beginning, was yogurt. Maybe our local community doesn't eat much yogurt? I eat yogurt and my mom and dad eat yogurt, but I don't know. A lot of my friends I grew up with, did not eat yogurt. So we saw that get cut back during the travel restrictions. Now that the visitor rise is in, the demand for yogurt is back and it's gone. All the things that were definitely a higher demand from the tourist industry are wiped clean. I provide food, I grow food, so I'm really paying attention to food.

You know what else we noticed? People who have farmland and have water, but don't have the time to farm because of the demand of our living on the islands. The cost of living is so high that a farmer cannot sustain himself unless you are fortunate enough to live on your farm. That might make some changes, you know?

source: https://www.feedinghawaii.org/talkstory/kaipo-kekona

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Service Program; Events, Community Meetings; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Mutual Aid
Campaigns: Anti-Colonialism / Anti-Racism / Decolonializers; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Indigenous Mutual Aid; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions
Updated Sep 15, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10617

MA

Mini Food Pantry [like a tiny library] Free Food Take Some Leave Some

Walk-in Resource · Open

35 School St; Acton, MA, MA 01720, Acton, MA 01720

Service Temporary

Have you stopped by the Mini Food Pantry? The food is always changing. It works like a Mini Library — Feel free to take some food or leave some food. There are no restrictions or questions. We are just creating a space to show up for each other.

We are so pleased the mini food pantry is well used. Today we held a small drive to build up some reserves. If you missed the drive today, you can leave food in the pantry any time. Pop over and check it out.

source: https://www.facebook.com/sacc.church/

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jul 2, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10450

Allston Co-Op (Housing Co-op inspired by Rainbow Mansion in Cupertino, CA)

Shelter · Open

Allston, MA

Service Temporary

from BCN list, 2015:

Our co-op in Allston/Brookline is looking for a new housemate to join our community starting May 1st. We are a friendly group ranging in age from mid-20's to mid-30's, and we are open to people of all ages, genders, ethnicities, orientations, and backgrounds. Our shared house is loosely inspired by Rainbow Mansion in Cupertino, CA, and is made up of socially conscious people who enjoy tinkering, making, and learning! Activities include board games, dinner parties, outdoor adventures, bike riding, film viewings, and occasional themed events such as Pi day and storytelling night. Though we all have different jobs and schedules, we enjoy participating in the community and hanging out when we're home.

We share food, and cook vegetarian house meals on a semi-regular basis (a few of us are veggie, but omnivores are welcome). Communal dinners are important to us and we love being able to sit down and eat together when we can. Things here are generally tidy and organized: we have a creative chore system and hold twice-monthly house meetings. We also like to improve our living space via once-monthly workdays – we all contribute ideas and enthusiasm to keep things evolving in a positive direction. This is a house where creativity and unconventionality are valued, and residents seek to learn from each other and do stuff!

Practicalities: We have one large room available for $875. It is the biggest room in the house and located on the quiet 3rd floor. Utilities average $70/month, and our bulk/shared food system allows us to keep a fully stocked kitchen for quite cheap ($140/month). The house is a massive 3-story, 7bed/3bath single-family home which has been functioning as a co-op since 2013. We are lucky to have a traditional layout – the common areas are on the ground floor and all bedrooms are located upstairs, allowing us loads of space to be social while preserving a feeling of privacy and quiet in our individual rooms. The living room can be closed off to accommodate overnight guests, and also has a piano! For outdoor space, we have a small balcony, a big front porch, private tree-shaded backyard, and a full basement with bike storage, workbench space, and coin-op laundry. We're located very close to the B line as well as the 66 bus, and within 10 minute walking distance of Coolidge Corner.

If you're interested, please visit our google form here:https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Zh2G5AbjX9FEkPxxkuT15h62MsR–mqNZx05or0iTmKs/viewform?c=0&w=1
Thank you!

Services offered: Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Rainbow Community; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 1, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9928

Beacon Hill Friends House

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.bhfh.org
Service Temporary

from a BCN email:

Dear Friends,

The Beacon Hill Friends House will have a vacancy starting May 1st, and we are looking for the right person to join our community! Living here is a unique, exciting opportunity to discover the benefits and energy of community living, in an ideal location in the center of Boston. Here are a few highlights of our house:

– We welcome adults of all ages – we currently have residents aging from their 20s to their 60s.
– Our community is rooted in the Quaker tradition, and our residents have a diversity of spiritual, religious, and nonreligious identities.
– We support the ideals of social justice, spirituality, peace, integrity, simplicity and the dignity of the human person.
– We share meals and household chores. Our bimonthly house meetings operate via consensus–based decision–making.
– We strive to create a diverse and inclusive space for people of all ages, gender identities, sexual orientations, races, and cultural experiences.

Rooms start at $628 per month, including all utilities. Board costs $331 per month for a fully stocked communal kitchen, and dinner prepared by the house chef five nights a week.

For more information or to request an application, call us at (617) 227–9118, write to admissions @ bhfh.org <directors @ bhfh.org>, or visit www.bhfh.org today!

In Peace,
Ben

Ben Sachs–Hamilton
Beacon Hill Friends House
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www.bhfh.org

Beacon Hill Friends House promotes diversity in many forms, including but not limited to age, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, gender, sexual preference or orientation, gender identity, relationship status, and (dis)ability.

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business models", housing; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training Classes, Education, Parenting
Campaigns: American Friends Service; Arts Community / Artist Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; Neighborhood Network; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Quakers; Rainbow Community; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Feb 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9923

Boston Co–Op Houses Network (online email list, meetings, sharing, advice about co–operative housing situations)

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web bostoncoop.net
Service Temporary

to subscribe: BCN@lists.bostoncoop.net

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals ∗ General Information & Referral; Events, Community Meetings; Housing ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Shelter ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Social Event ∗(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group ∗any/all types
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Feb 23, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9782

Boston Public Schools Office of Opportunity Gaps [identifying and rectifying inequitable gaps in curriculum/programs]

School · Open

Boston, MA

Web bpsog.drutopia.org
Service Temporary

Welcome to the Office of Opportunity Gaps. Our mission is to help build capacity and provide the vision, innovations and supports the district and its individual schools need to foster opportunities for marginalized students (Black, Latino, ELL, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged) to flourish and close gaps in proficiency across all areas of their education.

Eliminating gaps in opportunity is not only a moral imperative but also vitally important for the survival and future success of our democratic, pluralistic society.

Who We Are

We are a passionate team that intentionally and unapologetically pushes for change to the interface between our school district and historically marginalized populations. Through our programs, initiatives, professional development, and systemic work, we attempt to mitigate, deconstruct, and reverse structural and cultural inequities. We engage all layers of the system and believe that opportunity gaps are ecological and multifaceted problems that require engagement with all the stakeholders of BPS.

Services offered: Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; New "Business" Models, Education; School ∗ (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Government, City/Town Agency; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10402

Community Cooks (people cooking in their own homes, for people in need)

Donor · Open

Boston, MA

Web communitycooks.org/?page_id=6
Service Temporary

Mission Statement
Community Cooks is a network of volunteers who offer free, home–cooked meals to vulnerable populations seeking assistance from direct–service agencies in the Greater Boston area. We proudly partner with these agencies that, due to lack of funds and/or facilities, struggle to provide food for those they serve. In contributing nutritious and much–needed food, Community Cooks aims to:

feed our hungry neighbors who might otherwise go without;
build a bridge of caring between volunteers and community members in need;
support conditions for program participants to achieve success by alleviating their hunger needs.

Who We Are
We are a diverse group of volunteers from varied ethnic and economic backgrounds; we are young and old, women and men, students, workers, professionals, at home parents, retirees. But we are joined by a common thread – a wish to reach out to vulnerable neighbors. We share the idea that delivering home–cooked food carries a message from the heart, that your neighbors care about you.

In this way Community Cooks offers individual volunteers the opportunity to join other like–minded community members in helping to create a more caring and compassionate society.

It's nice that people take time to cook for us. Times are hard sometimes so it makes a difference that some people care.

– LV, at the Transition Living Program, Transition House

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Home Delivered Meals; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Social Services, General Social Services
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 26, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9629

Dollars & Sense Magazine

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA

Web www.dollarsandsense.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Disasters in the Making/Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Economic; Documentation, Economic, Tax Haven Analysis; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Management Advice; Media, Online News Reports; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9770

Encuentro Five (E5) (social justice advocacy, meeting space)

Walk–in Resource · Open

9 Hamilton Place, Boston, MA

Web www.encuentro5.org/home/node/13
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Facility: Meeting space; Office Space, Conference Room; Office Space, Workspace/Desktop; Services, Tech, Computer Access; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; American Friends Service; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9838

Facilitation / Strategic Planning Services (sliding scale, co–op oriented) Nora Berson

Open Business* · Open

Boston, MA

Service Temporary

Have you ever been frustrated that your meetings are unproductive, your group feels fragmented, or your organization keeps getting stuck on the same kinds of conflicts and roadblocks? I am excited to work with you to optimize your meetings, help you get the most out of your collaborations, and feel energized about your organization's future!

I offer the following services:
–focused and motivating meeting facilitation
–strategic planning and visioning support
–structured brainstorming to harness group creativity
–team building for more effective collaboration
–trainings on consensus decision making techniques, and facilitation skills to empower you to improve your own meetings
–Spanish/ English interpretation for improved accessibility

I have experience facilitating in co–ops and community organizations. I'm based in the Boston area and offer these services on a sliding–scale basis. Please contact me if you or any organizations you are connected with are interested so we can figure out what works best for you!

Thanks,
Nora
nora.berson @ gmail.com

Services offered: Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; Local Businesses, Startups; New "Business" Models; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 4, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9930

Free Food on Thursdays

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Service Temporary

HRI, Food for Free, the Boston Area Gleaners, Whole Foods Markets and many more are hosting eight weeks of sharing food. All food at this event is 100% free.

Tuesdays at Riverside Press Park, Cambridge6pm – 7:30pmJuly 11 – August 28

Thursdays at Trolley Square Park, 2401 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge6pm – 7:30pmJuly 12 – August 3

Homeowner's Rehab Inc., Food For Free, and the Boston Area Gleaners are partnering to offer free markets (not farmers markets) in Trolley Square and Riverside Press Park this summer. The market in Trolley Square is intended for residents of Trolley Square complex while the Riverside Press Park market is open to the public. *These markets are designed to serve people who struggle to afford the healthy food they need, and we encourage anyone who needs this assistance to shop at the markets*. The mission of Food For Free and the Boston Area Gleaners is to provide food to people in our community who are not able to purchase it for themselves. We are committed to a strong regional food system and encourage everyone to purchase their food at a local farmers market whenever possible.

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types); New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/ Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jul 18, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10016

Industrial Workers of the World (Massachusetts Organizing, worker–run democratic unions)

Info/Hotline · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.iww.org/branches/US/MA/Boston
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Legal Assistance; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/ Professional Networking
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Jobs with Justice; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9832

Jamaica Plain Forum (Speaker Series, Social Change Events, etc)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Web jamaicaplainforum.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

The Jamaica Plain Forum is a free public speaker, workshop, and film series bringing together neighbors, scholars, and organizers around issues of peace, justice, the environment and civic engagement. We promote true democracy and challenge concentrated wealth, corporate influence, and military power. We host timely community–based conversations on the great issues shaping our neighborhood and our planet.

A program of the Institute for Policy Studies hosted in The First Church in Jamaica Plain, Unitarian Universalist, the Jamaica Plain Forum hosts speakers from the Jamaica Plain community who are involved in dynamic and stimulating work near and far, as well as regional and national authors, activists, artists and thinkers.

Chuck Collins, a local neighbor and activist founded the Jamaica Plain Forum in 2008. Currently, Tracy Bindel serves as the JP Forum Coordinator.

All are welcome to attend the Jamaica Plain Forum. All programs follow the principles of tolerance, respectfulness and inclusiveness.

Although no fee is required for attendance, donations contribute to building–use fees and JP Forum expenses.

All Jamaica Plain Forum activities are wheelchair accessible unless otherwise published.

Contact the JP Forum at info @ jamaicaplainforum.org.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Consumer Issues; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Community Service Program; Disasters in the Making/ Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facility: Meeting space; New "Business" Models, Education; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training, Activism; Training Classes, Disaster * (Any & All Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network); Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church
Updated Feb 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9925

Lucy Stone Co–Operative (Housing Co–op)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.lucystonecoop.org
Service Temporary

from BCN list, 2015:

The Lucy Stone Cooperative is looking to fill two rooms for June 1st.

We will have open houses at 7:45pm on Monday, March 2nd and 6:30pm on Sunday, March 15th,with dinner at 7pm. Come for a tour and to get your questions answered. Please RSVP if you can so we have a head count for dinner. Open houses strongly encouraged as part of the application process.

To apply to be a housemate, please fill out this form by 11:59pm on Sunday, March 15th:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tVeIz170cDNU91Rmg2VARc02YLcG87UaQzrabAdCIdY/viewform
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tVeIz170cDNU91Rmg2VARc02YLcG87UaQzrabAdCIdY/viewform>

What do you mean by “Cooperative?”
The co–op is owned by a nonprofit called “Unitarian Universalist Community Cooperatives.” That nonprofit is run by a board, the majority of whom are Lucy Stone housemates. Since being a member of Lucy Stone Co–op means also being a member of it’s nonprofit owner, housemates also play a role in supporting UUCC. Learn more about Lucy Stone and UUCC online: http://uucommunitycoops.org/.

Tell me about the house.
The Lucy Stone Cooperative is home to 12 people. Many of us have jobs outside the house, including roles such as teacher, minister, video game developer, therapist, nanny and organizer. We share five meals a week together and often spend time together inside and outside the house. Our house is 5,000 sq. ft. on a corner lot. It’s a single–family with 11 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, a big kitchen and lots of common space. The yard is big and has an incredible tree on the corner.

What qualities are you looking for in a housemate?
We housemates diverse in race, class, ages, and stages of life. We encourage young adults, families, couples, seniors, empty–nesters, and everyone in between to apply. Our values are based in Unitarian Universalism, and we welcome anyone with an interest in integrating their spirituality with their daily life, no matter what their faith background

or religious affiliation. We are looking for housemates that are committed to honest communication, consensus–building, and building both an internal community among housemates and an external community of neighbors, activists, and people of faith.

What are the resident responsibilities?
–About 10 hrs/week of house–related chores and activities.
–Participate in (and facilitate as able):
–house meetings every other Monday
–annual membership meeting of UUCC (held during normal house meeting time).
–spring and fall house retreats
–annual anti–racism/anti–oppression workshop (usually during a house retreat)
–spring and fall workdays
–Pay rent and other expenses on time
–Practice direct and open communication
–Respect the rules and agreements of the Cooperative (see LSC housemate handbook)

Where is this house?
A 19 min walk (1 mile) to the Roxbury Crossing T stop
An 8 min walk (.3 miles) to Dudley Bus (& silver line) station
44 mins to Harvard sq. on the #1 bus.
25 mins to Park st. (on the Silver Line bus)

Logistics:
Rent: $455 per month, plus food and utilities.
Co–op membership: We ask housemates to pay a $500 co–op member share when they move in. The same amount will be returned when the housemate moves out.

At Lucy Stone, we welcome applications from people of all occupations; races; ethnicities; colors; national origins; religions; classes; gender identities; family statuses; sexualities; relationship statuses, including non–monogamous; and people of all mental and physical abilities and health.

Our Mission Statement:
The Lucy Stone Cooperative is an intentional community living the values and tradition of Unitarian Universalism through cooperative home ownership. We seek to grow a diverse community centered in justice. Through shared resources and faithful action, we align our daily lives with our core values of sustainability, spiritual practice, and social change.

*Apply by **11:59pm, Sunday, March 15th*:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tVeIz170cDNU91Rmg2VARc02YLcG87UaQzrabAdCIdY/viewform
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tVeIz170cDNU91Rmg2VARc02YLcG87UaQzrabAdCIdY/viewform>

Living@lucystonecoop.org <Living@lucystonecoop.org>

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church
Updated Mar 1, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9926

Circle (A)mory Collective house (Co–op Housing)

Shelter · Open

Asticou Rd, Boston – Forest Hills, MA

Web tinyurl.com/amoryapplication
Service Temporary

Hey folks! The Circle (A)mory Collective house is currently seeking a housemate applicant for a single room!

Deadline for applications is ongoing – WE ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL THE SPOT IS FILLED. We hope to hear from you. Move–in date is April 1st or later (flexible, but the sooner the better)
We'll get in touch and let you know if we think you might be a good fit!
~ Circle (A)mory

Apply at: http://tinyurl.com/amoryapplication <http://tinyurl.com/amoryapplication>

The house: Circle Amory

– Location: Asticou Rd in Jamaica Plain. 1 min walk to Forest Hills T Orange Line and many other bus connections.

– LGB, Queer, and Transgender/Genderqueer friendly + welcoming

– Vegan–friendly (all collective meals are vegan), but inclusive of a wide range of diets, including omnivores + allergies

– Sober–friendly (many members of the house do not drink or smoke)

– Activism & social justice work is a high priority for all of us

– Our work in Boston–area activism and projects include:

Free Tarek (http://www.freetarek.com/ <http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.freetarek.com%2F&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNHk15AK_ocoxBg1L0gof6HNeyUaZQ>)
Lucy Parsons Center (http://lucyparsons.org/ <http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Flucyparsons.org%2F&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNF–oksHpj2TCfwiy3LdiVLCi2K_Lw>)

NAPAWF (https://www.facebook.com/napawfgreaterboston <https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fnapawfgreaterboston&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNG3Y–J8CNlyuofaAeKGnbd_XWKMZQ>)
SEIU Local 32BJ District 615

other hobbies and interests: professional cycling/racing, sexual health education and reproductive justice!

Current age–range is 22 to 31. We include a range of self–educated folks to people with degrees.

The room that is open is the largest of the house's single bedrooms, and has two large windows and two closets. One of the closets is a standard size, the other is larger with a storage nook where it's convenient to store luggage and storage bins. This is also a quieter room since it does not face the train station. The room is large enough for a queen bed (at least), and fits several bookshelves, dressers, and other shelves easily. There is also a small window ledge that could function as a reading nook, or an extra storage spot. The room is right across from the laundry room which is super convenient! It gets good light during the day, and at night you can watch the sunset and see the Prudential center in the distance as you are laying in bed. Some furniture may be in the room for you to use but can be moved out if needed. Rent is $690/month plus utilities (~$30/month).

*We are looking for someone who is interested in being an active house member, who wants to challenge oppression and privilege in themselves and the world around them. We strongly encourage people of color, women, queers, and transfolks to apply. We like pro–active people who take initiative on house projects! *

We prefer long–term housemates, but might consider short–term ones too.

Diana Mai

Services offered: Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Meals, Vegan
Campaigns: AFL/CIO (Unions); Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Lucy Parsons Center; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 24, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9942

Fort, The (The Fort) (housing collective, housing co–op)

Shelter · Open

Boston – Jamaica Plain, MA
Contact private

Email private, please write us if you want it, we got it from the BCN list
Web boston.craigslist.org/gbs/roo/4933019800.html
Service Temporary

The Residents:
We are a bunch of peeps from all walks of life, cultural identities, queerness, and loving, who try to live an active and engaged life while doing lots of fun, community things. We live in a big family–style house with one large, gentle dog. Some of us enjoy things like cooking, gardening, reading books, music–playing, activism, organizing events, bike riding, house projects, and playing outside. Although our individual values vary, we hold a collective politic of radical anti–oppression. Maintaining our home as a safer space is one of the most important things we do together.

The Cooperative:
We all share weekly household responsibilities of cooking, food shopping, and cleaning. In pairs, we cook dinner (and clean up) for the house one night per week. We have house meetings the first and third Sundays of the month where we check–in, communicate about things in constructive ways, and make decisions by consensus. Sometimes we use the common spaces in the house for fun events. We also really love working together to invest in our shared home by doing projects and improvements. Some examples include maintaining our flower and vegetable gardens to grow our own food, revamping our compost system, winterizing our windows, maintaining our lawn and property, and holding the occasional spring or fall cleaning day.

The House:
The house is a large single family home with three stories and a basement. We have a yard with a garden, picnic tables, lawn chairs and large trees. In the basement we have a bike shop, laundry, storage space and plenty of room for new projects. We also have porches, two large common spaces, a sunroom, lots of books, working fireplaces, and lots of windows. Our kitchen is pretty large and equipped with two ovens, two refrigerators, two sinks, a fridge for beer, and a pantry and storeroom full of food! There are 3 full bathrooms, and 1 half bathroom. We have wireless high speed internet and a projector set up to watch movies on a big screen.

The Location:
We're nearest to the Stony Brook T stop on the Orange Line, which is about a 10 minute walk. We are also 500 feet from both the #39 and #41 bus stops. Jamaica Pond is a hop skip and a jump away. You can walk to lots of great places easily from our home. It's great because even though we're so close to all this wonderful stuff, we're pretty tucked away on a quiet, low–traffic street.

The Cost:
We try to keep our living costs as low and possible and make our space accessible. Our rooms vary in size, and thus range in monthly rent prices from the mid 300's to the mid 700's. Everyone in the house equally splits the monthly cost of food and utilities, which can vary from $130 to $160 per person. We have a house bank account that we use to pool our money and purchase food every week. Before people move in, we request that they pay first month's rent plus a security deposit equal to one month's rent.

The Available Rooms:
June 1st, 2015 room for $387/month.
This second–floor room measures about 8.5 square with a 4 foot square entrance way. It has large floor to ceiling windows on the south–facing side. Personal access to a cozy balcony that seats two chairs. There is no closet in the room, but drawers and cabinets in the hallway. Beautiful high ceilings. Rent is $375. We haven't had two people share this room before, but we ask that if two people share it, they pay rent totaling $50 more. (Pics 4–5)

June 1st, 2015 room for $367/month
This cozy and quiet third floor room measures about 8' square. It has two west–facing windows and a small closet with some storage space. There is room for a small bed and a dresser or small desk. Across the hall there is also a large walk–in closet for more storage. (Pics 6–7)

August 1st, 2015 room for $504/month
This first–floor room measures about 14 feet by 12 feet and has large windows on the west–facing and north–facing walls. It has several built–in floor to ceiling bookshelves. It also has a fireplace that can accommodate a small fire (although it can get a little smokey because the chimney doesn't work very well). The room has a one small closet that will fit a dresser well. We have had two people share this room before, and we ask that if two people share it again, they pay rent totaling $50 more.

The Logistics:
Two room open on June 1st, 2015, it's application will be closed April 4, 2015. One room opens on August 1st, 2015, it application closes mid May, unless we find an awesome housemate in the first round. Interviews will begin in mid April for all rooms.

***APPLY HERE: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PQ–rlrtQjtepVXm4yuYf8DYseOEk4s7EULNoMwTDtu8/viewform?usp=send_form

write us if you need the email address

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 16, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9933

JP Transition.org (Transition Town, Post–Carbon Transition Economy)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Boston – Jamaica Plain, MA
Web jptransition.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Disasters in the Making/ Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Economic; Documentation, Environmental Education; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/ Re–use (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Feb 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9924

Interfaith Co–Op House

Shelter · Open

Boston – JP, MA
Service Temporary

One room is available April 1, and one room June 1, in our interfaith coop in Jamaica Plain!

Our house is a warm and diverse community. We are rooted in Jewish rhythms with room for pluralism and diversity. We strive to live out consensus, ecological awareness, and faith values in every part of our house. We follow transparent financial practices. Our house is kosher–by–ingredient/vegetarian. We are open to members of all faith backgrounds, ages, genders, sexualities, ethnicities, and professions.

House activities include rotated weekly cook–nights, monthly movie nights, monthly dinner discussions, monthly Shabbat dinners/lunches, gardening, and household maintenance. Dinner guests and weekend guests are common. Monthly house meetings are mandatory.

We are teachers, healthcare professionals, food justice workers, peace workers, vegan cooks, and aspiring doulas. We range in age from 23 to 55. We are Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, agnostic, and interspiritual. We are omnivores, vegans, vegetarians, and fruitarians. Common interests include environmental protection, food justice, gardening, bicycling, veg*n cooking, bread baking, spiritual community, Bob Dylan, Wallace and Gromit, leopard print onesies, cross country skiing, and enjoying the company of friends.

Our space:

A six–bedroom, 2–bathroom Philadelphia style house in Jamaica Plain (between Jackson and Stonybrook T–stops) in a very cool and tranquil JP micro–neighborhood with kind neighbors and lovely views. We have a small front porch with beautiful sunset views. There is ample storage space in the basement.

Laundry/dryer available (for free) onsite. Seven minute walk to Stonybrook or Jackson Square T stops, 4 minutes down the street to catch the 39 or 41 bus on Centre St, 12 minute walk to Jamaica Pond. Stop and Shop and Whole Foods are nearby. Plentiful onstreet parking (but beware of alternate side parking!!!). For those interested in Jewish community, we are a 20 minute walk from Nehar Shalom.

April 1 Room:

This room, on the first floor, is extremely spacious and well–lit, with three large windows, high ceilings, and two large closets. Suitable for an individual or couple. The room is one of three bedrooms on the first floor with a shared bathroom. Rent is in the $700 range plus $175 in house dues (utilities and shared groceries). First and last due on signing.

June 1 Room:

This room, on the third floor, is spacious and gets good morning light. Suitable for an individual. The room is one of three bedrooms on the third floor with a shared bathroom. Rent is in the $700 range plus $175 in house dues (utilities and shared groceries). First and last due on signing.

No pets, unfortunately, due to landlord policy.

If interested, please email 49cranston @ gmail. com and tell us a little bit about you, why you're interested in our house, your prior communal living experience, and any logistical details we should know.

Services offered: Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co-Housing, Co-Op Housing, Intentional Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 24, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9941

Dorchester Community Fridge, Mutual Aid, Free Food, Dorchester "Take what you need, leave what you can"

Walk-in Resource · Open

1471 Dorchester Ave in Dorchester, Boston, Dorchester, MA

Web linktr.ee/DotCommunityFridge
Service Temporary

7 days a week, 24 hours a day.
7 días a la semana, 24 horas al día.
7 ngày một tuần, 24 giờ một ngày.
7 jou nan semèn, 24 èdtan nan yon jounen. □□ 7 □□□□ 24 □□□

Also, see their Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/dotcommunityfridge/

Also listed on this map of food resources for Boston: https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1KwjHajrarjnlnWVgS8BmZXZ3GOai6rt-&ll=42.29978342275533%2C-71.05995827208967&z=16

original source: https://caughtindot.com/dorchester-community-fridge-take-what-you-need-leave-what-you-can/

old webform: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_2TWMQZWcTNEIuwd8EQOIX10LRqMJjr48j0-v9z73WrFZgQ/viewform

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jul 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10374

Community Fridge, Free Food, Jamaica Plain

Walk-in Resource · Open

Boston, Jamaica Plain, MA

Web www.instagram.com/bostoncommunityfridge
Service Temporary

On the corner of Centre Street and Forbes Street in Jamaica Plain, a spray-painted refrigerator sits on the sidewalk. The words "free food" are written across the top freezer in white letters; underneath that in Spanish, "comida gratis."

source: https://www.boston.com/food/local-news/2020/09/22/community-fridges-in-boston

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Sep 26, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10376

Restoring Roots Cooperative (Edible Landscaping and Design)

Open Business* · Open

Boston, Jamaica Plain, MA

Phone 617.942.0561
Contact Noah McKenna, worker-owner
Email restoringroots@gmail.com
Web www.restoringroots.net
Service Temporary

posted 4/21 on the WorkerOwned list WORCN:

Hello Friends,
Restoring Roots, your local permaculutre landscaping cooperative, is hiring

for a full time worker–owner track position!
Please have a look at the job description and share it with anyone you feel
might be interested.
Thank you,
–Noah

Hiring 2020.pdf
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_YlwYfSbJPdUcO53I8BO84TA–Nn–sZSF/view?usp=drive_web>

Worker–Owner
Restoring Roots Cooperative
Healing Land, Nourishing People
http://restoringroots.net/
restoringroots@gmail.com
617.942.0561

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Agriculture School, Plant Stock; Community Garden Program; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Jobs, Paying; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Composting; Recycling, Natural Resources; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Tools, Agricultural Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Edible Communities; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Northeast Organic Farming Association; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9858

Boston Area Gleaners (rescuing food and giving it to food agencies)

Donor · Open

Boston–area, MA
Web www.bostonareagleaners.org/recipient–agencies.html
Service Temporary

from the website:

Our Mission: Boston Area Gleaners, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non–profit organization dedicated to rescuing surplus farm crops for people in need.

How We Do It: We distribute high–quality, locally grown produce to food banks, pantries, and meal programs by working closely with farmers, providing volunteer labor to harvest what would otherwise be plowed under.

Our Goal: To build a sustainable supply chain of nutritious surplus produce from local farms to people in need.

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Gleaning Program; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; New "Business" Models; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jul 18, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10015

Agaric.coop [solidarity oriented techies, web design, custom online tools, fomenting cooperation]

Open Business* · Open

Boston/Cambridge, MA
Web www.agaric.coop
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[see WAY more at the website above]

What are Agaric's initiatives, you ask?

We do much more than build websites. We build tools that work for the social change we want to see. We teach and empower others to use digital technology safely, responsibly, and effectively. We participate in building and supporting communities that are founded on democratic–ownership and knowledge–sharing. We engage in a plethora of movements, and we look for ways to bridge the gaps between them. Akin to the mushrooms after which we are named, we work across vast nutritive networks so that

we can bring nourishment to our human ecosystems. This page is our feeble attempt to showcase the meaning behind Agaric Tech Cooperative.

Services offered: Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; New "Business" Models; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Center for Global Justice; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Nov 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10400

Haley House (food pantry, co–operative cafe: meals, live–in community/ housing collective, meeting space) Covid 19 mutual aid

Walk–in Resource · Standby

Live–in Center:; 23 Dartmouth StreetBakery:; 12 Dade St; Dudley Square, Boston/Roxbury, MA

Phone 617.236.8132, 617.445.0900
Web www.haleyhouse.org
Service Temporary

Covid 19 response
https://www.liberationnews.org/ppe–for–the–people–campaign–to–produce–and–distribute–masks–in–boston/

‘PPE for the People’ campaign to produce and distribute masks in Boston
By Susan Klimczak (SETC) and Joe Tache (PSL)
Apr 13, 2020
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‘PPE for the People’ campaign to produce and distribute masks in Boston

3D printed N95–style masks. Photo by South End Technology Center. Used with Permission.

The South End Technology Center @ Tent City and the Boston branch of the Party for Socialism and Liberation announce our campaign, “PPE for the People.” We are producing and distributing protective masks to frontline workers and people living in Boston’s oppressed communities, who are suffering disproportionately during this COVID–19 pandemic.

As Mel King, the founder of SETC always says, we want a city and a world that works for everyone. We cannot stand by and watch as this crisis lays bare the profound inequity and injustice in our city and country for all to see. Our Love for the People calls us into action; to both serve our communities and raise demands for a new form of society organized around human needs, rather than corporate profits.
a volunteer sews olsen masks at a sewing machine.

PSL and SETC volunteers make masks. Photo by South End Technology Center. Used with permission.

Both in Boston and across the country, new data reveals an alarming trend that COVID–19 is infecting and killing people of color at a disproportionately higher rate. As the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams recently pointed out, Black, Latino and Native American people are not biologically or genetically predisposed to get COVID–19. People of color are predisposed to higher risk of exposure because most do not have jobs that allow them to work from home; because of inequities in healthcare and income that make them more likely to suffer diseases that put them at risk for severe complications from the virus; because — in the case of those living in places like the Navajo Nation and Detroit — they experience a lack of access to water for recommended frequent hand–washing. As of April 9, in Boston, 72% of those who have tested positive COVID–19 are people of color.

The question of wearing masks is also complicated by racism. People of color are increasingly saying that they don’t feel safe wearing masks. In a Boston Globe op–ed, Aaron Thomas wrote that the practice “could lead to unintended attention, and ultimately a life–or–death situation…[and that] the fear of being mistaken for an armed robber or assailant is greater than the fear of contracting COVID–19.” On the other hand, on April 11, a man in Philadelphia was dragged off of a public bus by police for not wearing a mask. This pandemic is shaped by capitalism and racism, and the fight against racism must be at the top of the list of priorities for any COVID–19 response.

Overall, as COVID–19 continues to rapidly spread in Massachusetts, workers in health care, grocery, custodial, food service and other sectors have clearly expressed their desperate need for personal protective equipment, including masks. Some of our most vulnerable such as elders, returning citizens and folks in recovery also have expressed needs. Additionally, on April 3, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially recommended that all individuals wear face coverings in public settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain, as it is in cities like Boston. Clearly, the need for protective masks and the need to address the inequities and injustices at work in our community is dire, and demand will only increase as Massachusetts approaches its COVID–19 “surge.”

SETC youth, staff and volunteers, along with PSL organizers are fabricating four types of masks with laser cutters, 3D printers and sewing machines in Fab Lab Boston:

3D printed face shields with clear protective covers
sewn Olson face masks with filters inserted in pockets that can be fitted with skin–safe double–sided tape for those at higher risk for exposure
sewn face masks for everyday use by the people
and 3D printed N95–style masks that have demonstrated a potential to pass fit tests with proper filtering.

A young man wears a 3d printed face mask and holds two hand sewn masks

Photo by the South End Technology Center. Used with permission.

PPE for the People has already provided over 150 masks to people like the residents and Community Table workers at the Haley House, who are serving 70 free meals per day during the pandemic, to workers in the temporary shelter tents set up for people experiencing homelessness in Lower Roxbury, to young people distributing meals to elders at Madison Park, to nurses, to grocery workers, to families living in subsidized housing and to workers serving students with disabilities. The campaign will be expanding distribution in the coming days and weeks. Essential workers and families, particularly in Grove Hall, South End and Roxbury, are encouraged to reach out if their work and/or living conditions puts them in need of protective masks.

While the PPE for the People will do everything in its power to provide masks to those who need them, the campaign will inevitably be limited in scope. Neither the SETC nor the PSL — or the entire network of Boston area Fab Labs and makerspaces — have the manufacturing capacity to meet the vast need for masks in Boston. Ultimately, the responsibility and moral imperative for addressing this crisis falls on the U.S. government. Both Governor Baker and Donald Trump have special powers to take immediate action on this issue. As reported by The Boston Globe, the state of emergency currently in place in Massachusetts allows Governor Baker to “take possession (1) of any land or building, machinery or equipment…which may be necessary or convenient… for the better protection or welfare of the commonwealth or its inhabitants.” The Defense Production Act of 1950 grants President Trump similar powers to rapidly ramp up the production of critical goods, as well as set price controls, nationally. Organizations including the Party for Socialism and Liberation and at least 18 U.S. Senators have called upon President Trump to fully invoke the Defense Production Act.

A massive intervention is required to slow the spread of this pandemic and reverse the disproportionate impact it is having on oppressed populations. To this end, the organizers of “PPE for the People” demand the following:

The state and federal governments must compel companies that otherwise prioritize their profits over societal wellbeing to produce critical goods: COVID–19 test kits, ventilators, protective equipment and medical equipment at cost to meet the urgent need.
Provide free testing for the whole population.
Free testing only works with free treatment. Healthcare must be provided for free for all.
All essential workers must be provided PPE, paid sick leave, and hazard pay.
Provide secure housing for all. Empty dwellings should be immediately seized to provide shelter for all people without housing.
Release massive numbers of incarcerated people including but not limited to those in pretrial detention, elderly and other at–risk prisoners, and ICE detainees.
Native reservations, Black, Latino and other oppressed communities must be guaranteed equal access to treatment.

Our collective goal is that this city, our communities and world WORK FOR EVERYONE. The goal is NOT a return to what was “normal” before the pandemic. We believe that this crisis gives us the opportunity and moral imperative to change the persistent injustice and inequities exposed by this pandemic. This is, as theologian and Co–Chair of the Poor People’s Campaign Liz Theoharis has pointed out, “a call to come together in new ways in order to survive, hold the powerful responsible for their unjust policies and the lies they’ve told to cover up injustice, and rebuild on foundations of love and justice” (Sojourners Newsletter). PPE for the People will be a local outlet for community and solidarity, and a step on the path towards a total transformation of our society.

For more information, follow the SETC and PSL on social media. Facebook: facebook.com/pslboston; Instagram: @southendtechnology center, @bostonpsl; Twitter: @zackboston.

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Thursday nights there's an Community Open Mike called Art Is Life, where people can make announcements, and do short sets of poetry reading, etc. Featured artist follows. People can purchase food at the café and eat while watching the artists.

Before the open mike, groups can meet. The café is still open. Groups wanting to increase visibility and/or offer workshops to help the community, have given workshops/lectures there.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Garden Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low

Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Violence; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Undocumented Individuals; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Uninsured; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demographohic Served: Previously/CurrentlyIncarcerated/Prisoners/Ex–Cons; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Facility: Meeting space; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Fairly Priced Rental Housing for Disaster Survivors; Housing, Residential Group Shelter Home, Housing; Housing, Transitional Housing; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Mutual Aid; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Homelessness Relief Services; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Oct 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9047

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Quaker Social Justice Action, Cambridge

Info/Hotline · Open

Cambridge, MA
Web www.afsc.org/office/cambridge–ma
Service Temporary

from the site:

Cambridge, MA is home to four of AFSC's Northeast Programs:

The Healing and Transformative Justice Program works with survivors of crime, those convicted of crime, and their families and communities.

The Material Assistance Program (MAP) gives clothing and basic house goods to people in need in the Greater Boston area.

The Peace and Economic Security Program (PES) works for nuclear abolition, coordinates international peace building efforts, and advocates for peace here at home.

Project Voice advocates for better immigration policies, educates immigrants and low wage workers about their rights, and organizes a host of related community campaigns.

In addition, our Cambridge–based New England Regional Office coordinates the efforts of our New Hampshire, Western Massachusetts and South East New England programs, all of which engage their regions in a variety of peace and justice efforts, and our Wabanaki program, which works for justice and healing in Maine's Native communities.

Film lending library, must–see documentaries about war, racism, and other ills:
http://tools.afsc.org/bigcat/mustsee.php

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; Distribution, Clothing Closet; Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Library Services * (ANY/ALL Types) ; LIbrary Services, Film lending; Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster, Repository (For Lost Articles/Artifacts Found Post Disaster); Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Toiletries * (ANY/ALL Types); Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; American Friends Service; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Quakers; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9837

BADHouse Cooperative Living Space

Walk–in Resource · Open

Cambridge, MA
Web badcoop.weebly.com
Service Temporary

from the site:

The BADHouse is a 9–person cooperative in Cambridge, MA. We've been renting the second and third floors of an awesome old house in Central Square for over a decade now. Some of our values include: sharing dinner, laughing really hard, interesting conversations around the kitchen table, fun pets, and friendship.

You've probably found this site because you're interested in living here, or you already know us, or one of us has recently become wildly famous. Either way, have a look around, and hit us up at badhause @ gmail.com with any questions!

from the last time they were looking:

The BADHouse Cooperative is looking for one more member starting March 1st!

We are a 9 person house close to the T in the Central Square area and are full of grad students & post-docs, musicians/artists, chefs, sciencey types, and other fun people / pets.

We have a communal veggie food system, a CSA, a roof deck & garden, at-least-monthly meetings, a projector, a guest room, and spend a lot of unstructured time together outside of the house as well. More info here:
badcoop.weebly.com .

We have one rooms available starting March 1 which is approx $380 per month. Please keep in mind that our veggie-food system and utilities come to be about $250 extra per month, depending on the time of year.

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing, Co-Housing, Co-Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Feb 23, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9920

Cambridge Co-Op (Housing Co-op)

Walk-in Resource · Open

Cambridge, MA
Web cambridgecoop.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

from BCN, March 2015:

The room is available March 1st-May 1st with possibility of extending. Rent is $700 including utilities and food! You will live in a great coop with 10 other people The house is all three levels of a traditional Bostonian (everyone has their own room)with an amazing kitchen, hardwood floors, and wonderful roommates. We have weekly Wednesday night dinners with the entire house and friends. It is located between Porter and Harvard Square, right next to Harvard Law and the Divinity School. Laundry is in unit as well! You can't beat this! If you are interested email me and let me know about yourself and why you are interested in the coop. Here is a little more about the coop: https://cambridgecoop.wordpress.com/

Thanks!
Mary
hanse20m @ gmail.com

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co-Housing, Co-Op Housing, Intentional Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 1, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9927

Cambridge Cooperative Club (Housing Co-Op)

Shelter · Open

Cambridge, MA
Web cambridgecoop.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

from BCN list, March 2015

Room Available in Cooperative Living House

(Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA)

The Cambridge Cooperative Club (http://cambridgecoop.wordpress.com), an eleven person housing cooperative located between Harvard and Porter Squares in Cambridge, is seeking a friendly, cooperative-minded person of any age or background to join the house starting May 1st.

Founded 50 years ago, The Cambridge Coop is comprised of eleven, lively and mature housemates spanning in age range from mid-20s to early-80s. Housemates have included teachers, musicians, writers, meditators, researchers, students, farmers, dancers, photographers, and organizational

leaders. The house seeks to create a safe space where all feel welcomed, and house members are committed to recognizing and working to transform deeply–rooted discrimination of all kinds in ourselves, our community, and our society so that we may more fully contribute to building communities of peace and cooperation in the world.

Housemates all share a common interest in living purposely within a communal setting. There is a communal dinner once a week as well as a house meeting every two weeks that housemates are expected to attend. Housemates are also expected to complete weekly chores related to cleaning & organizing the house, and/or cooking & shopping for the household. Also, each member takes on a role in one of three committees related to maintenance, finances and community development which work monthly to manage broader issues for the household*. *In addition, housemates spend additional time together socially while also balancing their other life priorities and have held potlucks, gatherings, and workshops to educate and entertain themselves and to build community.

The house itself is spacious, well–kept and well–suited to cooperative living. Among a number of great features, there is a large kitchen, a sizable back deck and a small food garden.

Services offered: Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 4, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9929

Cambridge Womens Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Cambridge, MA

Web www.cambridgewomenscenter.org/supportus/inkind.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Community Outreach Programs; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Women; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Services, Respite Program/Services; Services, Support, Caregiver Support Services; Services, Tech, Computer Access; Services, Tech, Internet Access; Services, Tech, Internet Services; Services, Women's Services; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Cooking/Nutrition Education Classes; Training Classes, Exercise, Health Classes; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Sewing / Needle Arts ; Training, Medical, Education *(ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, General Health; Training Workshops, Art Workshops
Campaigns: Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 19, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9945

Community House rooms for rent [to MIT students] + low cost meal plan/events for non–residents [MIT & non–MIT community]

Shelter · Open

69 Chestnut; [off Brookline St, parallel to Putnum], Cambridge, MA

Web pika.mit.edu/mealplan.html
Service Temporary

All invited! meals at 6:15. Other various events on–going

the following is from 1–11–2024
[for updates, live links, application... go to the link above]
seems like a magical place!

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About the Meal Plan [see more about the house below or at the link above]

Signups

Signups for mealplan happen at the beginning of each quarter. If you're on our social mailing list, pika–social@mit.edu, the signup form will be sent to you then. If you are not on the list and/or want to join mid–quarter; email yfnkm@mit.edu to sign up.
Who can join?

Short answer: anybody! pika's mealplan is open to residents and non–residents alike. Non–resident membership is not at all unusual; the mealplan is often only half residents! Non–MIT students and even non–students can also join––we usually have a few of them around as well.
Pricing and Kitchen Duties

Mealplan is typically around $100 per quarter, which comes out to just a couple dollars per meal.
Half vs. Full Plans

pika offers two mealplan options:

– Full mealplan: Kitchen duty every week, come to dinner pretty much every day.
– Half mealplan: Kitchen duty every two weeks, come to dinner pretty much half the days.

Both plans are the same price; the only difference is frequency of kitchen duty. All residents have full mealplan included in rent. Non–residents typically choose half mealplan.

Kitchen Duties

Mealplan members can either cook or clean. Kitchen duties are done in pairs or triples and usually accompanied by music through our kitchen stereo system, but we pretend it's work anyway.

Other Details [see website at above link]
Dietary Restrictions and Balanced Meals [see website at above link]

Part of cooking for pika is making sure other pikans are healthy. All our meals have vegetables and protein. We always have gluten–free and vegan options, including vegan protein. Also, we post a spreadsheet of mealplanners' favorite and least favorite foods; it's previously been standard to offer cilantro–free and mushroom–free options as a courtesy to mealplanners with strong preferences.
Fancy Dinners

Once a week, we have a fancy supper that we advertise to our social mailing list.

Lates

If you're going to be late for dinner, put in a request to lates.pikans.org and the cooks will save you a take–home box!

Baking

Sometimes, pikans and mealplanners use pika's kitchen and house groceries to make extra things, usually baked goods. As long as the results are shared with the house, and the dishes are cleaned afterwards, this is totally OK!
Baking Parties

Sometimes, pikans get together and bake. We don't actively advertise this, but if you hang around after dinner on the right nights and ask the right questions, you might be lucky enough to find yourself in the midst of one of these spectacular events.

About the house:
[see housetoor at above link]

Basement/Laundry

Free laundry! 2 washers, 2 driers.

Reuse

"Reuse" is MIT jargon for stuff that, rather than having been thrown away, was put in a designated place for other people to pick over. We keep our own, which contains mostly clothing but occasionally tech/tools/outdoor supplies/random other stuff.

Cave

Study room that's good for quiet work in isolation from the usual buzz of activity.

Textbooks/Printers

We have printers. We also have a "textbook library", where pikans put their used textbooks for others to access.

Pantry

We store surplus non–perishable food in this walk–in pantry. Once, many years ago, we had an issue with people leaving the door to the rice/pasta/cereal storage open, and some rodents got in. To fix this, a system was installed such that if you leave the door open for too long, a red light flashed and a casette player starts telling you to close the door in a strange, half–pleading half–irritated tone.

Burrow

Tiny study room with a desk and a chair, and not much else.

TV Room

Sometimes we gather to watch movies and TV here. It also stores most of our board game collection, and several shelves of books.

Label Your Shit

This is the storage room where residents can put their stuff. There's one rule––can you guess what it is?

Shop

We have a nicely–stocked machine shop, suitable for smallish projects or bike repair.

First (Ground) Floor

Murph

The heart of pika, where everyone gathers for house meetings, casual hangouts, and jam sessions.

Dining Room

The second heart of pika, where everyone gathers to eat and talk.

Kitchen

Our massive industrial kitchen, complete with all the spices one could ever want.

Sex Dungeon

Not actually a sex dungeon––this is just our kitchen counter. There are a few stories about the name. One goes that we put up a camera so people could see a live feed of what was being served for dinner, and thought it would be hilarious to put this feed at a URL with "sex dungeon" in it, so that if people were for some reason looking for an MIT sex dungeon, they would just find us serving each other food. We still find it pretty hilarious to send out emails like "Vegan chocolate–chip cookies on the sex dungeon! Come and get them!"

Jazz Lounge

A bunch of couches next to the dining room that's often a nice place for socializing. There are a bunch of abstract paintings on the walls, but no one is really sure how they got there.

Octopus

One of the first floor bathrooms. Has an octopus mural.

Pineapple

One of the first floor bathrooms. Used to be called the Champion, but then an old RA painted pineapples on it.

The Veggie Patch

Name: When this was the RA room, our RA painted a bunch of vegetables on it.

Features: Loft, windows on both sides.

Noise: Quiet (unless your neighbor in the Electric Bluegaloo is loud).

Typical Capacity: Single.
Electric Bluegaloo
Name: A resident painted the whole thing electric blue, and the name stuck. The room was previously called the Sink.

Features: The Electric Bluegaloo is the only room in pika with a sink. It also has a double loft and built–in shelving.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Drug

Name: Some summer residents left a bunch of unusually sketchy drug paraphernelia here once.

Features: Sleeping closet (not in use in the pictures above; if in use, there is much more floor space.)

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Fractal

Name: Cool fractal–y murals!

Features: Aforementioned cool murals.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
The Neptune

Name: Used to be called "The End", because it was at the end of the hall.

Features: Right next to a bathroom and a door out to the deck. View of back yard. Loft.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
Second Floor
The Rush

Name: There are two rumored stories; first, that this was the room interested freshmen would crash in during rush, and second, that this was the room antisocial pikans would hide in during rush. Take your pick.

Features: Corner room (windows on two sides). Cool leopard mural. Window to the second floor balcony.

Noise: Not quiet; above the Murph. Light sleepers should be wary.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Flower

Name: There's a beautiful flowery mural on the door.

Features: Corner room (windows on two sides). Window to the second floor balcony.

Noise: Not quiet; above the dining room. Typically not as loud as the Rush or the Knot.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Knot

Name: Many people initially assume the name is related to the net hanging from the ceiling. Actually, it's from the intricate Celtic knot on the door.

Features: Net hanging from ceiling (has been tested up to supporting 2 medium–sized humans). Corner room (windows on two sides). Sleeping closet. Door sawed in half for more extensive door configuration possibilities. Sleeping closet.

Noise: Not quiet; above the dining room, and sleeping closet borders the Party Shower.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Rainbow

Name: Used to have a big rainbow flag and a rainbow painted radiator. Then it had a Dark Side of The Moon Resistor Color Chart mural. Now it's just an unassuming double.

Features: Door to the second–floor back deck. Brick wall. Loft. Door sawed in half for more extensive door configuration possibilities.

Noise: Not quiet; above the kitchen. Lilah also sometimes mewls to be let in at the deck door.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Wood

Name: Used to have ugly retro fake wood paneling. Then it had a mural of the woods. Neither of these remain, but the name does.

Features: Elegant stork mural. Large closet. Loft.

Noise: Moderate to quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Closet

Name: It's a pretty small room.

Features: Loft.

Noise: Moderate to quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
The Coke

Name: Originally, the door of the Coke was the front of an old–fashioned Coca–Cola vending machine. Due to fire code, we had to replace it with a real door, which we of course painted to resemble a Pepsi vending machine.

Features: One of the largest rooms. Lofts. Corner room (windows on two sides).

Noise: Moderate to quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double or triple.
The Toastie

Name: Once had a mural of a toasted sandwich ("toastie" in the UK) on the door.

Features: Door to the back deck. Loft. Ample shelving.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The T

A bathroom on the second floor, themed around the Boston T system.
Max Occ

A small bathroom named after the sign on the door, which reads "MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY 8000 PERSONS".
Party Shower

The fanciest bathroom in pika, equipped with two showerheads, an extra–large shower, a Bluetooth speaker, and LED party lights.
Third Floor
The Darkness

Name: Once known as "the most hardcore room in pika", painted mostly black. Now it's a little more unassuming.

Features: Skylight. Window to the back deck. Vertical space. Loft. Access to the "void", which is essentially the crawl space between ceiling and roof.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
The Loeb

Name: Comes from the Loeb measure in mathematics; all of the walls are kind of at funny angles.

Features: Door to back deck. Corner room; windows on two sides. Loft; bottom of loft lights up.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Maze

Name: Once had a maze mural on one of the walls. Then it was painted over, and then another maze mural was painted. Then that was painted over too.

Features: Corner room; windows on two sides.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double.
The Dragon

Name: Unknown.

Features: Funky slanted ceiling with stars on it. Nice view over front yard.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single.
The Compass

Name: Comes from the spinner on the wall. You spin once, and land on an adjective from one of the circles of words. Spin again to get a noun from the other circle. Then explain what this combination would be like as a sex position. Oscillating centaur, anyone?

Features: Compass game. Corner room; windows on two sides. Loft. Roof access through a window. Interesting door with what appears to be a porthole.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Single or double.
The Skylight

Name:A tiny single originally named "the coffin" for the coffin–like cubby where residents often put their bed. Most of this room used to be wasted space under the roof. Then one day, a pikan who had scored low in the singles lottery asked the house if he were to create a new single, could he live in it? When they agreed, he knocked down the walls of a small third floor closet and recovered the lost space into a really cool room. More recently, a pikan installed a skylight during work week, and got everyone to call it "the skylight".

Features: Skylight. Interesting shape.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double or triple.
The Pirate Ship

Name: Once had a big projector and screen, and some took to calling it the screening room. Then they started calling it the pirate ship. Guess why.

Features: Very large room. Nice pirate–themed murals. Corner room; windows on two sides.

Noise: Quiet.

Typical Capacity: Double or triple.
Murphlet

A small common area with couches and a workbench alternately used for arts and crafts, sewing projects, and electrical engineering projects.
The Operating Room

We got the door for the third–floor bathroom when a bio lab was being demolished––it used to go on one of the big specimen freezers. So the bathroom has an old–school–sanitorium aesthetic.

Deck

Our wooden deck spans all three stories of the house!

FAQ:

How do I apply to live at pika?
Our rush process is described here.
How do I get on the mealplan?
Email yfnkm at mit.edu to sign up! Feel free to come over and try it out a few times first.
Whom do I contact with questions?
pika–questions at mit.edu
How do I hear about events at pika?
Sign up for pika–social, our low–volume announcement list! We keep a sign–up sheet in the dining room, or you can email pika–questions at mit.edu. This mailing list will only inform you about big events, not the smaller, more private ones––for that you'll need to get to know people a little.
What if I don't know anyone?
Come over anyway! All of our best friends used to be strangers, and it's not unusual to have a couple new people at dinners (especially during rush, or on Fridays).
What is an ILG?
An ILG is an Independent Living Group, which is MIT's category for living groups that are not dorms and not greek. We live in a house in a residential neighborhood, which we own, and are entirely self–managed. We answer to neither a national organization nor MIT–installed officials.
How much does it cost to live at pika?
Definitely less than a dorm would cost you. We're a pretty thrifty bunch, and we have complete control over how our money is spent. Rent is decided by house consensus each semester, and is typically in the $3000–$3500 range.

Note: this does not apply to summer pricing, which is fixed each semester before summer begins and based on number of roommates.
Do I need to wear clothes at pika?
Nope! pika is clothing–optional. This doesn't mean everyone is naked all the time, but it does mean that occasional non–sexual nudity is something residents are expected to be okay with.
Does pika allow smoking?
Yes, as long as it's not so public and/or excessive that it bothers other people. We call this rule "keep it ignorable".
Does pika allow drinking?
Same as our smoking policy above.
Does pika have/allow pets?
We have communally owned house animals (in the past we've had cats, chickens, turtles, and bees), but currently do not own any. However, as of 2023, we have residents with cat allergies, so we can't keep cats that would roam freely around the house. If you are the human to cats and would be okay with keeping them strictly in your room, then email us about it and we can discuss. However, reptiles, small rodents, and fish are fine.
Can I live at pika if I'm not an MIT student?
Unfortunately, no. We're supported by MIT as an Independent Living Group, and part of that designation is that we can only house MIT students. However, non–MIT folks can live at pika over the summer!
Can I come for dinner if I'm not on mealplan?
Yep! We welcome everybody! If you want extra brownie points, you could even come early and help cook. ;)
Can I come for dinner if I'm not an MIT student?
Absolutely!

Can I be on mealplan if I'm not an MIT student?
Yep! We pretty consistently have a few non–MIT mealplanners and we always welcome more.

Services offered: Art Project; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Meeting space; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Cooked Meals; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; New "Business" Models; Social Change Initiative
Updated Aug 10, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10631

Cornerstone Co–Housing (housing co–op)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Cambridge, MA

Web www.cornerstonecohousing.org
Service Temporary

from a BCN mailing:

We share a lovely living room, dining room, modern kitchen and two full baths in a large, sunny, modern two–story condo in Cornerstone Cohousing (www.cornerstonecohousing.org). North Cambridge

The apartment faces south and, with plenty of window space and double sliding glass doors out to a small balcony, is light and bright. It has hardwood floors, high ceilings, skylight, gas stove, washer/dryer on the same floor as the apartment, some basement storage, and relatively easy bike and on–street parking. The available bedroom, on the second floor, is large and has carpeted floors and a huge walk–in closet. The community is on the bike path and is a 5 min walk to Alewife, 10 min to Davis Square, and 20 min to Porter Square.

As part of the community you will have access to common spaces including a common dining room and kitchen, den, arts and crafts room, large sundeck off the building, kids' playroom, exercise room and gardens. You will be welcomed to participate in community activities - for example, shared dinners and parties.

http://boston.craigslist.org/gbs/roo/4885011259.html

–– Let your thoughts be positive for they will become your words. Let your words be positive for they will become your actions. Let your actions be positive for they will become your values. Let your values be positive for they will become your destiny. – Mahatma Gandi

Services offered: Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Feb 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9922

Democracy Center, The (meeting spaces and small dance hall)

Walk–in Resource · Standby

45 Mt Auburn, Cambridge, MA

Web www.democracycenter.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

WHAT IS THE DEMOCRACY CENTER?

Headquarters For 7 Non Profit Organizations
Host To Over 100 National & Local Organizations
Home To Over 500 Events Per Year & growing

MISSION

The Democracy Center works to foster a more vibrant local and global democracy by supporting more sustainable, united and stronger communities of action. We do this by providing non–profits and other groups, which directly promote our mission, affordable space for meetings, events, fundraisers, etc. and by connecting student organizers to local campaigns.
HISTORY

Since its founding in 2001, the Democracy Center has gone through many changes. The Center is a vibrant activist and progressive community space located in the heart of Harvard Square. In a city where independent non–commercial space is rare, the Center provides an exciting alternative space for a variety of student and community groups in and around the Boston area.

The Center has become a true progressive community hub. From 60 families who pick up their farm shares every week in the summer, to local youth after–school programs, to author and Obama's transition team strategist Mike Lux presenting his new book, the Center offers the progressive community a place to meet, network, collaborate and participate in other cultural and educational activities. In addition to providing space for events, movie showings, meetings, workshops, and classes, we are taking the first steps to develop our student–community organizing initiative. Our work lies in providing both student and community groups with the necessary information, training, and tools to work together in order to achieve our common goals for justice and peace.

To book a room go to the site and look for the button to book a room

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Facility: Library; Facility: Meeting space; Facility: Recreation Center; Information Resource, Booklets, Resource Materials for Volunteers; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights, First Amendment; New "Business" Models, Education; Pamphlets, Educational Pamphlets; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, for Teens; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Party, Anniversary Event; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Oct 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9847

New Economy @ MIT (education & coordination)

Info/Hotline · Open

Cambridge, MA

Contact coordinator
Email NewEconomy–Exec at MIT dot edu
Web neweconomy.scripts.mit.edu/home
Service Temporary

Subscribe to our listserv: http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/neweconomy/

Join our Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/neweconomyMIT/

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Economic; Documentation, Environmental Education; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Management Advice; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Disaster Mitigation; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Solidarities International
Updated Mar 19, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9859

Fresh Start, Furniture Bank [free sharing]

Warehouse · Open

Hudson, MA

Web www.freshstartfurniturebank.org
Service Temporary

Fresh Start is located at 16 Brent Drive in Hudson.

Fresh Start Furniture Bank is a volunteer based charity which provides free furniture and home goods to people in need. All of the items that we distribute have been donated.

In 2018 we expect to furnish ~660 households (1,770 people) with ~18,000 items at about $100/household!

Mission:
Fresh Start Furniture Bank helps restore hope, dignity, and stability in our community by recycling donated furniture and housewares, for free, to people in need. Our secondary goal is to keep these items out of the waste stream.

Who we serve:
The people served by Fresh Start have at least one thing in common — they need help during a difficult time.

Fresh Start's customers are individuals and families in transition who need help to rebuild their lives. They include:

Women and children escaping abusive domestic situations
People coming out of shelters or halfway houses
Individuals and families in recovery from physical and mental illness
Veterans
Victims of fires, floods or hurricanes
Refugees and recent immigrants to the U.S.
The working poor

What we do:

Fresh Start collects donations of furniture and home goods from the public and distributes them, for free, to people in need. In order to receive furniture people must obtain a referral from a social service agency. They then have 30 days to come in and select their items. We stock just about everything to furnish a household. They may place the items on hold for up to 1 week while they arrange transportation for the items.

Some Statistics:
Agencies Families Helped Items Distributed
2014 75 180 2,435
2015 140 257 4,115
2016 196 328 8,244
2017 265 439 15,184
2018 (est) 320 600 19,000
2019 (est)
380 770 24,000

Budget:

Our 2019 budget, our budget is quite simple: We have a $120K budget which basically consists of $80K for rent, $21K part time employee, $5K to run our truck and $14K for other expenses such as insurance, dumpster, Internet, utilities, etc. Due to this tight fiscal management, we can furnish an entire household for about $150. Think about that...

Obtaining a Referral

If you need furniture or household goods, you must go to one of the following agencies and have them submit an on–line referral.
https://www.freshstartfurniturebank.org/agency_map.php
You may only receive 1 referral over your life–time. This referral is valid for 30 days.
You will have a maximum of 3 visits to select your items.
We stock sofas, upholstered chairs, dressers, beds, night stands/end tables, kitchen tables & chairs, cabinets, shelves, pots, pans, dishes, linens, small appliances and many other items.
We do not stock mattresses, TVs or large appliances.
If we have an item in stock, you must select from our existing stock.
You should be at the store a minimum of 45 minutes before it closes.
If you do not speak English, please bring someone who can interpret for you.
We have volunteers in the store who will assist you in selecting items.
We do not provide a delivery service.
Plan to take items with you on the day that you visit.
You may place items on hold 1 time while you obtain transportation.
Items placed on hold must be picked up within 7 days.
If you bring children with you, you must supervise them at all times.
Our customer policies can be downloaded in either English, Portuguese or Spanish

Estimated Inventory, January 2019 [see updates at: https://www.freshstartfurniturebank.org/inventory.php

The following is an ESTIMATE of what we have in inventory. You may find more or less of what the following shows. This is updated twice a week and in between items may have gone out or come in. Do not base your decision to come to Fresh Start upon these numbers. Remember that your referral will close 30 days from when it submitted and you will not get another referral.

"Qty On Hand" is what we estimate we have in the store.
"Qty On Hold" is what is being held for customers.

Group Item Name Qty On Hand
Beds Bunk Bed 0
Headboard: Full/Twin 28
Headboard: King/Queen 4
Metal Bed Frame 11
Toddler Bed 0
Cabinets Bookcase/Shelf 16
Buffet/Sideboard 1
China Cabinet 0
Dresser/Armoire 29
Hutch – Kitchen 0
Storage Cabinet 9
Trunk 0
TV/Microwave stand 8
Lamps Floor Lamp 1
MassSave LED bulbs 1168
Table Lamp 39
Misc Artwork 99

Mirror 9
Rug 6
Seating Couch/Sofa 15
Dining/Kitchen Chair 107
Footstool/Ottoman 4
Loveseat 5
Misc chair/Bar Stool 38
Rocker 3
Upholstered Chair/Recliner23
Tables Coffee Table 12
Desk 4
End Table/Nightstand 39
Kitchen/Dining table 14
Misc table 2

Services offered: Furniture, Chairs * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Children's Furniture; Furniture, Furniture Bank; Furniture, Living Room, Couch; Furniture, Storage, Book Shelves; Furniture, Tables * (ANY/ALL Types); New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 7, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10129

Littleton Community Farm

Walk–in Resource · Open

Littleton, MA
Web littletoncommunityfarm.com/seed–library–littleton
Service Temporary

Services offered: Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Northeast Organic Farming Association; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 20, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9947

Parts and Crafts (UnSchooling/FREESCHOOL for kids AND adults, makerspace/thinkerspace! $ for those who can afford it)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Somerville, MA
Web partsandcrafts.org/about–us
Service Temporary

Services offered: Art Project; Art Therapy Program For Disaster Survivors; Assistance, Referrals, Childcare/Childrens Programs; Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Education, Unschooling; Entertainment, Arts; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/ Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "Business" Models, Education; Resource Bank; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; School * (ANY/ALL Types); School, College, Community College; School, Elementary; School, Kindergarten; School, New Educational Concept; Service, Bartering; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Kid's Cafe Program (Youth); Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Summer Camp; Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Tool Bank, Community; Tool Lending; Training Workshops, Art Workshops; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9903

Somerville Tool Library NOT FREE ($50/yr, free tool loans, fix it advice)

Open Business* · Open

Somerville, MA
Web www.somervilletoollibrary.com/faq2.html
Service Temporary

See live links at website above:

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a tool Library

2. Where is the Tool Library Located?

3.How do I become a member?

4.What are the rules and policies?

Answers

1. A tool library is a library that loans tools. For a yearly membership fee, borrowers over 18 can borrow up to 7 tools per week from our growing collection of power and hand tools.
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2. The Somerville Tool Library is located inside Parts and Crafts, the family hackerspace located at 577 Somerville Ave. across from Conway Park outside of Union Square. Street parking is available.
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3. Membership costs $50 per year. You must be 18 years or older and sign the Membership Agreement and a Waiver. You can pay by paypal via this form or by making out a check to The Somerville Tool Library and mailing it to: The Somerville Tool Library 577 Somerville Ave. Somerville MA 02143

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4. The rules and policies of the Tool Library are laid out in the Membership Agreement

Services offered: Building Materials, Green Building Materials; Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Directories, Recycling; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Library Services * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Library Services, Not–Just–Books Lending; LOAN ONLY, Power Tools; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Bank; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Saw Horse; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Arts & Crafts; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Kniting/Crochet, Knitting Circle; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Knitting/Crochet Circle; Social Events, Party / Festival; Tool Bank, Community; Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Drill; Tools, Garden Tools; Tools, Hand Tools (Srewdrivers, etc.) * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Masonry Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, PowerTools * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Prybar; Tools, Saw * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools, Tape Measure; Tools, Tool Set, Electricians Tool Set; Tools, Tool Set, Plumbers Tool Set
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network); Tribal Communities
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9902

Herbert Simpson Co–op (housing cooperative)

Shelter · Open

Somerville – Davis Square, MA

Service Temporary

Do you like giant potlucks with lots of friends and new faces, music, movies, and adorable tiny humans? If so, you might be a good person to join our humble but mighty co–op in Davis Square. We are seeking a new housemate starting April 1st or earlier –– $775 rent (plus $200 per month for food and utilities)

About our co–op:

We value community, and hope to find a sixth member of our house who can add to the lovely homey feeling we have with each other. We are a more tightly–knit group than your average set of housemates (or even than your average co–op). We have all the usual co–op trappings, including a house account which we use to buy our CSA and groceries (mostly organic), and we like to host fun events like music soirees, storytelling nights, and indoor and outdoor movie nights. But, most importantly, we act like a small family: we share our lives and take care of each other.

About us:

There are five humans and one cat currently living in the house: a couple in their early 40s, their six–month–old baby, and two men in their mid–to–late 20s (...and the cat is nine years old). Among us are entrepreneurs, teachers, computer programmers, musicians, and travelers.

About our house:

We live in the top two floors of a classic Somerville house. Our apartment is beautiful and spacious, with a big kitchen (gorgeous gas stove) and two full bathrooms. It's newly renovated, with central AC. There is storage and free laundry in the basement. We have a shared driveway if you have a car, but the walk to Davis Square is 5–7 mins. The available room is the largest bedroom in the house with a massive walk–in closet.

About you:

We are looking for someone who enjoys hanging out with housemates but also has some of their own interesting passions. Ideally, you have experience living with groups and you look forward to inviting cool people to the social events we organize in our lovely home. Bonus points if you love cooking, playing instruments and activism.

About life with a baby:

The non–parents in the household can attest that living with a baby has been less challenging than you'd think. The parents do chores like everyone else, and we are now hosting events just like we did before the babe. And, as for the crying, current housemates haven't been disturbed. The house is fairly soundproof, the baby is fairly calm, and his adorableness supersedes any mild inconvenience.

If that sounds like a place you'd like to live, please fill out this mini–application <https://docs.google.com/a/mail.goucher.edu/forms/d/1NR13R1GiJhk4C2p1xwP9D–LbBqr––tURyUlIg–dDMs0/viewform>. We look forward to hearing from you!

Yours,
Herbert Simpson Coop

Services offered: Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 11, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9932

Stone Soup Collective, Cooperative Farm and CSA

Open Business* · Open

Springfield, MA
Web valleyworker.org/members/stone–soup–farm
Service Temporary

Services offered: Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9810

Central Mass PermaCulture Meetup

Walk–in Resource · Standby

Worcester, MA
Service Temporary

the last we heard of this group was this link, which no longer works http://www.meetup.com/Central–Mass–Permaculture/events/155299912/

But we know you're out there! so we're keeping this listing in as inspiration to find you all! please touch base if you know what's happened to the group

Also, here's a greater Boston permaculture Meet up group which looks similar: https://www.meetup.com/Boston–Permaculture/

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Documentation, Environmental Education; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Social

Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Training Classes, Agronomy
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Dec 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9844

Diggers Co-operative (landscaping, permaculture, etc)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcesterroots.org/projects-and-programs/diggers
Service Temporary

Who are we? We are a landscaping cooperative operating in the Worcester County area. Permaculture, landscaping, gardening, maintenance and design. We do it all!

We are a Worcester based landscaping cooperative that provides a variety of yard and garden services specializing in permaculture. We are committed to working closely with homeowners to create functional, aesthetically pleasing, and sustainable spaces that fit into the client's lifestyle. Our members are experienced in various forms of landscaping, farming, permaculture, masonry, and construction. We love what we do and bring that passion with us to every job! We are available to work jobs of all scales and scopes; from weeding and routine maintenance to garden planting and permaculture design. For the safety of our clients, our workers, the environment, and future generations we practice sustainable landscaping. We avoid the use of dangerous chemicals, heavy machinery, and use loud equipment only when necessary. As a worker cooperative, we seek to keep our overhead low, allowing us a living wage while still keeping our services affordable. Its always cheaper when you don't have to pay a boss who does no work!

• Fall and Spring Clean Up
• Lead Soil Testing and Remediation
• Patios
• Invasive Plant Removal
• Lawn Care
• Raised Beds
• Gardening Design and Installation
• Composting
• Masonry and Stonework
• Foodscapes
• Permaculture

We are a worker cooperative, which means that the organization is run and owned by its workers, splitting costs and profits equally among our membership. In this way we create a more democratic way of doing business!
For landscaping that supports a local co-op and Worcester's Solidarity and Green Economy, give us a call!

CONTACT:
(774) 314-7344
diggerscooperative @ gmail.com

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); Recycling, Composting; Recycling, Natural Resources; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Tools, Agricultural Tools * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots
Updated Apr 6, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9860

Energy Barn Raising (free/donation requested energy saving retrofitting)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcesterroots.org/projects-and-programs/worcester-energy-barnraisers
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The Worcester Energy Barnraisers strive to promote environmental sustainability as well as social and economic justice though collaborative home energy efficiency projects. We organize energy barn-raisings which empower and inspire diverse groups of people to take energy conservation into their own hands. Through barn-raisings, volunteers have the opportunity to learn valuable, replicable skills from team leaders that they can use to gain experience for green collar jobs, and apply at home to trim down energy consumption and heating bills while simultaneously reducing our collective carbon footprint. We are translating the negative effects of climate change into inclusive community solutions that are accessible to everyone.

See video at the above link

Website: www.energybarnraising.org
Email: energybarnraising @ gmail.com
Phone: 508–377–3932

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Construction, Green/Energy Retrofit; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Weatherization Services; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Apr 6, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9861

Firehouse, The (The Firehouse) (Co–housing community)

Shelter · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.facebook.com/firehouseworcester
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from the Go! mailing list:

Right now there are a couple life–changing opportunities to live at The Firehouse <https://www.facebook.com/firehouseworcester> (especially 4 women/non–dudes)– what's this mean, what could you do? You could book a show, make a very large sculpture/painting, host a workshop, make a fire, tend a garden, eat good food, party at home, dance on main floor, play music in basement, be a mechanic in the garage, meet great people –– and that's just within the space, you can also run to green hill park, swim/walk trails at bell pond, eat at the amazing vegan jamaican soul food place, walk downtown/distant castle/highland/shrewsbury street/kelley square easily. You probably already know this, but it's more than just a place to crash –– it's a creative platform on which you fly your flag and simultaneously tap into a great community. Awesome situation, will actually change your life, I can attest!

Please get in touch if interested.

Love,

DC

firehouseworcester @ gmail. com

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Crash Space; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Pay–what–you–can; Meals, Vegan; New "business models", housing; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Music; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Events, Party / Festival
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 24, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9940

Massachusetts Farm to Schol (training program for kids to learn about food production)

School · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.massfarmtoschool.org
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As posted on the Go Worcester List:

This is an AMAZING thing that we do with our kids, so apply!
TN

> On Dec 11, 2013, at 10:59 AM, "Burgess, Isabel" <IBurgess @clarku.edu> wrote:
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> Hey Go,
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> The Massachusetts Farm to School Project's Worcester Kindergarten Initiative is looking for interns and volunteers! The KI is a nutritional and agricultural education program for very young public school students here in Worcester. This semester, we are hoping to bring on a team of three interns and a group of five dedicated volunteers to help us with our work. If you are interested or would like more information, please email your resume and questions to Isabel at isabel@massfarmtoschool.org or Lauren at lauren@massfarmtoschool.org.
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> Thank you!
> Isabel
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> Isabel K. Burgess
> Kindergarten Initiative Evaluation and Education Specialist
> Massachusetts Farm to School Project
> isabel @massfarmtoschool.org
> (207) 632-9544
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Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Events, Community Meetings; Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Youth Services; New "Business" Models; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; School * (ANY/ALL Types); School, Elementary; School, Kindergarten; School, New Educational Concept; Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Kid's Cafe Program (Youth); Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training, Farming, Organic; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Youth, After-School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Northeast Organic Farming Association; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 21, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9842

Nuestro Huerto (Community Urban Farm)

Walk-in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA
Web nuestrohuertoworcester.wordpress.com
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Services offered: Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "business" models, Food Production/ Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Plants * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; New "Business" Models; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots
Updated Jan 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9948

SAGE Alliance, Worcester (Sustainable Economy Network)

Info/Hotline · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcestersagealliance.org/?page_id=239
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Services offered: Assistance, for non-profits (In General); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots; Worker Owned Co-Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9834

Stone Soup, Worcester (collective space, meetings, events, training)

Walk-in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.stonesoupworcester.org/stone-soup-mission

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Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Meeting space; Meals, Pay–what–you–can; Meals, Vegan; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Arts Community / Artist Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Homelessness Relief Services; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9835

Straight Up Cafe (youth–run, community space)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.straightup–worcester.com
Service Temporary

from the site:

Straight Up Cafe and Community Center is a non–profit social venture of Straight Ahead Ministries, Inc. All donations and proceeds benefit youth in our aftercare programs who are learning to take responsibility for their lives through business and service opportunities.

You'll find Straight Up Cafe and Community Center adjacent to The New You, an upscale resale store operated by our youth.

Services offered: Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Meeting space; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Kid's Cafe Program (Youth); Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Training Classes, Business Skills; Training, Job Training; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 14, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9841

Worcester Roots (economic development for social justice, workshops, organizing)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.worcesterroots.org/about–2/about
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Co–Op workshops and collective organizing/learning

See materials: http://www.worcesterroots.org/calendar–of–events/co–ops/

WARNING: the online stuff is free, and some events are free, but the hard core training costs hundreds of dollars. I hear it's worth it. But just letting you know...

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Community Garden Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Facility: Meeting space; Facility: Recreation Center; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Recreation *(any/all types); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training, Activism; Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business, Specifically Co–Op; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Economics; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Finance; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Governance; Training Classes, Online/Virtual Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Farming, Organic; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Trainin, Social Awareness; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Homelessness Relief Services; Neighborhood Network; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy

Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots
Updated Apr 21, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9836

Access Strategies – Solidarity Economy Project – Funding for grassroots groups committed to building a "solidarity economy"

Donor · Open

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Web www.accessstrategies.org/funding/solidary-economy-initiative
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The Solidarity Economy Initiative (SEI) emerged from Access Strategies' Economic Democracy Fund and is a new Massachusetts based funding program developed by Access Strategies Fund, Boston Impact Initiative, the Center for Economic Democracy and the Solidago Foundation. As a capacity building program, SEI will provide funding, collective training and technical assistance to a cohort of Massachusetts based grassroots organizations. SEI seeks to build power and evolve strategies towards a long term social movement capable of transforming American capitalism into a just, sustainable, and democratic economy.

Massachusetts Movement Branches
The concept of a funded grassroots learning process came from a recognition that the energy to develop analysis, vision, and leadership for long term transformation requires time and resources that organizations lack. At the same time, frontline groups are already evolving the field, seeding new co-ops, creating land trusts and practicing participatory budgeting. This learning process funds organizations to allocate staff time and support leaders to collectively develop more ambitious and long term organizing strategies for the grassroots sector.

Services offered: Advocacy, For Non-Profits; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, for non-profits (In General); Business Services, Co-Op oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Business Services, Micro-Lending; Fundraising Tools, for Non Profit Orgs; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Civic Affairs; Grants, Community Development; Grants, Education; Grants, Start up Funding for Social Enterprises; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 17, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10005

Bostom Community Cooperatives ("Creating Permanent Affordable Communities") networking/sharing community

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web bcc.coop
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Donations, In-Kind Donation, Services; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co-Housing, Co-Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re-use (NO FEE); Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Bank; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9905

Boston Area Housing Co-ops (directory of housing co-operatives)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web bostoncoops.org/directory
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Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Advocacy, Human Rights; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Online Database Resource; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Rental Listings; Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; New "business models", housing; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9788

Boston Center for Community Ownership (FREE: Learn how to start a Cooperatively Run Business!)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web bcco.coop
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Co–op 101 Courses! The business school for people who care about people, planet, peace!

Services offered: Advocacy, For Non–Profits; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Counseling, Financial/Budget Counseling; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Legal, Services, Consultation for Non–Profit Organizations; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School, Adult Education/ Adult School; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Non–Profit Managers; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9825

Center for Popular Economics – Consulting for Solidarity–based Economies

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.popularеconomics.org
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The Center for Popular Economics is a nonprofit collective of political economists based in Amherst, MA. Since our founding in 1979, thousands of people have participated in our workshops and Institutes. Our programs and publications demystify the economy and put useful economic tools in the hands of people fighting for social and economic justice. We examine root causes of economic inequality and injustice including systems of oppression based on race, class, gender, nation and ethnicity.image0000

CPE provides a forum for activists, organizers, educators, and progressive economists to come together, learn from one another and work to build a movement for social and economic justice.

Learn about solidarity economics: http://www.popularеconomics.org/resources/

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Advocacy, Worker Rights; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 17, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10006

Central Valley Tenants Union [organizing tools/legal/tactical templates]

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA
Web centralvalleytenantsunion.wordpress.com
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facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/CentralValleyTU/

The Central Valley Tenants Union (CVTU) is a solidarity network of tenants in Hampshire County, formed during the Covid–19 crisis. Committed to organizing for housing justice from below, we strategize together to defend access to housing. We are currently working to distribute up–to–date information and support those interested in organizing tenant associations and solidarity networks. We invite any tenants in Hampshire county and beyond to get in touch and join our efforts during this crisis.

*We live in the Kwinitekw (Connecticut River) Valley on unceded Nonotuck land. We acknowledge our neighboring Indigenous nations: the Nipmuc and the Wampanoag to the East, the Mohegan and Pequot to the South, the Mohican to the West, and the Abenaki to the North. We believe that our current predicament in which housing is exploited for the profit of the few at the expense of the many cannot be understood without the context of the original theft of this land from its original inhabitants.

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Legal Assistance
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions
Updated May 3, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10426

City Life / Vida Urbana (Foreclosure Legal Defense Assistance and Housing Rights Advocacy)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web clvu.org/our-work/programs-campaigns/bank-organizing-post-foreclosure-eviction-defense-campaign
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Using a model and strategy CL/VU refers to as “the sword and the shield”,

The Shield-Legal Defense: We work closely with tenant and homeowners informing them of their rights through legal services assistance, education, and ongoing casework and legal advocacy.
The Sword-Direct Action: Encouraging residents to stay in their homes, we organize blockades, vigils and other public actions to exert public pressure on the banks. We then draw on the potential of a non-profit bank, Boston Community Capital, to purchase at current real value the homes of foreclosed residents and where possible to resell it to them.

See also, advice on how to use the "administrative process" to stop illegal/unethical foreclosure:

http://wiki.occupyboston.org/wiki/Info_on_using_the_Administrative_Process_for_Foreclosure_Issues

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Hotline, Legal Advice & Assistance (Seniors/Elders); Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Legal, Attorney, Pro Bono Attorney, Volunteer; Services, Financial, Counseling, Mortgage-Foreclosure Problems; Training, Activism; Training, Citizen Activism, Constitutional Law
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 1, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9681

Co-Operative Fund of New England (responsible lending/start up loans/advice/training)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web www.coopfund.coop
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Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Investment Firms (Responsible/Sustainable); Financial Assistance, Loans, Low Interest Loans; Information Resource, Management Advice; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Training, Green Building
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Government, Federal; Government Housing Authority; Government, Small Business Administration (SBA); Government, State/County; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9795

Food Not Bombs – Massachusetts Listings (FREE FOOD – SHARING)

Walk-in Resource · Open

MA

Web foodnotbombs.net/massachusetts.html
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Regular food sharing, usually vegan, usually w/music. Donations go to help feed people at rallies and social justice events, and to generally share food in general.

ALL KNOWN GROUPS IN MASSACHUSETTS

This page was updated November 12, 2013
There are 14 known groups in Massachusetts

Beverly
beverlyfoodnotbombs@gmail. com

www. beverlyfoodnotbombs.blogspot.com
meet every Friday infront of the 1st Baptist Church on Cabot Street to cook and Serve at 11am every Friday on the Beverly Commons.

Boston/Cambridge
fnbboston@gmail.com
fnboston@lists.riseup.net
fnbboston.org
Fridays 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Park Street Station, Boston.
Sundays 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Central Square Station, Cambridge.

Brookline
PrymordyalSoup@aol.com

Greenfield/Franklin County Food Not Bombs
foodnotbombsgreenfield@ gmail.com

Hyannis
rifullgirl58@comcast.net
Sharing meals on Main Street. Email for details.

Lawrence
We share free food every SUN in front of the YMCA
wearethelast77@hotmail.com

Lowell
EVERY Saturday from 12–3 in Kerouac Park on Bridge Street.

Metrowest
Based out of Ashland and Framingham
foodnotbombsmetrowest@ gmail.com

Northampton
foodnotbombspv@gmail.com

Fridays
Around 3:00 pm in Pulaski Park
(right near the Academy of Music Bus Stop)
Meals and groceries

Sundays
Around 3:00 pm in Pulaski Park
(right near the Academy of Music Bus Stop)
Meals and groceries

Southbridge
southbridgefoodnotbombs@ gmail.com
google.com/ site/southbridefoodnotbombs/

Worcester
We cook every Saturday at noon and serve food at 2 behind City Hall.
Contact: 774–239–2670
Email us at: fnbworcester@gmail.com
And visit our facebook site at: www.facebook.com/pages/Worcester–Food–Not–Bombs

Pioneer Valley
foodnotbombspv@gmail.com
Fridays
Around 3:00 pm in Pulaski Park
(right near the Academy of Music Bus Stop)
Meals and groceries

Sundays
Around 3:00 pm in Pulaski Park
(right near the Academy of Music Bus Stop)
Meals and groceries

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Vegan; New

"business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Food; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Green–Rainbow Party; Homelessness Relief Services; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9748

Food Project, The (youth farming initiative)

School · Open

MA
Web thefoodproject.org/what–we–do
Service Temporary

Services offered: New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School, New Educational Concept; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Training, Job Training
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9784

FreeFood.org (FREE FOOD listings, online database) (mostly just food pantries so far)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.freefood.org/s/massachusetts
Service Temporary

from the site:

About Free Food

Free Food is not associated with any government agency or nonprofit organization. We list Free Food centers throught the US.

[Not sure if they are positioning to start advertising or what. But they don't have a statement of principle...so not sure]

Services offered: Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Hungry; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Online Database Resource; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 3, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9754

Happy Cow (online database of vegetarian/vegan ~ responsible restaurants) (NOT FREE)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web www.happycow.net/north_america/usa/massachusetts
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Meals, Vegan; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 5, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9885

Jobs with Justice (Advocacy, worker rights, organizer training) [statewide Covid 19 muutal aid networks]

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA
Web www.massjwj.net
Service Temporary

main Jobs w/Justice site in Washington: http://www.jwj.org/about–us/

Covid19 list of mutual aid networks:

https://www.massjwj.net/news/2020/3/17/cover–19–mutual–aid–networks

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Demographic Served: LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Undocumented Individuals; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Demographic Served: Uninsured; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Events, Protest Actions; Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights, First Amendment; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Legal Assistance; Services, Legal, Immigration Legal Services; Training, Activism; Training, Citizen Activism, Constitutional Law; Training Classes, Immigrant Worker Rights Instruction; Training, Government Policy; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Legal
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Jobs with Justice; Neighborhood Network; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Apr 25, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9827

Massachusetts Calendar of Activist Actions

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web wiki.occupyboston.org/wiki/CALENDARS
Service Temporary

as of June 2014:
The super officially [Occupy Boston calendar is here], look to the right of the page after you click on the link, but don't neglect to check out those below here because there is a LOT more "unofficial" stuff going on http://www.occupyboston.org/

[Rule 19's FANTASTIC calendar], perhaps the best one in the state for EVERYTHING...it's not specific to any one venue or group. GET ON IT! The corresponding email list (which doesn't always have everything on this calendar, by the way), but the email list "to be on" is the Act–MA.org list. Thanks to PF Soto for keeping this calendar stuff to the gils with great stuff to do! http://www.rule19.org/

[Encuentro 5's calendar] is primarily stuff at that location or that the org is co–sponsoring, but still great. That page also has other calendars to check out. We can't keep up with them, so make sure you do! http://www.encuentro5.org/home/calendar

[Jobs With Justice] workers rights calendar http://massjwj.net/event

[350MA.org's calendar] if you're interested in divestment from fossil fuel, their main gig right now, and protesting fossil fuel use. If you are interested in other environmental stuff that may not be on their calendar, try PetitionersCommandRespect@gmail.com, for things like Rights–based–ordinances, Western MA pipeline resistance, etc. http://350ma.org/calendar/

[Democracy Center] calendar of lectures, concerts, meetings, etc http://www.democracycenter.org/calendar–of–events/

[Community Church of Boston] calendar of lectures, workshops, meetings, etc http://www.communitychurchofboston.org/home/?page_id=14

[Lucy Parsons Bookshop] calendar of lectures, workshops, meetings, etc GREAT vegan potluck...CHECK IT OUT! http://lucyparsons.org/calendar.php

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Advocacy, Worker Rights; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Events, Community Meetings; Events, Donation Drive; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Media, Online News Reports; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 5, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9886

Protect Our Cape Cod Water Aquifer (POCCA) advocacy, education, action

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web poccacapecod.org
Service Temporary

from the website:

POCCA was founded in July 2013 in response to growing concerns about water quality on Cape Cod. The Cape Cod Commission's Regional Wastewater Management Plan points out that all the towns of Cape Cod share a water table, and many

of the Cape's watersheds straddle more than one town. In other words, waste–water and drinking water problems are a Cape–wide issue, not an issue each town can solve on its own. Several local towns experienced voter rejection of well–planned water infrastructure projects which were deemed unaffordable at the municipal level. We have to work together on a regional level to solve these problems.
POCCA was formed to help disseminate information and help educate the public about the growing problems and possible solutions regarding water management, as well as lobby for tighter controls over pesticide, herbicide and fertilizer use on Cape Cod.

POCCA'S most pressing issue is to prevent NSTAR from spraying herbicidal applications on Cape Cod's power lines. To see how you can help, please visit the POCCA NSTAR page.

Our Unique Landscape
Cape Cod's landscape is unique—a fragile sandbar jutting far out to sea, surrounded by salt water and with an abundance of ponds, estuaries and bays but no major rivers or reservoirs. Our water is drawn from one source—from the ground, from the single aquifer that we all share. Each town on the Cape—even Provincetown, which has no potable water of its own and get its water from Truro—pumps its water from the ground. So no town is immune to potential water contamination.
The Cape Cod Commission's Regional Wastewater Management Plan http://www.capecodcommission.org features maps showing the cross–boundary watersheds, as well as the degree of concern for each of the 14 towns on the Cape. As one would expect, there is greater concern in the Upper Cape, in the built–up areas of Falmouth and Hyannis, than in the Outer Cape towns where much of the land is protected by the Cape Cod National Seashore.

Let's do all we can to protect Cape Cod's drinking water!

Natural step forward for Provincetown municipal lawns—
Provincetown hires a Non–Toxic Consultant.
POCCA encourages all other Cape towns to adopt the same practices as Provincetown.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training, Landscaping
Campaigns: Democracy School / CELDF (Human/Nature Rights Legal Training); Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 5, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9887

Time Trade Circle (Bartering Network – NO MONEY)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web timetradecircle.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

The Time Trade Circle is a local bank - but we keep track of time. When you spend an hour of your time performing a service for somebody else, we credit you with one Timebank Hour. You can cash in that Timebank Hour on a service provided by another member of our bank. Whether you give a music lesson, take care of someone's pet, volunteer at a community center, or help someone get to a doctor's appointment, one actual hour equals one Timebank Hour.

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Social Change Initiative; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Dec 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9752

US Federation of Worker Cooperatives (MASSACHUSETTS LIST)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web usworker.coop/member–directory?display_name=&state_province=1020
Service Temporary

Services offered: Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; Local Businesses, Startups; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business, Specifically Co–Op; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed (General); Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Governance; Training Classes, Online/Virtual Training

Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 21, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9949

Worker–Owned and Run Cooperative Network of Greater Boston (Co–Op Movement of Worker Controlled Enterprise)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA
Web worcn.org/directory
Service Temporary

from the site:

Programs
Co–op 101

Monthly workshops for those new to worker cooperatives.
Peer Resource Group

Monthly meeting to address topics that are important to worker cooperators who are either in the process of forming a worker cooperative or are in a worker cooperative currently.
Socials

Quarterly social events for all those interested in worker cooperatives to break bread together, share stories, and build connections.

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9715

MD

Community Forklift (building material re–use, local distribution, organizing)

Volunteer Camp · Open

MD
Web communityforklift.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Building Materials, Green Building Materials; Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Construction, Deconstruction Services; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9678

MI

Detroit Community Technology Project

Walk–in Resource · Open

Allied Media Projects; 4126 Third St, Detroit, MI 48201
Web www.detroitcommunitytech.org
Service Temporary

From hosting Data DiscoTechs in each district of Detroit to helping Digital Stewards and their neighbors design resilient communications infrastructure and Gigabit apps, we strive for a future where people who have been marginalized from political and economic power can use technology to shape the future of their lives, neighborhoods, and regions.

Our Story

Detroit Community Technology Project was born from a legacy of coalition work and collaboration, building on Allied Media Projects' (AMP) nine year track record of digital media education and community technology building in Detroit.

Allied Media Projects partnered with the Open Technology Institute of the New America Foundation in 2012 to create the Digital Stewards (DS) Program, which trains neighborhood leaders in designing and deploying community wireless networks with a commitment to the Detroit Digital Justice Principles. To date, DCTP has implemented the DS training with leaders from seven Detroit neighborhoods, followed by four Equitable Internet Initiative neighborhoods in both Detroit and Highland Park. DCTP has

supported 11 more community groups internationally to adopt and modify the training for their own contexts. As our principled approach and the Digital Stewards program continued to find firm footing in community, new people–based resources and programming grew, aimed at enabling community participation in online economies, education, and safe navigation of online spaces. DCTP formed officially in 2014 to encompass broader community technology education and organizing work and to share best practices.

After many iterations in Detroit and New York, the Digital Stewards Program began to see new life as Gigabit fiber was introduced in the city of Detroit, threatening to widen an already oppressive digital divide. In 2015, DCTP introduced the Equitable Internet Initiative (EII), our attempt to redistribute power, resources, and connectivity to the most marginalized of Detroiters. We began with partners in three neighborhoods: Islandview, North End, and Southwest. As neighborhood–level strategy played out to help bring more Detroiters online in a meaningful way, DCTP shifted focus to also address how Detroiters were impacted by broader systems of data collection and surveillance technologies, both on and offline. How much did folks know about their digital data bodies? How much could they protect themselves? The Data Justice Program was introduced in 2016, just as the city was ramping up promotion of Detroit's Open Data portal. It quickly blossomed into a vital companion to EII and the work of the Detroit Digital Justice Coalition.

The Digital Stewards curriculum has inspired many other community technology curricula used within, and in conjunction with, DCTP's programming. These include a Consentful Tech curriculum built with the Consentful Tech Project, and the Next Gen Apps curricula developed by EII anchor organization Grace in Action and their Radical Productions team. As we continue to learn and grow, DCTP remains committed to decentralizing our resources and experience, and making community technology accessible across Detroit and the world.

Services offered: Tech, Computer Networking Services
Campaigns: Black Community; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 30, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10408

MO

St. Louis, Metro Market, The (mobile farmer's market, serving food "deserts")

Open Business* · Open

St Louis, MO
Web stlmetromarket.com
Service Temporary

The St. Louis MetroMarket

The St. Louis MetroMarket is a 501 (c)(3) non–profit mobile farmers' market that is restoring access to healthy, affordable food to St. Louis City food deserts.

We have transformed a donated city bus into a grocery store on wheels to bridge physical, financial, and educational barriers in food deserts in order to have the greatest potential towards increasing the supply and demand for healthy foods in these low–income, high need communities.

food desert
/fo͞od · dəˈzərt/
noun

1. urban neighborhoods and rural towns without ready access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food. Instead of supermarkets and grocery stores, these communities may have no food access or are served only by fast food restaurants and convenience stores that offer few healthy, afforable food options. The lack of access contributes to a poor diet and can lead to higher levels of obesity and other diet–related diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease.

2. a problem

metromarket
/ˈmetrōˌmärkət/
noun

1. a non–profit mobile farmer's market that will serve all St. Louis area food deserts by providing direct access to fresh, healthy, affordable produce

2. an advocate for low–income communities on issues related to food justice, hunger, and health

2. a solution

Services offered: Advocacy, Food Stamp Outreach; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Food, SNAP, this facility accepts SNAP; Market/Industry Significance; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Meals on Wheels; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/

Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 20, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9957

Mexico

Center for Global Justice [cooperative living, community space]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web www.globaljusticecenter.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Refugees; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Information Resource, How to Organize; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Center for Global Justice; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 21, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10628

Frente Auténtico del Trabajo

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.fatmexico.org.mx/index.php/iquienes–somos/frente–autentico–del–trabajo.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach Programs, Rural; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Services, Legal Assistance; Services, Legal, Immigration Legal Services
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; International Community, Latino; Jobs with Justice; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9829

NY

Red Hook Initiative (DONATION DROP Site/VOLUNTEER Center for Hurricane Sandy) (Social Change Initiative)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Brooklyn, NY
Web www.rhicenter.org
Service Temporary

The site is

from the site:

In 2002 the Red Hook Health Initiative began as a program of a local hospital, in response to the severity of health and social issues in Red Hook. Over the last decade we have developed into a well–regarded community–based institution. In 2006 we formed the Red Hook Initiative (RHI), an independent 501(c)3, in order to expand our scope to better meet community needs. In February 2010, RHI moved into a brand new community center. It is a green building, representing our commitment to social justice and sustainability. This year, 2012, RHI is celebrating our 10th Anniversary and is moving forward with a renewed commitment to the people and community of Red Hook.

Services offered: Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Social Change Initiative
Updated Nov 1, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9451

Brooklyn, Community Fridges, Free Food

Walk–in Resource · Open

various see link or comment below, Brooklyn, New York, NY
Web inourheartsnyc.org/tag/fridge
Service Temporary

133 Van Buren St Bedstuy 11221
190 Knickerbocker Ave Bushwick 11237
1144 Bergen St Crown Heights 11216

Brooklyn Food Share is a community effort of grassroots organizations, nonprofits, restaurants, grocery stores, and individuals. By collecting and sharing food that may otherwise go to waste we are able to keep the refrigerators stocked and open to the community.

Services offered: Facility: Community Fridge/Pantry [free food 24x7 no questions asked]; Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Food Not Bombs; Social Change Initiative
Updated Sep 26, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10375

City Harvest "Get Food" map to get free food, incl food pantries, etc

Info/Hotline · Open

New York, NY
Web www.cityharvest.org/food-map
Service Temporary

For more info about this org, and the food distribution operation see the main database record for the org: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10410
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 11, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10411

Crown Heights Tenant Union [organizing/eviction defense/templates/tools]

Volunteer Camp · Open

New York, Crown Heights, NY
Web crownheightstenantunion.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Services, Legal Assistance
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions
Updated May 3, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10428

Centro Corona [community center, political education]

Walk-in Resource · Open

New York, Queens, NY
Web www.facebook.com/CentroCorona
Service Temporary

Community center in Corona that offers free workshops on political education, art, and dance; offers support in crisis situations and general community engagement towards self-determination. An intergenerational space run by and in service of immigrant and working-class families of mixed immigration status and other individuals from Corona, Elmhurst, and Jackson Heights.

Services offered: Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Facility: Community Center; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10421

Bike Match [matching people w/spare bikes, mutual aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

NYC, NY
Web www.transalt.org/bikematch
Service Temporary

Services offered: Bicycles, Bikes * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 11, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10413

NY: Mutual Aid NYC [central site for mutual aid groups, fine help, give help]

Volunteer Camp · Open

NYC, NY
Web mutualaid.nyc
Service Temporary

from the site:

We are a network of groups organizing to provide aid and support to New Yorkers in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mutual Aid NYC is committed to:

Redirecting people and resources to those at the frontlines who are providing mutual aid, advocacy and services to the hardest-hit communities.
Providing support to local groups leading mutual aid efforts in their neighborhoods.

Using the Mutual Aid NYC network to channel resources and amplifying needs from the ground.

We are everyday New Yorkers working to lift up local organizing, connect people to resources, and build a citywide movement to address this crisis. Our members include parents, elders, immigrants, people with disabilities and chronic illness, caregivers, care workers, organizers, advocates, and anyone else who wants to get involved.

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies

Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 8, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10261

Sustainable Economies Legal Center [legal resources]

Info/Hotline · Open

NYC, NY
Web www.theselc.org/resources
Service Temporary

Legal resource guide with grassroots mutual aid networks in mind. Includes information on entity formation, established charitable organizations, liability, governance and decisionmaking, managing funds, sharing goods and services (i.e. bartering), and data security. Includes appendices with sample forms, case studies, and other resources. Licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution–ShareAlike 4.0 International License (CC BY–SA 4.0).

SEE SITE FOR MODEL CONTRACT DOCS AND BYLAWS AND NEAT STUFF LIKE THAT

Services offered: Assistance, for non–profits, Collaboration Tool; Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Legal, Services, Consultation for Non–Profit Organizations; Services, Legal Assistance; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 11, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10420

La Morada Mutual Aid Kitchen

Volunteer Camp · Open

NY
Web lamorada.nyc/pages/la–moradas–covid–19–soup–kitchen
Service Temporary

from the website [find live links as the above link]

Mutual Aid Kitchen at La Morada; Partnership Guidelines
MISSION

Our Mutual–Aid kitchen's mission is to feed our community with delicious, culturally–appropriate meals while nourishing our community with encouragement, empowerment, knowledge, and resilience–based on a Mutual–Aid practice.

Within our empowered community, we find safety in each other.

A nourished community is empowered to take back their food sovereignty and indigenous sovereignty.

We believe the Mutual–Aid system will surpass the pandemic and be our primary strategy in overcoming the long list of injustices our BIPOC community faces.

WHAT DOES MUTUAL–AID MEAN TO US?

Mutual–Aid relies on a system of trust, resilience, and resourcefulness. The Mutual–Aid system teaches individuals within a community to give what they can spare, ask for help when they need it, and repay the favor once they can.

Mutual–Aid is not charity.

Mutual–Aid is about community.

Mutual–Aid is learning to share and make the most of the limited resources available to a neglected and underfunded neighborhood.

Mutual–Aid is taking care of each other.

Mutual–Aid is having each other's backs when elected officials do not.

Mutual–Aid is about standing up to the enforcement of racist policies and practices such as Broken Windows and food apartheid, which target already underserved communities.

Mutual–Aid is about fighting food insecurity that stems from the local and federal government's negligence and the upper class's inaction.

Mutual–Aid is a movement that encompasses the core values of building and sustaining a community.

Mutual–Aid is feeding each other.

PARTNERS ENGAGING IN OUR MUTUAL AID KITCHEN MUST FOLLOW THE BELOW GUIDELINES:

SAFETY PARAMETERS

For our safety and the safety of our community, during food distribution hours, those participating with La Morada's Mutual–Aid Kitchen (including churches, nonprofits, activist–led grassroots groups, community fridges, and schools) are not to engage with the following entities:

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.)
Homeland Security Investigation (H.S.I.)
New York Police Department (N.Y.P.D.) +
Gentrifiers– Individuals & groups that support developers/real estate and businesses that contribute to community displacement.
Developers – especially those who rely on community displacement and exploitative practices to sustain the growth of their development
Working with, endorsing, and entrusting the entities mentioned above, endangers the lives and safety of our community. They place us at risk of displacement, separation and deportations of family, and emotional trauma. We encourage our partners to apply abolitionist practices as an alternative.

POLITICS AND ENDORSEMENT

When engaging with political parties, politicians, developers, elected officials and political candidates; we encourage partners to be mindful and reflect on how their policies and agendas could impact La Morada's community. We encourage partners to hold politicians accountable to their campaign promises and call out their harmful actions.

We do not endorse any political party, politician, gentrifier or developer on social media, so we ask our partners not to associate La Morada with those groups or individuals via their media communications.

Partners are overall encouraged to use social media in line with La Morada's values. They are not to tag or post about La Morada's Mutual–Aid kitchen or the South Bronx community for political or commercial gain.

We appreciate partners using social media to communicate and spread the word of La Morada's efforts, including a call to action to engage new volunteers and highlighting our mutual aid partners.

La Morada's social media is community–driven, and we love receiving suggestions and requests from partners on what positive initiatives we should be sharing on our platform. We encourage partners to reach out to us if they would like La Morada to share some of their content.

DATABASE

Partnerships should not ask for I.D. or hold any record of any person participating in receiving the meals other than the individual's phone number for logistical purposes.

PAYMENT

Partners can not ask for payment during their distribution event for the free meals donated by La Morada’s Mutual–Aid Kitchen.

LOGISTICS

La Morada's staff are solely responsible for confirming the total number of meals to be served and delivery of those meals, at the start of each service day.

Delivery of meals is not guaranteed. Delivery service is based solely on volunteer availability and is subject to change on a daily basis. Partners must arrange for the pick–up of meals by 1 pm.

Mutual–Aid partners also have the responsibility to maintain their distribution site (i.e., community fridges, outdoor tabling area, dining area, etc.) and ensure everything is clean, tidy, and disinfected.

Food must be distributed within one hour from collection to ensure DOH health codes.

COMPLIANCE

Failure to act in accordance with the safety parameters and guidelines mentioned above will automatically end our mutual agreement and capacity to receive from La Morada's Mutual–Aid Kitchen meals.

MUTUAL+AID KITCHEN AT LA MORADA CURRENT NEEDS:

Supply

Please consider donating the following:

–dry ingredients like rice and lentils

–fresh fruits and veggies

–sugar or any sweetner

–vinegar for fermenting and pickling

Ingredients donations can be drop off at La Morada 308 Willis Ave Bronx NY 10454 Tuesday–Saturday from 10am–5pm

GoFundMe Campaign:

https://www.gofundme.com/manage/thpfc3–la–morada039s–soup–kitchen–needs–a–new–stove

You financial support will help us restore our current Mutual Aid kitchen

Donation through venmo: [go to link above to get the Venmo link]

Checks can be also mail to:

La Morada Restaurant

308 Willis Ave. Front Store

The Bronx, N.Y. 10454

Volunteer

We are in need of folks to deliver food using their vehicles, bikes, or walking to near by distance. If you will like to volunteer please show up at La Morada Tuesday–Saturday from noon–4pm. We are always in need of volunteers and appreciate any help that can be provided.

For the Record

La Morada x Covid 19 In the news:

Help Our Neighborhood Restaurants: La Morada Feeds The Bronx's Hungriest

'We are prioritizing the community': Mott Haven restaurant feeds the South Bronx

STATEMENT FROM LA MORADA WITH REGARDS OF ENDING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

Because of our political difference, we have ended our collaboration with World Central Kitchen. We mention political differences because in our relationship with World Central Kitchen (WCK) these were challenged to the point where we knew we needed to end our partnership. We were already struggling in our work with WCK due to distribution, pay, accessibility issues and ties with gentrifying forces when we found that they had worked with ICE during their aid work in Puerto Rico in 2017, and openly praised DHS police as allies in times of crisis then.

We are a small, undocumented family owned business and community space with deep ties in our neighborhoods, and we are people who believe and fight for a world where no human being is illegal, where there are open borders, families are not forcefully separated and our approach to harm in community is through restorative and transformative justice. We are grounded on those beliefs and know what that can look like in our lives, as we run a business and sustain a space for our communities. These beliefs, practices, and politics do not go away for us at times of crisis, but are as important and crucial if we want to not only survive this pandemia but also build solidarity and be true in our efforts.

We understand that WCK, as an organization, is distributing much needed food resources in different communities where food scarcity is constant and many other systemic issues have come to a breaking point in this pandemia. However, this does not mean an organization should not be held accountable to the community that needs their support, or that their system of organization and collaboration should not be questioned. Aid efforts should never put precarious communities in proximity to institutions and systems that harm or displace them, let alone even close to others who profit from their pain and exploitation. Aid efforts should be grounded on principles of social justice, mutuality, working class and poor people empowerment instead of policing, charity and profit.

We are working supremely hard to sustain this soup kitchen right now. We have yet to get any aid from any institution or organization, including consulates and the federal government. And to put things in perspective, we work to make 1000–1200 meals daily for people in need, out of which WCK was sponsoring 250 meals, at $10 a plate, which barely covered the cost of ingredients. We have done our own fundraising to be able to make up for the overhead costs. We noticed that WCK provided local, working class businesses less resources compared to other privileged restaurants, while also hearing that they had even more PPE resources that they were not sharing with our workers. This should not be the case, when there are organizations and people out there with vast resources that instead are put into public relations and elite businesses. Why should WCK work with mostly gentrifiers in the South Bronx, as well as BIDs and developers? When confronted, representatives of WCK would only say that they "do not discriminate" with regards to who is involved in aid efforts, but what we see is a pretty orchestrated effort by gentrifying businesses, elected officials and developer interests to gain public recognition as community benefactors while making way for a recovery that to them is founded on the displacement of working class and poor folk.

Not any organization or institution needs to be perfect in their aid. For example, we are going to partner with another organization that will offer $5 per plate rather than the $10 that we received with WCK, but we feel that the added troubles with WCK were too harmful to our community to let go unnoticed and unaccounted for.

The fact remains that WCK, in providing aid in Puerto Rico, had an easy going relationship with police agencies, in this case ICE. To be specific, they coordinated and leveraged HSI officers to also provide WCK food through the network of their policing work. HSI is an investigative unit part of ICE, with the same powers and priorities and enforcing goals that answer to the same policies and higher level officials as any other part of ICE. When requested to explain their coordinated efforts with ICE in Puerto Rico, WCK chose to nitpick at the events there and deny knowledge of ICE policing agencies, how they intersect, and of the harm they all cause. WCK chose to display their founder as a model immigrant in order to score diversity and acceptance points. It is disconcerting to witness WCK's indifference to how their aid efforts might benefit from and amplify historically harmful, violent and oppressive systems and institutions. It is concerning to think that they are currently at work in immigrant communities in the Bronx and Queens, areas highly impacted by this crisis, without check and engaging in data gathering as well.

On May 8, 2020, we terminated our partnership with WCK. We hope that in moving forward they are receptive to measures of accountability from the communities that they want to say they support.

We also ask that folks always keep in mind their own role in helping communities in crisis who are in need, in ways that will empower people and not expose them. We ask that folks who work with WCK or other big organizations keep in mind that there are ways to hold them accountable and ask for transparency, especially when a lot of data from poor, working class, undocumented communities is being gathered and there's no clarity on how it is being used and secured. Finally, resources can be distributed equitably and with the purpose of empowering people in their own communities to support one another and local businesses can do the labor of insisting these resources are fairly given and don't put us in precarious, exploitative situations. There are ways to do this together, grounded on principles of true empowerment and social justice.

La Morada's Mutual Aid Kitchen
The Mutual Aid Kitchen at La Morada opened during the first wave of the Covid–19 Pandemic.

To read more on how we continue our solidarity work click here

Services offered: Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Demographic Served: Immigrants; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Mutual Aid
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 31, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10548

New York Network of Worker Cooperatives

Info/Hotline · Open

NY

Web www.nycworker.coop/business–directory
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Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9822

Netherlands

Joe's Garage [Amsterdam: Solidarity/Mutual Aid]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Pretoriusstraat 43; https://www.openstreetmap.org/way/147554488, Amsterdam

Web joesgarage.nl/about
Service Temporary

Joe's Garage All included - a short guide to navigating our imperfect world.

Joe's is a squatted political social center that exists on a basis of mutual–aid and solidarity. Everyone involved in Joe's is a volunteer. We have been active since June 2005 and are open 6 days a week. We run a vegan kitchen, a give away shop, info and movie nights. The members of our collective come from diverse backgrounds, we have different nationalities as well as genders/non–genders.

Because we are a squatted social center we are drawn to the struggle for housing and the right to the city, ideally achieved by direct action. We hope to provide a platform that supports social, environmental, spatial and economic justice. We also see bringing people together in a non–commercial space as a political act. This is why we try to be an inclusive and empowering space to all individuals, affinity groups and collectives interested in and involved in addressing these issues.

We believe unequal power relations are everywhere in this society, and since everyone is, (willingly or not) a part of society, these unequal relations will also exist within Joe's. By making existing power relations more explicit, and addressing what is problematic about them, we try and find ways to make our collective structure more equal and inclusive. We know that there are no easy solutions for overcoming deeply ingrained patterns or social constructs within society or Joe's. It requires endless hard work, trying to work together with people from different backgrounds, dealing with mishaps and failures, trying to resolve disagreements, and slowly, incrementally changing the world a little bit at a time. With the victories and all the fun, but also the despair and sometimes loneliness.

We try and reach consensus about our shared values and goals, and the ways to achieve these. We do that in more formal ways, through email lists and (sometimes) meetings, but also in more informal ways, in talks and discussions one–on–one or with several people.

We do not always agree, on methods nor on aims, but we always try to find mutual ground and work together to find solutions to the problems that arise, as allies, if not friends. If the problem doesn't get solved this way, we try to implement a mediation trajectory, inviting people uninvolved in a conflict to help resolve it. We would like to encourage people that visit Joe's to deal with problems inside Joe's in a likewise manner. If however this does not work, it is always possible to ask the help of a volunteer. If you do not feel comfortable with this you can also mail the entire volunteer list and we can figure out a solution together.

Anyone who wants to help out or organize an event at Joe's is more than welcome. We are always looking for people to run their own events and initiatives from Joe's. We invite you to take responsibility with us. We ask you to help us keep the space open literally and figuratively. Joe's stays open by working together and by finding ways to make that possible.

Joe's Garage, since June 2005
Joe's Garage, Pretoriusstraat 43, Amsterdam
joe [at] lists [dot] squat [dot] net https://www.joesgarage.nl/

Getting to Joe's Garage by public transport:
– Train station Amsterdam Muiderpoort, 10 minutes walk.
– Metro station Wibaustraat, 15 minutes walk.
– Tram 19 or Bus 41, Bus–/tramhalte: Pretoriusstraat, 1 minute walk.

Find us on OpenStreetMap: https://www.openstreetmap.org/way/147554488

Upcoming events:
https://squ.at/joe
iCal feed (events feed): https://radar.squat.net/ical/node/41

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Art Project; Community Service Program; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Economic; Education, Cultural; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Unschooling; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Events, Protest Actions; Facility: Community Center; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Free Store; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, How to Organize; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/ Timebanks; Logistics Coordinator / Manager, Volunteer; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Congregate Feeding, Meals; Meals, Vegan; Mutual Aid; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Social Events, Party / Festival; Training, Activism; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Sep 15, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10615

OR

Free Geek [free or low cost computers for people/orgs]

Volunteer Camp · Open

OR

Web www.freegeek.org/about
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Free Geek is a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to sustainably reuse technology, enable digital access, and provide education to create a community that empowers people to realize their potential.

Computers help us in many ways, but the move toward a digital future isn't without its share of hurdles. Many individuals lack the resources necessary to purchase a computer or get the training required to use digital technology. At the same time, the rapid pace of technology consumption and turnover means that over 2 million tons of hazardous e–waste is created each year in the United States. Free Geek's goal is to divert technology that would otherwise be recycled or thrown away, refurbish it, and give it back to our community at no or low cost.

Services offered: Communications, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Computer, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Batteries; Recycling, Cell Phones; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; New "Business" Models; Social Change Initiative
Updated May 3, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10429

PR

Casa Pueblo, solidarity oriented, community solar, worker rights

Volunteer Camp · Open

Adjuntas, PR

Web www.casapueblo.org
Service Temporary

Extensive article about their work, which we heard first of on Democracy Now

https://kth.diva–portal.org/smash/get/diva2:1789694/FULLTEXT01.pdf

Articles about Casa Pueblo

https://www.elnuevodia.com/topicos/casa–pueblo/

"Casa Pueblo has been the driving force behind community solar in Adjuntas, a mountainside town of about 18,000. In an area where some people were without power for 11 months after Maria, the organization was able to install 700 solar panels and provide 220 kilowatts to more than a dozen businesses downtown. Second-hand EV batteries donated by automaker Rivian provide a megawatt of battery storage and allow Puerto Rico's first community-owned microgrid to provide power independent of the grid for up to 10 days.

Casa Pueblo worked with nonprofits like the Honnold Foundation and the Community Solar Energy Association of Adjuntas to fund the $2 million project. And while the merchants pay for the energy they use, their rates are significantly lower than Luma's. Profits are used for maintenance and to finance rooftop solar installations for low-income residents."

See more at:

https://www.cnet.com/home/energy-and-utilities/puerto-ricos-solar-revolution-what-we-can-learn-from-the-islands-energy-crisis/

Democracy Now programs about Arturo Massol Deyá, Executive Director:

https://www.democracynow.org/appearances/arturo_massol_deya

[link below]Presentation of the latest book by Arturo Massol Deyá, Democracia y energía: desafiando la economía de los combustibles fósiles por un país propio. San Juan, Puerto Rico: Ediciones Callejón, 2022.

Arturo A. Massol Deyá is the executive director of Casa Pueblo de Adjuntas, a community-based group with over 40 years of services in natural resources conservation, education, and sustainable development. A graduate of the public school system (1986) and the University of Puerto Rico (1990), he obtained his doctoral degree from the Center for Microbial Ecology at Michigan State University in 1994. Since then he has been a faculty member at the Department of Biology of the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus where he established the Tropical Microbial Ecology Lab. He has been a principal investigator of projects on microbial ecology with emphasis on biological processes aimed at restoring contaminated environments. After the direct impact of Hurricane Maria over Puerto Rico on September 20, 2017, Dr. Massol-Deyá, together with Casa Pueblo, has led a community aid response that aims to change the energy landscape of a country dependent on fossil fuels to one based on renewable energy sources.

https://www.amherst.edu/index.php/academiclife/colloquia/center-humanistic-inquiry/salon-series/node/890129

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Service Program; Mutual Aid; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Anti-Colonialism / Anti-Racism / Decolonializers; Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; New "Business" Models; Puerto Rico Hurricane Maria Recovery; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Aug 31, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10600

Hurricane Maria, Disaster Response resource list/reputable-places-to-donate, Solidarity resources

Info/Hotline · Open

PR

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1NQ1LZWqBmFN-F6sWzfjBTs_4Nem9v6Ud7eOf86q_ik8/edit
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List of resources, posted on the New Economy Coalition's site:

https://neweconomy.net/resources/building-solidarity-economy-nyc
scroll down and see the link of the right.

Here's a direct link: https://t.co/OhU8WJMSqW

or: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NQ1LZWqBmFN-F6sWzfjBTs_4Nem9v6Ud7eOf86q_ik8/edit

Thanks Arlene Dávila @arlenedavila1 for posting the link on the New Economy Coalition's feed!

Here's the list on 8/25...go to the above links for updates!

This Document Contains (in the following order):
Reputable Puerto Rican Organizations To Donate To (both on/off the island)
Local Specific Item Donation Efforts on the U.S. Mainland
Volunteer Organizations/Registration for Relief Work in Puerto Rico

*NOTE: Efforts to get necessary goods to PR requires work off the island, which is why orgs on the mainland that consistently serve the island (like National Boricua Human Rights Network in Chicago) are so important to support. Also, if you're interested in volunteering, please register for one of the orgs below rather than just showing up on the island. It is important that relief efforts are organized during these difficult times.

Taller Salud:
http://tallersalud.com
This is the link for donations for Irma, but I don't know when they will have something for Maria:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=rqciqVu7pc7L5Dz3ObJpjssU4MMv38Uf3_bPG5Ppro55Do6z_peCCkpQqhYkWzOAYxge-m&country.x=US&locale.x=US
You can also donate directly through their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/taller.salud/

National Boricua Human Rights Network
http://boricuahumanrights.org/?page_id=6588
Make checks payable to:
National Boricua Human Rights Network Chicago
Attn: Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief Fund
PAYPAL: PRHurricaneRelief@boricuahumanrights.org

Comedores Sociales de Puerto Rico
https://www.cdpecpr.org/comedores-sociales-de-puerto-rico

Sustainable Farming Support: Organización Boricuá de Agricultura Ecológica de Puerto Rico
A 28-year-old grassroot organization that works and promotes agroecology within the food sovereignty struggle. Boricuá, is the official Chapter in Puerto Rico of the international peasant movement: La Vía Campesina (LVC)- Coordinadora Latinoamericana de Organizaciones del Campo (CLOC). Boricuá, is a network of peasants (campesinos/as), farmers, farm workers, educators and activists that are deeply involved in a national social justice movement that builds a sustainable agriculture platform for small and medium scale peasants and farmers. Recently hurricane María had a great impact in Puerto Rico. The country is completely classified as a disaster zone. All of the agriculture is gone. Even though ageoecology farms have been proven to be resilient, the impact of María was so strong that green landscapes and ecosystems in Puerto Rico are now brown with lots of fallen trees. So, we are asking anyone that can help to donate whatever you can to help our organization and peasant network bounce up again. You can donate directly to the Organización Boricuá bank account, Banco Popular Account: #162039034 or by PayPal: organizacion.boricua@gmail.com

Institute for Socio Ecological Research (ISER) Caribe
My friend Ryan Hamilton is working with www.isercaribe.org to coordinate the purchasing of water filtration units of 60 gallon capacity that can be deployed in affected areas of Puerto Rico. Each system is $200. ISER Caribe is a recognized non profit so all you donations are tax deductible
CUENTA DE BANCO /BANK ACCOUNT INFO
Institute for Socio Ecological Research Inc.
PO Box 3151
Lajas , PR 00667-3151
Via Cabo Rojo Coop
Routing Number 221582310
Account#/ NÚMERO DE CUENTA 1011724826
or click here to donate via paypal
If interested in contributing to this effort please don't hesitate to contact ryanamhamilton@gmail.com with any questions

Maria Fund:
This is being managed by the Center for Popular Democracy
http://www.mariafund.org

Acacia Network
http://donatepuertorico.com

Fondos Unidos de Puerto Rico
tel: (787) 728-8500
http://www.fondosunidos.org/

Caritas Puerto Rico
tel: 787 300-4953
http://www.caritas.org/where-caritas-work/latin-america/puerto-rico/

Fundación Comunitaria de Puerto Rico
tel: 787-721-1037
https://www.fcpr.org/

Maria & Irma: Puerto Rico Real-time Recovery Fund
ConPRmetidos
tel: 787-773-1100
https://www.generosity.com/emergencies-fundraising/maria-irma-puerto-rico-real-time-recovery-fund

Hurricane Maria Children's Relief Fund
https://secure.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9535647/k.A2B9/Hurricane_Maria_Childrens_Relief_Fund/apps/ka/sd/donor.asp

Animal Donations:

Animals of Culebra
https://www.gofundme.com/animals-of-culebra

Save a Gato
https://www.facebook.com/SaveAGato/photos/a.191642147528600.56883.173919355967546/2039442979415165/?type=3
PayPal : SaveAGatoPR@gmail.com
https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=EK2QUZU4AQYSL

Specific Item Donations
Local Drop Off Donation Locations *NOTE: I do not know much about this doc, so please do your due diligence and look into the org/drop off location to ensure you feel comfortable donating there
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fyalhL8afPuAZ5gPbLI_oevEKGHXrJ7nYglMYY6O03s/edit?usp=sharing

For Volunteers/Para Voluntariado-
*note orgs ask that people not go to Puerto Rico to help on their own as they could create an additional burden

Centro Para el Desarrollo del Voluntariado
https://www.voluntariospuertorico.com/huracanmaria

Project Hope medical volunteers
http://volunteer.samaritan.com/recruiter/index.php?recruiterID=505&class=OppDetails&oppGuid=%7B2967653F-3B97-4308-8F14-FA4FFA0DAAA0%7D&t=Hurricane-Maria-Emergency-Response-Efforts

Puerto Rico Chapter: Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
http://prvoad.communityos.org/cms/irma
*volunteers interested in connecting with public services and disaster relief organizations.

Tech Help:
If you have coding, programming, or technical skills, Startups of Puerto Rico has opened a registry to connect with organizations or agencies with pressing needs in Puerto Rico.
This "inventory" of talent will be connected with opportunities to help develop support services or create and innovate new solutions.

Federal Employee Volunteer:
http://prfaa.pr.gov/federalscf/
If available, please send an email to surgecapacityforce@prfaa.pr.gov and include your name, federal agency, position, and location. Also indicate if you are fluent in Spanish, if you have an ICS qualification, and a background in law enforcement, military, search and rescue, or any other prior emergency response participation effort.
Campaigns: 2017 HURRICANE MARIA; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Sep 25, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10103

TN

Highlander Research and Education Center

Volunteer Camp · Open

New Market, TN 37820, New Market, TN

Phone (865) 933-3443
Web highlandercenter.org
Service Temporary

hrec @ highlandercenter. org

We are a catalyst for grassroots organizing and movement building in Appalachia and the South. We work with people fighting for justice, equality and sustainability, supporting their efforts to take collective action to shape their own destiny.

Transformative Justice via a Social Solidarity Economy

We're exploring our economic and governance systems through a participatory, community-based process to create knowledge and share solutions that foster community, equity and healthy communities.

Movement Accompaniment + Support

We're supporting grassroots organizing and movement building from workshops and residencies on Popular Education, Political Education to Direction Action Trainings and Technical Assistance.

Incubate & Innovate Radical Work

We're building capacity for grassroots organizations through Strategic Partnership, Movement Anchorship and Fiscal Sponsorship.

Intergenerational Leadership

Our Seeds of Fire Program and Children's Justice Camp are promoting youth–centered, youth–led spaces, providing guidance, mentorship, political education and skill–based trainings that give room for young people to take the resources they need and work towards a just future.

Services offered: Facility: Community Center; School * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Mar 30, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10406

Worldwide

Agaric / Co–op Resources, List of free software and how to use it

Info/Hotline · Open

Web coopguide.org/node/3
Service Permanent

Resources
Submitted by FreeScholar on Tue, 02/16/2021 – 01:10

2020 has seen many people and organizations, de–funded, de–platformed (kicked off of popular platforms like Facebook and Twitter) People are scared, broke and confused as to the future financial health of their families. Many developers have lost projects because their client's income has been cut off. This is Capitalism and unfair business practices at work.

GET FREE: Here is a site that will help you choose the best GNU/Linux operating system based on what you need.

There are tactical and logistical efforts we can use to create value within our communities, and we do that by cooperating, not competing.

CoopGuide will work to reveal the achievable dreams of Cooperators, not just list profiles. Come meet us at the Weekly Show and Tell with Agaric – skillshare and discussions.

Agaric is a worker–owned web technology cooperative since 2006 – One member = One vote. Here are a few links to free software tools and some cooperative networks recommended for learning more about being a tech worker–owner. You may add resource links in the comments!

Agaric.coop

Services offered: Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY, for advocacy groups; Assistance, for non–profits, Collaboration Tool; Business Services, Co–Op oriented; collaboration tools, FREE, ANY/ALL types; Disaster Tech Planning Groups; Services, Tech, Computer Consulting Service
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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Autonomous Tenants Union, List of Tenant Unions in North America [plus tenant organizing tools, legal/tactics templates, etc]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web atun–rsia.org/tenants–unions
Service Temporary

Who We Are

The Autonomous Tenants Union Network (ATUN–RSIA) is a North American collaborative of tenant unions who have chosen to remain independent of nonprofits, big foundations, and government funding in order to build power that is responsive to and led by tenants. We are committed to base building, building leadership from the poorest, and resisting the power of real estate capital that destroys our homes and our communities.

We held our first online conference call on April 7, 2018 to provide space for mutual support among tenants unions across North America. The monthly calls have attracted a growing number of tenant groups interested in combining grassroots organizing, advocacy, education, and direct action. With each call facilitated by a different autonomous tenants union, ATUN has hosted discussions on numerous topics that have helped strengthened the work of tenants unions across the continent. And ATUN has been a connecting point for tenants to give practical support in tenant union campaigns across vast distances.

Response to COVID–19
In 2020 the tenants unions that make up ATUN have resolved to work with tenants all over the continent to help them self–organize to build autonomous tenant power in response to the deepening housing crisis that is accompanying the COVID19 pandemic.

Founding Convention
In October 2020, ATUN held our founding convention virtually. We finalized and voted on our Points of Unity and Structure, formalizing ATUN as a network of autonomous tenant unions across the continent. ATUN is made up of a delegate council, with

delegates from each affiliated union, and an organizing committee, which carries out the day–to–day tasks as directed by the delegate council.

ATUN's Points of Unity

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Tenants have always been in crisis. Since before the founding of the United States, property ownership has been a requirement for full political recognition. To be a tenant is to stand on the losing side of a class relation: we pay tribute to landlords because they own land and we don't. And they own land because landlords before them expropriated the original peoples who still live here.

Today, as land is monopolized by fewer and fewer landlords and as rents continue to outpace wages dramatically, the crisis has engulfed even formerly housing–secure tenants. Working–class tenants are increasingly immiserated, and people who are shut out of the housing market altogether are subjected to encampment sweeps, police harassment, and vigilante violence. Tenants live in neglected, unsafe housing, we face harassment from landlords, and we experience the trauma of housing insecurity and eviction. Black and brown communities in cities, often created by racist segregation policies, now face destruction as developers, politicians, and police create and carry out gentrification plans using mass evictions and other forms of state–backed violence.

Resolving these crises will necessitate overthrowing capitalism and establishing a cooperative political and economic system. As Engels wrote in 1872: "As long as the capitalist mode of production continues to exist, it is folly to hope for an isolated solution to the housing question. The solution lies in the abolition of the capitalist mode of production and the appropriation of all the means of life and labor by the working class itself."

We believe in the right to housing, the right to the city, and the right to stay put. We fight for a world without landlords and without rent. We fight to build tenant power in order to end the immiseration of the poor and working classes that housing represents under capitalism and to contribute to the struggle to end capitalism itself.

Points of unity:

We are organizations run by and for our members. We are not under the direction of paid staff, boards of directors, or state agencies, and we are funded primarily by our members rather than by grants or major donors.

We define a tenant as anyone who does not have control over their housing. For us, "tenants" includes unhoused tenants, tenants who are squatting, tenants inside the carceral punishment system, tenants in nursing homes, in university housing, and in state institutions.

We fight for tenants, not for housing. We recognize that this is a crisis of tenancy, a crisis of our place in the overall system of social reproduction. Calling this a housing crisis benefits those who design, build, and profit from housing, not the people who live in it. Tenants are full political subjects who will not be liberated by secure housing alone.

We are not service organizations; we are movement organizations. As such we practice and build solidarity □ not charity □ across buildings, neighborhoods, borders, and language barriers.

We assert that the interests of landlords and tenants are fundamentally irreconcilable, and we reject any policy that attempts to paper over this conflict. While we do not rule out on principle the possibility of temporary truces and agreements between landlord and tenant, we advocate for a strategy of class struggle. Our overall political orientation consists of opposing strategies that encourage collaboration between class enemies.

We fight gentrification so that tenants can remain in their longtime communities and support networks. We define gentrification as "the displacement and replacement of the poor for profit," and we understand that it is purposeful and produced. Because Black and brown communities are specifically targeted for displacement, we view the fight against gentrification as one component of the larger struggle against systemic racism. Those who benefit from gentrification, including landlords, developers, and lenders, and those who manage it, including the police and politicians, are highly organized and need to be met with an organized, militant tenant movement.

We stand in solidarity with tenants in struggle around the world. We insist that tenants share interests across borders and we seek to build tenant power accordingly. We strive to adhere to an internationalist and anti–imperialist orientation in words and deeds.

We support demands for Land Back by Indigenous peoples. Indigenous communities are some of the most deeply affected by the tenant crisis. The system of capitalism and private land ownership in "North America" is dependent on the ongoing theft of Indigenous lands and genocide of Indigenous peoples. Indigenous communities bring cultural knowledge necessary to our movement regarding kinship, community, and our relationship to land and place.

We support demands for reparations for descendants of enslaved Black people. We recognize that slavery and ensuing racist practices across centuries shape the conditions that tenants experience in the present.

We support fighting for anti–discrimination in housing practices for those who identify as LGBTQIA2S+.

We are committed to language justice and aspire to create fully language–accessible spaces. We believe everyone has the right to understand and be understood in the language in which they are most comfortable and that language justice is everyone's responsibility.

We organize democratically and we are committed to fighting oppressive behavior and systems in and outside our ranks. We seek a membership and leadership that reflects the people most impacted by the crisis. We are engaged in an active struggle against the forces of systemic oppression within our communities which restrict access to resources, education, healthcare, and housing for marginalized groups of people. Within our unions we commit to learning how to deconstruct oppression and oppressive ways of working. We are bringing tenants together across lines of race, class, gender, gender identity, orientation, ability, age, etc.

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Legal Assistance
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions
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Black Lives Matter [social justice]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web blacklivesmatter.com
Service Temporary

#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc is a global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. By combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy, we are winning immediate improvements in our lives.

We are expansive. We are a collective of liberators who believe in an inclusive and spacious movement. We also believe that in order to win and bring as many people with us along the way, we must move beyond the narrow nationalism that is all too prevalent in Black communities. We must ensure we are building a movement that brings all of us to the front.

We affirm the lives of Black queer and trans folks, disabled folks, undocumented folks, folks with records, women, and all Black lives along the gender spectrum. Our network centers those who have been marginalized within Black liberation movements.

We are working for a world where Black lives are no longer systematically targeted for demise.

We affirm our humanity, our contributions to this society, and our resilience in the face of deadly oppression.

The call for Black lives to matter is a rallying cry for ALL Black lives striving for liberation.
Campaigns: Black Lives Matter; Communities for Restorative Justice; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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Community Bridge [cooperative people–centric alternative to Zoom and other tools]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web communitybridge.com
Service Temporary

Editor note: this is THE platform to choose instead of Zoom, which sells your data and records and shares with governments, third party corporate affiliates, etc. Why support a HUGE ruthless capitalist Zoom, instead of a Black owned small cooperative? We can't think of ANY reason. Community Bridge is free, and they live on donations. Please use Community Bridge and/or donate...

Oh, also, if you're the admin, you can turn on the "white board" function and all participants can draw on the same white board. It's fun AND nourishs community.

OH and NEW FEATURE! while you're on the video meeting, you can collaborate on documents RIGHT IN THE CHAT and download the doc after/anytime and the new feature is that you can convert the doc TO A PRESENTATION format! Yippee! Go Community Bridge!!!

Services offered: Art Project; Assistance, for non–profits, Collaboration Tool; Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Community Service Program; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Facility: Meeting space; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; Mutual Aid; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, For Non–Profits; Services, Tech, Web Hosting; Tech, Computer Networking Services; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, Leadership Development
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Black Community; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker

Owned Co–Operatives
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Cosmos Cooperative [w/Infinite Conversations online community]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web cosmos.coop
Service Temporary

Check out their community blog!!!

https://www.infiniteconversations.com/

hundreds of conversations, thousands of posts!

Services offered: Art Project; Community Service Program; Education, Cultural; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Writing Group
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; New "Business" Models; Social Change Initiative
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Dweb [democratizaton/decentralization of the internet]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web getdweb.net
Service Temporary

DWeb is a project of the nonprofit Gatherings for Good.

All DWeb events are co–created and powered by a global community of volunteer designers, developers, organizers and thought leaders.

PURPOSE AND ORIGIN

These principles define the values of a decentralized web based on enabling agency of all peoples. It is the basis for behavioral norms and mutual accountability.

These principles originate from members of the DWeb Community — those involved with and convened by the Internet Archive's work on the decentralized web. These stand alongside other sets of principles that share or expand upon these values, in recognition that our efforts to build a more just and equitable world are interdependent.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Disaster Tech Planning Groups; Education, Soveriegnty; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Tech, Social Media; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; Internship Program, International; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Tech, Computer Consulting Service; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Volunteer Coord Focused; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Volunteer Opportunities, International
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
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Logic School [online experiment for tech workers]

School · Open

Web school.logicmag.io
Service Temporary

"Logic School is an online, experimental school for tech workers produced by Logic Foundation with support from Processing Foundation.
Our curriculum draws from the worlds of activism, design, and software engineering. Our program cultivates critical thinking about technology and its impact. We are a community built school.

Logic School has a grassroots theory of change. We believe the people who make the tech industry run—its workers—have the power to not only transform it, but to build and imagine new technologies.

At Logic School, we're guided by the idea of "underlying conditions" – what are the underlying conditions that have grown the world we live in now? What are the underlying conditions we need to create, to live in the world we want? We believe technology (from the distributed web to ancestral technologies) has a role to play in answering these questions."

Services offered: Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Community Standards, List of; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Education, Cultural; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Traditional Ways; Education, Unschooling; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); International Disaster Response; Market/Industry Significance; New "Business" Models; New "Business" Models,

Education; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School, Adult Education/Adult School; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Solidarity; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business, Specifically Co–Op; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Governance; Training Classes, Online/Virtual Training; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, Leadership Development
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Gross Inequity; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
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Mayfirst Movement Technologist network [solidarity oriented techies]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web outreach.mayfirst.org/techstatement
Service Temporary

Movement Technologist Statement

We work with information technology. Some of us are movement technologists –– people who bring their political commitment to developing technology and tech capacity for social justice organizations and communities. Others are movement activists who use technology in our work.

We were among over 50 technologists and organizations of diverse types that gathered at the Highlander Center in Tennessee in May 2017 to discuss the concerns we have arising from and affecting our work, express our various views on the reasons for and impact of those concerns and build consensus among us about how to address those concerns given the political moment in which we find ourselves.

About 90 percent of those gathered were people of color. More than half were women. A large percentage of us were gender non–conforming and LGBTQ. The gathering reflected the demographics of most people who do movement technology and, because of that, we feel both empowered by and responsible for the growth and direction of this field.

So the people making and signing this statement do so in honor of the Highlander gathering and seek to draw some lessons from it. We aren't representing everyone who was there but we believe the following statement reflects the spirit of the conversations and thinking that took place at the gathering.

Our experience tells us that, to make the fundamental social changes necessary to human survival, our movements need to change some of the ways we approach technology, technologists and the role of both.
The Moment

Technology has brought us to the place where we are.

In the hands of the world's ruling class, technology has helped ravage societies, pervert the use of science, accelerate climate crisis and displace much of the working people from their jobs. It has permitted the most massive intrusion into privacy and disruption of fundamental civil rights in history. It has allowed our government to create a police state in waiting.

At the same time, technology has developed a world–wide collaborative community, modeling the culture of a new society through the way software is developed, tested and perfected. It has provided the human race with its most effective and fastest communications in history, nurturing communities, networks and mass movements and making possible almost immediate response to oppression and repression. It has made counter–speech more powerful and information completely accessible.

In the hands of the world's people, technology can now help us get to where we want to go.

In the right hands, technology brings people–powered solutions of many of the major human problems. From housing, to hunger, to climate catastrophe, to disease, to education oppression, to the very core of democratic culture...using technology we can solve these problems and make possible the world we seek to build.

Technology also makes it possible for us to struggle for and build that world.
The Challenge

Historically, technologists and the role of technology have been excluded from wider political discussions in our movements. There is one thing needed to start developing a deeper relationship between technologists and technology and the broader movement: movement technologists and movement activists must develop a deeper collaboration emanating from an understanding that we are both essential parts of building powerful movements.

Effectively, our movement should consider its technologists as the primary sources of information about technology, moving away from the toxic dependence much of our movement has on corporate technologists and tech companies. At the same time, movement technologists and tech organizers should be invited to lead the way on new tech practices and platforms for our movements, moving away from the all too prevalent tendency of developing software and other tech solutions without direct input from non–techie movement activists and organizers.

Super–funded technology organizations run by white men must no longer dominate training, movement organizing, conferences and projects –– including software development.

The days of technologists trained at and working for large organizations and foundations parachuting into local communities and community organizations to provide quick "solutions" without explanation, orientation or consultation, all while ignoring the talent and capability within those communities and organizations must come to an end.

To be clear, many of the people who "parachute" into frontline communities to provide tech solutions may be well–intentioned and truly helpful and productive. But the model does nothing to engage in deep partnership, build real power or develop the capabilities and capacities of our movements and communities. Parachuting is a service strategy; not a movement–building strategy. In the 21st century, a new approach is needed.

The Program

Currently technology is being developed, controlled, and owned by the ruling class and used in their interests to maintain a brutal system of superexploitation and oppression. We want a shift in the underlying logic of how technology is created and used. Instead of being used as a tool to divide and conquer, we believe technology must be taken back by the people and used as a tool of liberation. That communities on the ground should have access to the power to develop, control, and own technology.

The implementation of that vision will require the kind of movement relationship we've been speaking about. While the development of that relationship is progressive and will require continuous work, there are some steps needed right now. We agree that anyone who believes in the right of communities to self–determine their conditions should agree to these steps:

Our role and experience as Movement technologists, especially people of color, women, and LGBTQ people, in the movement should be respected and expected, that our opinions and knowledge be listened to and sought out. This means we should be included in conferences and convergences, networks, software and technology development initiatives and all other major movement tech initiatives through a principle of radical inclusivity.

That our leadership be accepted and encouraged. We should be included in networks and places of decision making and power within our movement from the start. Building a truly progressive movement requires the leadership of technologists grounded within movement networks and guided by this framework.

That our movements expect us to prioritize their needs and insist that we comply with that responsibility. Software Technology development, training, and its strategic use in movement building is not merely a hobby, pastime or job. It is a political responsibility and, to comply with that, we need to listen carefully to what our movements are telling us about their needs, discuss thbr />ese with them seriously, implement what is needed and engage our movements in full testing and beta–changing procedures.

That our change movement and the philanthropic institutions that support it, seriously support the development of technology from inside our movements expanded, unrestricted, and movement–directed funds. Techies coming out of movement organizations know their communities, organizations and the needs of their movement; they are the best candidate for technologist development. They will also stay in their communities and organizations building those movements rather than being lured away by industry jobs and salaries.

At this point, there is literally no support for development of this type of program. It should be an absolute priority.

The Conclusion

We believe these steps are essential to the future independence and usefulness of information technology and for the success of our connected struggles. This is a radical invitation into new ways to practice and resource the technological leadership to face the struggles ahead with stronger, more strategic, and more successful movements.

Original Signers:

(in alphabetical order)

18MR.org (18 Million Rising)

ActSecure

Aspiration Tech

Bex Hong Hurwitz

Center for Media Justice

Cooperation Jackson

Dalit American Coalition

Data for Black Lives

Detroit Community Technology Project

Emmi Bevensee

Equality Labs

Film, Inquiry, Research, and Medium Education (FIRME)

Generation Justice

Highlander Research and Education Center

May First/People Link

New Afrikan Spiritual Mindset Awareness Institute

Nima Fatemi

Palante Technology Cooperative

Project South

Progressive Technology Project

Sarah Aoun

Stop LAPD Spying Coalition

Sustainable & Equitable Agricultural Development

TechActivist.Org

War Resisters League

Do you want to sign on to this statement? [see link above]

Services offered: Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Services, Tech, Internet Services
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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Radical Connections Network [solidarity oriented techies]

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Web radicalconnections.net
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Radical Connections Network

We are a community of people who work with technology and are committed to building a just, democratic and sustainable world. Most of us are people of color, more than half women and a substantial percentage of us are LGBTQ and gender non–conforming.

Many of us identify as movement technologists, people who bring their political commitment to developing technology and tech capacity for social justice organizations and communities. Some of us consider ourselves movement activists who use technology in our work. But no matter how we choose to describe our relationship to technology, all of us agree that it is time to bring folks like us together in a gathering that reflects our work, our commitment and our culture.
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Black Community; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Gross Inequity; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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Solidarity Economy Online Directory of Orgs [hosted by Center for Global Justice]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.globaljusticecenter.org/solidarity–economy–directory
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See the above link for more info.

Of course, see our list here, too, which also contains a description of what a "solarity economy" oriented org is: https://reliefdb.org/items/5175

If anyone wants to combine the two pls let us know

Services offered: Directories, Online Database Resource
Campaigns: Center for Global Justice; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
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Tech Workers Coalition [Tech Workers Rights, Community Guidelines]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web techworkerscoalition.org
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[see updates at above link]

A Tech Workers' Bill of Rights
Last updated 16 Dec 2020

Technology wields immense power. It fosters connection, creativity, and curiosity across the globe. Alongside the human connections fostered through tech, however, we see tech companies abusing privacy, reproducing inequality, surveilling already over–policed communities, exploiting workers and the environment, and stoking hatred and violence in our world. It is vital that workers gain the ability to shape the products we build and the work we do.

As tech workers, we represent a range of job roles, work environments, and salary levels. We are the creative, technology, academic, and office workers who deserve a say in the products and services we build. We are warehouse workers facing dangerously inadequate workplace safety protocols. We are customer service representatives squeezed to work more and more hours with insufficient pay and benefits. We are part time, gig and contract workers of all kinds who want to to protect our livelihoods in a highly competitive landscape.

The Tech Workers' Bill of Rights aims to protect and support everyone under the tech industry umbrella, no matter their job level or title, income, education, background or life experience. Additionally, in an industry where leadership is overwhelmingly homogenous, we strive to amplify the voices of the most vulnerable and oftentimes most invisible workers in this industry.

We commit to prioritizing the voices of those workers who have been marginalized within the tech industry through discrimination based on gender or gender presentation, race, class, age, ability, personal beliefs, immigration status, sexual orientation, neurodiversity and other differences.

The Tech Workers' Bill of Rights is undergirded by the core values of equity, empowerment, representation accountability, safety, autonomy, fairness, and freedom. Through our Bill of Rights we not only commit to upholding these values, but also to building a more just and equitable future for all tech workers.

Equity

Workers deserve fair and inclusive work environments free from all discrimination. Workers have the right to a harassment–free workplace regardless of race, class, age, ability, personal beliefs, immigration status, sexual orientation, neurodiversity or any other differences. Employers should provide accommodations for workers with disabilities and should work towards creating a diverse and inclusive workplace.

Empowerment

Workers should have input in decision making around their working conditions. Changes in working conditions should not solely be decided by and handed down from the top. Workers should have meaningful input and be included in discussions when working conditions change. This could include but is not limited to, working hours, office/remote conditions, equity, paid time off, benefits, and contracts.

Representation

Workers should have a meaningful say in business decisions, including company strategy and ethical standards. Our responsibility in the tech industry should be to people, communities, and the environment rather than solely to profit. This means that workers should have the protected right to individually and collectively raise concerns about products, initiatives, features, or their intended use that is, in their considered view, unethical.

Accountability

Workers deserve equality and transparency when it comes to hirings, firings, and Human Resource (HR) practices. Workers should have full transparency into hiring practices, employee evaluations, promotions and raises, HR processes (including processes around sexual, racial, and other forms of harassment and discrimination), and salary and benefits, including executive salary and benefits. All workers deserve due process before firing, to know if they are on a performance improvement plan, and the ability to raise questions, concerns, and counterpoints. Workers deserve full transparency and upfront communication when it comes to decisions around restructuring and layoffs.

Safety

Workers have the right to safe working conditions. Workers have the right to a physically and emotionally safe and accessible work environment, with, at minimum, an office space compliant with commonly accepted accessibility practices. Workers have the right to work in a cooperative environment that does not pit workers against one another. If workers feel unsafe coming into the office, employers should make every effort to allow them to work remotely. Workers should be free from overly–broad non–disclosure agreements that silence victims and hide unsafe workplace conditions.

Fairness

Workers deserve equal pay for equal work. Workers should be paid at least a living wage for their work, without regard to any discriminating personal attribute such as those mentioned above. Workers should be free to discuss their compensation with their coworkers without fear of repercussion. Workers have the right to full transparency around promotions and raises, and explicit criteria to achieve them. Regardless of job classification, whether full–time or independent contractor, on–site or remote, workers are entitled to fair and equitable pay and working conditions and should be compensated for any excessive hours worked.

Freedom

Workers should be free to express themselves, dissent, and organize without fear of repercussion or retaliation. Workers have the right to a workplace that is free of retaliation from management or other employees. Regardless of employment status, workers deserve the ability to freely discuss salary and benefits, job security in the face of disagreement, input into employment contracts, and equal protections for organizing. Employers should not conduct active, targeted monitoring of communication between workers. Workers should be free to speak about their lived experiences, without the restrictions of non–disparagement clauses. Workers should never be forced into mandatory arbitration, so as to retain their full legal rights.

This Tech Workers' Bill of Rights was created by people with varied experience in the tech industry, and in life. This is the first iteration of a living document that we are working to improve, evolve, and include more voices in. Whether you see yourself reflected in this document, don't see yourself here but want to, or have questions or ideas to get involved, please join us. We want to hear from you in order to grow our collective voice in order to make the tech industry better for everybody!

The Tech Workers' Bill of Rights is endorsed by:
The Tech Workers Union 1010.
Kickstarter United.
Tech Workers Coalition.
Silicon Valley DSA and CODE–CWA

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Our Values and Code of Conduct

The Tech Workers Coalition seeks to redefine the relationship between tech workers and Bay Area communities. Through activism, civic engagement, direct action, and education, we work in solidarity with existing movements towards social justice and economic inclusion.

Membership

We are open to all workers in the tech industry, friends and allies. We believe in respect, compassion, understanding and inclusion. We expect all community members to act in accordance with these values.

We reserve the right to reject membership based on the following:

* Being employed in a management role (i.e. with firing power)
* Employed in a role that is in support of the prison–industrial complex (police, prosecutors, prison industry, etc)
* Your desire to be part of TWC is compromised by a business interest. For example, you want access to our members to promote your product, or to do user testing
* You work as a journalist

If you have any questions about this, feel free to reach out via email.

Values of Participation

Show up. We value all forms of participation, but the most important way to participate is through in–person participation in events, actions, and meetings, as possible. We get things done by people showing up.

Expect best intentions. Aspire to acting in friendship—make TWC comfortable, welcoming, supportive, respectful, sincere, and open.
When giving feedback, keep it constructive. We value honesty, but only for the purpose of improvement, not for the sake of cruelty. On the opposite side of the spectrum, sugar–coating feedback in order to spare someone's feelings is not necessarily constructive either. The goal is to be supportive, honest, and thoughtful.

Relevance. Our Slack is a workspace and we hope to keep it unobtrusive and accessible. Work to stay on–topic and take digressing conversations into other spaces—new channels, private groups, other platforms, etc.
Harassment and Abuse

We believe disagreement and differences of opinion are a natural part of community and are important to work through when building community, strategizing, and learning from one another, but we do not tolerate harassment in any form. Participants who engage in harassment or abuse may be removed from the group at the discretion of the organizers.

Harassment includes, but is not limited to

* Unwelcome comments regarding a person's lifestyle choices and practices
* Deliberate intimidation or antagonism
* Exclusionary jokes or comments
* Unwelcome sexual attention or physical contact
* Sustained disruption of meetings, events, or online discussion
* Continued one–on–one communication after requests to cease
* Comments that reinforce social structures of domination (related to gender,
gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age, religion)
* Threats of violence
* Abuse includes, but is not limited to Trolling, misdirection, and disrespectful use of resources and access

If you have been harassed or have witnessed abuse, please bring this to the attention of the group organizers (in meetings).

While in practice most actions from moderators and administrators will be friendly reminders, they should act on complaints/ reports quickly and involve other team members if necessary. They should take appropriate, usually private, action if they see any abuse or harassment. They must be sensitive to cultural differences, time zones, etc., but take prompt action when necessary.

Be Mindful of What You Say and Write

TWC participants should be mindful of what they write and say in public TWC meetings and in pseudo–public channels like Slack. Be aware that Slack maintains records of our conversations indefinitely. Do not say anything in a non–private channel that you do not want becoming public. Participants should also be aware that members of the press may be present or in Slack channels. While we ask them to keep what they read and hear off the record, we cannot control what they publish.

Projects

We organize much of our efforts and organization in projects. Projects are organized by one or two individuals who are responsible for being a point of contact to the broader organization, and reporting back to the larger group during our organizational meetings.

Projects are a touchstone for new members who want to participate, and we encourage project teams to reach out to new participants.

Projects should form their own topics within Slack. Many start with the prefix #proj–. See Project/Discussion Channels.

Slack

Etiquette

Manage your notifications. TWC Slack can become quickly overwhelming without proper notification management. We recommend turning off notifications for all but your own name and any specific words or terms of interest to you. (To do this, open Slack, click on the team name, then ‘Preferences’ and ‘Manage.’). Only join channels you wish to follow—have no shame in leaving or muting a channel that you don’t have the desire or time to participate in.
Use direct messages. Members of this Slack range in expertise, talent, and experience. Feel free to reach out to folks with specific questions or needs.This is also a good space to take tangential conversations—no need to do everything in public.

Avoid @channel or @here in #general or high traffic channels unless your message is important to everyone in that channel Channel Guide

Channels come and go on Slack, but here are some long–living channels:

#articles: interesting reads
#calendar: TWC events calendar items
#events: things going on that you might want to know about (not limited to TWC events)
#general: general announcements
#meetings: conversation about our org–wide meetings
#workplace–conditions: conversations about working conditions and experiences in the tech industry

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Advocacy, Worker Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Community Standards, List of; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Education, Cultural; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Traditional Ways; Education, Unschooling; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, How to Organize; Information Resource, Management Advice; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; Market/ Industry Significance; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School * (ANY/ALL Types); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Solidarity; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training, Government Policy; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program
Campaigns: 2026 Venezula Earthquakes; Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Helping People Suffering from the Gaza Occupation; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Unions
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we found out about this from Stan at Community Bridge

10–20 posted privacy policy

Privacy Statement of Tutao GmbH

This Data Privacy Statement is provided in English for your convenience. Please note that in case of a dispute or discrepancy between the German Data Privacy Statement and the English translation, the German version shall prevail.

Status: May 25, 2018
General

We are responsible for the protection of your personal data, and we take this responsibility very seriously. Therefore

Tutanota is based on the data privacy principles "data minimization" and "privacy by design",
all user data is stored end–to–end encrypted in Tutanota (except for email addresses of users as well as senders and recipients of emails),
we have technical and organizational measures in place which protect your data best possible,
all data is stored in ISO 27001 certified data centers in Germany.

Processing of personal data takes place in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as well as with the local data protection laws applicable to the Tutao GmbH.

We are always at your disposal for any questions about privacy. Please contact us via email: hello@tutao.de.
Name and Address of the controller

Tutao GmbH
Deisterstr. 17a
30449 Hannover
Germany

Email address: hello@tutao.de
Personal data

All personal data is kept secure by us and thus protected from unauthorized access.

For the initiation of a contractual relationship and for service provision we collect

the newly registered email address

as inventory data.

For invoicing and determining the VAT we collect for paid product variants

the domicile of the customer (country)
the invoicing address (for private users optional)
the VAT identification number (only for business customers of some countries)

as inventory data.

For the transaction of payments we collect depending on the chosen payment method the following payment data (inventory data):

Banking details (account number and sort code and IBAN/BIC, if necessary bank name, account holder),
credit card data,
PayPal user name.

This inventory data is processed for the performance of the contract with the customer according to Art. 6 GDPR 1. b). For the execution of direct debiting we will share your banking details with the authorized credit institution. For the execution of PayPal payments we will share your PayPal data with PayPal (Europe).

Address: PayPal (Europe) S.à r.l. et Cie, S.C.A.,22–24 Boulevard Royal, L–2449 Luxembourg
Paypal privacy statement
Paypal contact for questions about privacy

For the execution of credit card payments your credit card data will be shared with our payment service provider Braintree. This includes the transfer of personal data into a third country (USA). An agreement entered into with Braintree defines appropriate safeguards and demands that the data is only processed in compliance with the GDPR and only for the purpose of execution of payments.

Tutanota provides services for saving, editing, presentation and electronic transmission of data, such as email service, contact management and data storage. This content data is voluntarily entered into Tutanota by the customer. When signing up for a Tutanota account, you give consent to the processing of this data according to Art. 6 DSGVO 1. a). All textual content is encrypted for the user and its communication partners in a way that even Tutao GmbH has no access to the data. This data can be deleted by the user.

In order to maintain email server operations, for error diagnosis and for prevention of abuse, mail server logs are stored max. 7 days. These logs contain sender and recipient email addresses and time of connection but no customer IP addresses. Storage takes place for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller according to Art. 6 DSGVO 1. f).

In order to maintain operations, for prevention of abuse and and for visitors analysis, IP addresses of users are processed. Storage only takes place for IP addresses made anonymous which are therefore not personal data any more. This processing takes place for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller according to Art. 6 DSGVO 1. f).

With the exception of payment data, we will not disclose your personal data including your email address to third parties. However, we can be legally bound to provide content data (in case of a valid German court order) and inventory data to prosecution services. There will be no sale of data.
Period of data storage

The personal data shall be deleted no later than 30 days after termination of the contract, unless specific reasons to the contrary apply in an individual case. In case a customer objected to the amount of the charged fees, the accounting data may be stored until the objections are terminally clarified. Furthermore, inventory data can be stored for up to two years if the handling of a complaint and other reasons require this for an orderly settlement of the contract. Moreover the deletion of inventory and billing data may be omitted provided that legal regulations or the prosecution of claims require this. Order–related data and the addresses associated with the order are stored in respect to tax, contract and commercial law retention periods and erased at the end of those periods.
Rights of the data subject

Insofar that you have given us your consent to process your personal data, we would like to point out that you can withdraw your consent for the future at any time. Upon request we will inform you about the data we have stored about you free of charge. Please send a message with your request to hello@tutao.de. In addition we are obliged to delete, to correct or to restrict processing of the data stored about you upon request. Additionally, you may object to the processing of your personal data as well as to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority and the federal commissioner for data privacy of Germany (Husarenstr. 30, 53117 Bonn). You can make use of your right to data portability by exporting your personal data stored with us in Tutanota.
Cookies

We do not use cookies.
Contact from web page

On our web pages we offer the opportunity to get in contact with us via email or contact form. In doing so personal data is voluntarily transferred to us, stored automatically and only used for the purpose of dealing with the request and getting in contact with the affected person. We will not disclose this personal data to third parties.

Services offered: Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY; Business Services, Co–Op oriented
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
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Words Matter Task Force [racial justice/inclusivity] inclusive language guidance

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Web docs.google.com/document/d/1pBywKiB08wZNeWIL8q0MYARQO6EiW9nSF0Jcggwl8Uc/edit?ts=5fce8d06
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Executive Summary
Information and Technology Services (ITS) is a trusted enabler of technology for the U–M community. To effectively communicate with customers, it is important for ITS to evaluate the terms and language conventions that may hinder effective communication, harm morale, and deliberately or inadvertently exclude people from feeling accepted to foment a healthy and inclusive culture. As an organization, ITS has a laser focus on customer service and strives to be sensitive to customers and their needs. By using inclusive language, ITS is able to design and build better tools and services to meet customers' needs.

Given the importance of communication and the ITS core value of inclusivity, the Words Matter Task Force was formed and charged with identifying terms used within ITS that are, or can be construed to be, racist, sexist, or non–inclusive.

Following in–depth discussion, gathering input by a short survey, and through the task force's research, several proposals were assembled for areas of improvement within ITS:

– Developed recommendations for alternative words and phrases.
– Created naming standards for commonly named artifacts.
– Planned for how this work will remain a part of organizational and cultural development.
– Recommended the creation of an Advisory Board.
– Generated a list of next steps, including ITS staff professional development and discussions with vendors.

The task force is confident that following these recommendations will create a more inclusive "One ITS" culture that will better serve customers.

Inclusive Language

Language is powerful. It has the ability to unite or cause people to feel alienated. The use of inclusive language is imperative to create a culture where everyone feels welcome, valued, and respected. It is important to remember that words can impact people in different ways. Not all words on this list may be offensive to everyone. Regardless, if a colleague considers a word or phrase offensive, their lived experience should be acknowledged, and an alternative word or phrase should be used.

Below are a few examples identified by the task force. See Appendix A.

Term => Alternative Term
–men–,–man– => –people, –person, or a wholly different word.
(e.g., "man–hours" can become "person–hours")
blacklist/whitelist => allowed/prohibited, include/exclude, allowlist/deny list
brown bag => lunch and learn
crippled => weakened, deteriorated
disabled => when referring to a system: deactivated, broken

Additional resource:

The Associated Press Stylebook, race–related coverage (the AP Stylebook is an English grammar style and usage guide created by American journalists working for or connected with the Associated Press. ITS follows AP Stylebook standards.)

Artifact Naming Standards

The task force drafted Artifact Naming Standards for use while building new systems tools, and services in ITS environments. Examples include a Google shared drive, AWS system, MiServer, or MiStorage system. It is the task force's hope that this will guide the future implementation of artifacts. See Appendix

B. Organizational Development
Development is key to adoption. Sharing how words matter within "One ITS" across the most relevant platforms will allow the task force to make the greatest impact on the community. Documentation of this work will ensure it remains a part of the conversation as the world continues to evolve. The task force initiated several areas of focus, including: website documentation, additions to the DEI strategic plan, an internal communication option, and modes of education and training. See Appendix C.

Global Influence

The University of Michigan has the opportunity to influence change with vendors, suppliers, and associations. ITS can share with strategic partners the business case for using inclusive language, and prepare them on new terms they may hear ITS staff members use. There are a few scenarios that offer opportunities for communication and relationship building, including proactively reaching out to vendors to make them aware of changes they may experience when interacting with ITS; requesting a change from vendors toward inclusive language; and starting a conversation with other university partners to increase adoption. An email template example was developed that Service Owners can use to inform and prepare external partners. See Appendix D.

Advisory Board

Acknowledging the longevity and important efforts of this initiative, a Words Matter Advisory Board should be established as part of the broader ITS and U–M DEI efforts. This advisory board will continue to support ITS as it relates to updating inclusive language resources and artifact naming standards and supporting ITS services in the adoption of inclusive language best practices.

Recommended Next Steps

Develop a list of action items to implement the task force's recommendations.
Develop training and tools for ITS staff professional development, including a new destination in the DEI Passport.

Communicate to ITS staff and university IT partners, both internally and externally:

– Potential internal communications include
– Announce via the weekly CIO message to staff
– Present at an ITS Town Hall
– Present at other cross–ITS meetings (ex: ITS Service Governance, ITS Service Owners)
– Discuss at an ITS DEI Committee meeting
– Discuss with specific teams within ITS that have influence over naming/branding, including the Communications Team, the Digital UX Team, and PSAs
– Publish an article on the ITS intranet and internal staff newsletter
– Create a new section called "Inclusive Language" to the ITS Editorial Style Guide on Backstage; to be reviewed/modified yearly
– Add a section to the list of DEI Resources on Backstage that refers users to the ITS Editorial Style Guide

Potential external communications include

– Present to ITS Unit Representatives and Strategic Technology Advisory Committee (STAC) – when approved by ITS leadership
–Share the work at the Michigan IT Symposium via opening remarks from the CIO/VPIT
– Share the work and recommendations with the U–M Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

– Share the work with EDUCAUSE
– Create a page within the DEI section of the ITS website to share the work, including the list of replacement terms – when approved by ITS leadership
– Send an email to vendors informing and preparing them of changes in language

Acknowledgments

The Words Matter Task Force would like to express gratitude to those who contributed their passion, perspectives, and experiences to this document, including department leadership.

The Words Matter Task Force welcomes feedback, questions, and ideas. Reach out to the group via email (Words–Matter–Task–Force@umich.edu) or on Slack (#its–words–matter).

Appendix A
Inclusive Language

This list is not exhaustive and will continue to grow.
Term => Alternative Term

–men–, –man– => –people, –person, or a wholly different word.
(e.g., "man–hours" can become "person–hours")

– blacklist/whitelist => allowed/prohibited, include/exclude, allowlist/deny list

– black–and–white thinking => binary thinking, all–or–nothing thinking

– brown bag => lunch and learn

– crack the whip => manage the effort closely

– crazy, insane => outrageous, unthinkable, nonsensical, incomprehensible, ridiculous, egregious, irrational

– crippled => weakened, deteriorated

– disabled => when referring to a system: deactivated, broken

– dummy => placeholder, sample

– gender–neutral he or she
– gender–neutral they, referring by name

– grandfathered (in) => legacy status, legacies in, exempted, excused

– gypped/jipped => defrauded, swindled, cheated, ripped off

– handicapped => restricted

– girl/gal, boy/guy => person, or use the person's name
guys/gals (e.g., Hi guys!)
everyone, folks (e.g., Hi everyone!)
honey, sweetheart, sweetie
use the person's name
long time, no see
“It’s been a while,” “I haven't seen you in ages!”

– low man on the totem pole => last in the pecking order, the bottom of the heap

– master/slave => leader/follower, primary/replica, primary/standby

– native => built–in, innate

– off the reservation => outside the norms, rogue, break with the group, off on your own

– picnic => gathering

preferred pronouns
pronouns

– privileged account => elevated account

– sanity check => quick check, confidence check, coherence check

– sold down the river => betrayed, thrown under the bus

– straw–man => proposed conceptual design

– uppity => arrogant, conceited

Appendix B
Artifact Naming Standards

This is a draft of recommendations for using appropriate naming conventions while building new systems, tools, and services within an ITS environment such as a Google shared drive, AWS system, MiServer or MiStorage system.

The task force recommends identifying, removing, and/or retiring current names or terms that do not meet the recommended guidelines for DEI–appropriate naming conventions.

Artifact Naming Standards:
When creating a new server or artifact, use the project/department–specific names for that object/artifact.
Avoid using the terms mentioned in the Alternative Words List. Use the suggested alternate words.
Seek consultation from the Words Matter Advisory Board if there are questions.
Here is an example naming convention:
For MiServers: macc–win–tableau–iq–dev–01
Naming of this server, and other servers, follows this pattern:
Datacenter (macc/asb) – Operating Environment (win/unix) – product installed (tableau) – department responsible (iq) – environment(dev/qa/prod) – Numbering Scheme (XXXX)
Use "01" for the primary node, and "02," "03," etc., to indicate the multiple nodes.
Appendix C
Organizational Development
Website Documentation
ITS Backstage will serve as the primary headquarters for staff regarding the Words Matter Task Force. On the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webpage, there will be a section detailing the resources and knowledge articles available to ensure staff have a place to learn more. These resources will also include any education and training materials that staff can utilize or request support in facilitating.
ITS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan
To make a lasting impact within units, we have implemented the Words Matter Task Force's efforts into our fourth year of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) strategic planning within ITS. This strategic plan is supported by the ITS DEI committee and reported through the U–M Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Specifically, the Words Matter Task Force is included in the strategic plan's "Domain C: Promoting an Equitable and Inclusive Community." This strategic objective will be documented by the impact of task force efforts at the end of FY21.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: C1. Promote and raise awareness of ITS's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

ACTION ITEM: C1.1 Continue building awareness of ITS commitment to DEI, with renewed emphasis on the five–year plan, and the outcomes measured as a result.

MEASURE OF SUCCESS: Develop a "Words Matter Task Force" to propose alternative words and phrases in the nomenclature and terminology of our daily work. Additionally, providing guidance for staff on future naming implementation across ITS services.
Slack Channel
A new Slack channel named "#its–words–matter" was created to facilitate discussion around inclusive language in ITS nomenclature and vendor documentation, ask questions, and more.
Education and Training
Educating and training about the Words Matter initiatives are integral for empowering change. The task force would like to propose the following opportunities for awareness to be embedded into consistent professional development opportunities for all current and future staff.
Educational Animations
To bring moments in which inclusive language should have been used to a real–life perspective, we want to create educational animations/short videos for ITS staff to learn more about why these issues are important. The purpose of these animated videos are:
To encourage empathy for how others may feel when words have negative connotations.
To spur curiosity about why words matter, and direct people to other educational resources.
To provide a non–threatening, quick resource that is easily shared/disseminated.

These video animations would be designed to last two minutes or less and utilize neutral images (e.g., stick figures). The storyline of the video animations would include common scenarios in which a potentially offensive phrase is used. Some examples would include:
Showing a negative response by the listener and/or observers.
Displaying backstory that illustrates why the words evoked a negative response, or show a discussion between the listener and someone they trust where the issue is explained.
Presenting an alternative scenario and omitting or replacing the offending phrase with more appropriate words.
Inclusive Language Case Studies
The task force would like to create opportunities for staff to insert themselves into the "shoes" of their customers and colleagues across a variety of problematic situations as a way of gaining empathy. The Inclusive Language Interpersonal Interactions document outlines a few scenarios that were shared with the task force and offers curated examples. This document may be extended into a more tangible case study resource for activities, training, and discussions within ITS.
ITS DEI Passport
Within the ITS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan, the DEI Passport was developed as a unique opportunity for staff

to engage with important topics in a fun, elective way. The Passport contains “destinations” with various suggested activities for staff to create a personalized and unique, reflective learning experience by watching videos, reading books and articles, taking classes, enjoying a movie, and more. At the end of the fiscal year, staff can request a report with their Passport engagement to include in their annual performance evaluation. A new Passport destination will be created that will include targeted links for the resources that were researched, informed, and created as part of this initiative.
Curated Library of Training Resources
The ITS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion section on Backstage will include a curated list of inclusive language training opportunities available to staff via LinkedIn Learning, My LINC, Coursera, and Michigan Online. Original content may be created if there are any gaps in these training offerings.

Appendix D
Email template to vendors
Use the following example to contact strategic partners to proactively inform and prepare vendors of other terms they may hear ITS staffers use during meetings, as well as to explain the business case for why the changes were made. Be sure to notify the ITS Communications Team so that they may alert the Office of Public Affairs. The message should not be sent until a response has been received from the Communications Team.

Subject line: Changes to ITS terminology

The University of Michigan Information and Technology Services (ITS) recognizes that inclusive language matters when serving customers.

Given the importance of communication, ITS recently evaluated the terms and language conventions that may hinder effective communication, harm morale, and deliberately or inadvertently exclude people from feeling accepted to foment a healthy and inclusive culture.

As an organization, ITS strives to be sensitive to customers and their needs. By using inclusive language, ITS is able to design and build better tools and services to meet customers’ needs.

Here are a few examples of terms you may hear during meetings. The full list can be found on the ITS website [Note: Add URL to the ITS public–facing website].

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Alternative Term
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–people, –person, or a wholly different word.
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blacklist/whitelist
allowed/prohibited, include/exclude, allowlist/deny list
black–and–white thinking
binary thinking, all–or–nothing thinking
crazy, insane
outrageous, unthinkable, nonsensical, incomprehensible, ridiculous, egregious, irrational
crippled
weakened, deteriorated
disabled
when referring to a system: deactivated, broken

Feel free to contact me to discuss further.

Sincerely,
[Your name]
[Title]
[Contact info if more than an email address is desired]

source: snarky article: https://www.bizpacreview.com/2020/12/24/univ–of–mich–dept–releases–list–of–acceptable–words–tucker–and–mark–steyn–offer–some–words–of–their–own–1009336/ But it's where we found this group

Services offered: Assistance, for non–profits, Collaboration Tool; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Education, Cultural; Education, Traditional Ways; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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Other locations

Anti–Eviction Mapping Project [tenant organizing/rights resource]

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Web antievictionmap.com
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Killer resource for understanding eviction, the tools landlords use and get policy makers to implement. LEARN THE NUMBERS!

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Womens Rights; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Community Standards, List of; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Traditional Ways; Education, Unschooling; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, How to Organize; Information Resource, Legal Templates; Information Resource, Management Advice; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Market/Industry Significance; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, For Non–Profits; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Solidarity; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program
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Data for Black Lives

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About Us

Data for Black Lives is a movement of activists, organizers, and mathematicians committed to the mission of using data science to create concrete and measurable change in the lives of Black people. Since the advent of computing, big data and algorithms have penetrated virtually every aspect of our social and economic lives. These new data systems have tremendous potential to empower communities of color. Tools like statistical modeling, data visualization, and crowd–sourcing, in the right hands, are powerful instruments for fighting bias, building progressive movements, and promoting civic engagement.

But history tells a different story, one in which data is too often wielded as an instrument of oppression, reinforcing inequality and perpetuating injustice. Redlining was a data–driven enterprise that resulted in the systematic exclusion of Black communities from key financial services. More recent trends like predictive policing, risk–based sentencing, and predatory lending are troubling variations on the same theme. Today, discrimination is a high–tech enterprise.

Services offered: Information Resource, Demographic Information; Management, Disaster Consultant; New "Business" Models; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: Black Community; Black Lives Matter; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Mayfirst Solidarity Movement; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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Indigenous Mutual Aid Network [groups to get/give help]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.indigenousmutualaid.org/directory
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from the link above [see live links for the text below at the link above]:

"Indigenous Mutual Aid is an information and support network with an anti–colonial and anti–capitalist framework. We exist to inspire and empower autonomous Indigenous relief organizing in response to COVID–19.

We seek to grow the organizing of this effort into a collective hub of
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organizers from throughout what we recognize as Turtle Island.
Please connect to our Slack channel (send an email to request an invite: indigenousmutualaid@protonmail.com) to connect, share, & build.

As our communities have a deep history with organizing to support each other in times of crisis, we already have many existing Mutual Aid models to draw from. This looks like a small crew coordinating their relatives or friends to chop wood and distribute to elders. It looks like traditional medicine herbal clinics or sexual health supply distribution. It looks like community water hauling efforts or large scale supply runs to ensure elders have enough to make it through harsh winters. Basically any time individuals and groups in our communities have taken direct action (not through politicians or indirect means) and supported others, not for their own self–interests but out of love for their people, this is what we call “mutual aid.”
Our concept of mutual aid does not exclude our non–human relatives or the land. For more info on what Mutual Aid is (and isn’t) please see “Let’s Talk Mutual Aid” by Regan De Loggans. Check out our piece here and these too:
A Mutual Aid Explainer Video
Submedia’s: What Is Mutual Aid?
Big Door Brigade: What is Mutual Aid

Check out our guide on How to Start an Indigenous Mutual Aid relief project.

This project is currently maintained by volunteers with Indigenous Action,
Táala Hooghan Infoshop, and Kinłani Mutual Aid based out of the
Southwestern region of the so–called “United States.””

Services offered: Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Bartering Network; Black Lives Matter; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Environmental Sustainability; First Nations / Native Americans; Food Not Bombs; Green–Rainbow Party; Indigenous Mutual Aid; International Community, Middle Eastern, Palestinian; Lucy Parsons Center; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Quakers; Rainbow Community; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Tribal Communities; Worcester Roots; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Nov 29, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10391

InPowerMovement (reducing wireless emanations) (good privacy/terms policy!) (legal templates)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web inpowermovement.com/liability–action–document–templates
Service Temporary

This group helps people reduce the electrical emanations from utility meters. New "smart meters" are like a microwave oven running 24x7 in your basement. If you have gas, electric AND water meters...that's like 3 microwave ovens running all day/night. AND it sends emanations (dirty electricity) all over your house, via "noise" that can be harmful to health, heart/safety monitors, etc.

The group has given up asking utilities to help and is instead showing people how to invoke "administrative law" to impose liability on these utilities when they do not help a homeowner get rid of these meters. To do this, they suggest that you use the templates provided to give notice to the companies.

Check out their terms of service: https://inpowermovement.com/terms/

Their privacy policy reserves the right to change it without notification... so it's not perfect, but their terms of service seem to indicate their heart is in the right place!

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Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY; Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics, GOOD PRIVACY POLICY, for advocacy groups; Advocacy, Reducing Impact of Wireless Emanations; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Demographic Served: Autism Spectrum; Demographic Served: Caregivers; Demographic Served: Critically Ill; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Homebound; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Special Needs; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Legal Templates; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services, Legal Assistance; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Services, Legal Assistance (For Low–Income Families); Services, Legal, Community, Environmental Issues; Training, Legal; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; New "Business" Models;

Social Change Initiative
Updated Jan 23, 2018 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10110

Jobs with Justice Washington DC HQ (w/regional locator)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.jwj.org/resources/for-workers
Service Temporary

Services offered: Events, Protest Actions
Campaigns: Jobs with Justice; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9828

Lasagne Love [free lasagne meal delivered, cook, drive, donate, eat]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web lasagnalove.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Lowellians, Lifting Lowellians Mutual Aid Facebook group; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Apr 11, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10412

National Cooperative Business Network

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ncba.coop/our-members
Service Temporary

Services offered: Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Information Resource, Management Advice; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; New "Business" Models; Social Enterprise (low-profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Co-Operative Businesses, Coops, Co-ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9820

Our Data Our Bodies [data sovereignty advocacy/education]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.odbproject.org/about-us-2
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Privacy/Ethics; Art Project; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, for non-profits (In General); Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Community Standards, List of; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Education, Cultural; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Traditional Ways; Education, Unschooling; Event Listings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, How to Organize; Market/Industry Significance; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, For Non-Profits; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Tech, Web Hosting; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Solidarity; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker-owned cooperative [Co-op]; Alternative Societies; Anti-Colonialism / Anti-Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Gross Inequity; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10578

Seeding Soildarity [Indigenouse Mutual Aid / Advocacy]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web seedingsovereignty.org
Service Temporary

from the website [see live links at the website]:

Seeding Sovereignty; an Indigenous-led collective, works to radicalize and disrupt colonized spaces through land, body, and food sovereignty work, community building, and cultural preservation. By investing in Indigenous folks and communities of the global majority, we cross the threshold of liberation together.

Rise with us. Grow with us.
What we're doing:
FACE THE FUTURE X FEAR THE KIDS MASK CAMPAIGN

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We're currently working to provide near 60,000 masks to Indigenous youth across 68 nations and 6 states after receiving a request from a representative at FEMA.

Join our buy one, give one mask drive and help to protect Indigenous students today!
MUTUAL AID artwork by Ade Cruz

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In response to the escalating COVID–19 global pandemic Seeding Sovereignty has launched a long–term mutual aid program, now in its second phase called:

The Indigenous Impact Community Care Initiative.
LEARN ABOUT TRUTHSGIVING

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November is recognized as Native American Heritage Month, a time that invites non–Natives to learn through the lived experiences of Indigenous folks throughout the so–called United States.
While many non–Natives celebrate Thanksgiving, our collective recognizes Truthsgiving.

DONATE TO INDIGENOUS IMPACT COMMUNITY CARE INITIATIVE FUND

Vulnerable communities are hit hardest by crises – especially those that purport to affect everyone.

Indigenous communities remaining strong and resilient during this global pandemic despite chronic, deep poverty, a youth suicide epidemic, violence to womxn, and myriad COVID–19 health complicating illnesses. Our communities will be last to receive desperately needed PPE, medical care and support.

Our Indigenous Impact Community Care Initiative works in partnership with Apache, Pueblo, and Navajo communities in New Mexico, in addition to Paiute, Lakota, Dakota, and Ojibwe communities around the country, where need is critical to immediately provide personal protective equipment and reusable masks to communities, distribute healthy food to elders and families, redistribute money to fund essential aid to those in need providing on–the–ground care to LGBTQIA+/Two Spirit and unsheltered relatives, and send Indigenous authored books to quarantined families.

We are committed to our intergenerational knowledge keepers and language bearers who sustain our communities, ways of knowing and provide grandparent and future ancestor medicine. Their Indigenous knowledge can help our global community during this climate crisis.

Indigenous peoples are on the frontlines and protect living forests, waterways and resist extractive projects for us all. During the COVID–19 crisis we are helping them first. Please join us!

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Bartering Network; Black Lives Matter; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Pollution; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Environmental Sustainability; First Nations / Native Americans; Indigenous Mutual Aid; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Nov 29, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10393

Seventh Generation Fund [Indigenous Mutual Aid]

Open

Web 7genfund.org/our–work/flicker–fund
Service Temporary

from the website [see live links at the website]:

The Flicker Fund provides pandemic relief, wildfire response, and is designed for emergency response.

The Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples resides in the heart of the ancient redwoods, along the Pacific coast in Wiyot Territory. One native bird that bears cultural and spiritual significance to local Native Peoples of this region, and throughout the Indigenous World, is the flicker. It is a medicine bird; flicker feathers are often a part of ceremonies, and help make good medicine and bring healing. Their flight patterns also represent agility and the color and swiftness of a flame.

Embodying the fast flight and power of a flicker, our Flicker Fund was created as a way to rapidly respond to stressed Indigenous communities on the frontlines of COVID–19. The Fund launched within days of learning about the pervasiveness of the virus and its impact on Indigenous communities.

As every corner of the world has been shaken by these extraordinary times, the Indigenous World has been notably impacted. Ongoing colonial issues already affecting Indigenous communities at alarming rates are only intensified by this global health crisis. Flicker Fund grantees especially demonstrate culturally grounded, innovative and creative strategies of response during this pandemic; strategies our organization has the honor to learn from and support. All supported projects we partner have direct accountability to those they serve. Each has at least 80% Indigenous leadership, and emerge from and operate by and for their communities.

The Flicker Fund directs support to projects representing one or more of the following:

Support basic and urgent health and wellness needs of the most vulnerable with a focus on elders, multi–generational households and families with children under the age of five years old.
Engage with traditional healing practices and remedies, food systems and immune support.
Amplify historic and cultural teachings, stories and lifeways that advance traditional knowledge systems informing community members on health, healing and moving forward with vitality.

Mobilize resources for crisis–impacted Indigenous communities throughout the world.

Apply
Donate

Our Work
Affiliate Program
Community Vitality
Land Defenders & Water Protectors
Thriving Women
Tradition Bearers Fellowship
Flicker Fund

Contact

Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples, Inc.
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Mailing address: P.O. Box 4569, Arcata, CA 95518
Phone: 707–825–7640
Fax: 707–825–7639

In Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council since 2017

Services offered: Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Distribution, Supplies, National Distribution of Supplies; Documentation, Environmental Education; Education, Food Soveriegnty; Education, Soveriegnty; Education, Traditional Medicine; Education, Traditional Ways; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Medical, Education, Health Awareness; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); New "Business" Models, Education; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training, Education, Health, Sanitation / Hygiene; Training, Farming, Organic; Training, Government Policy; Training, Medical, Education *(ANY/ALL Types); Trainin, Social Awareness
Campaigns: Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; First Nations / Native Americans; Indigenous Mutual Aid; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative; United Nations – U.N.
Updated Nov 29, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10394

The Link Tree list of Indigenous Mutual Aid groups

Info/Hotline · Open

Web linktr.ee/keinfoshop
Service Temporary

see the above website for links to:

@keinfoshop

K'é Infoshop

Kanahus & Snutetkwe Trans Mountain Legal Fees

The Red Nation – Community Feeds

Kinłani/Flagstaff Mutual Aid

Pueblo Relief Fund

Chief Seattle Club

Northern Cheyenne Fight COVID–19

Havasupai Tribe COVID–19 Relief Fund

Support Little Wind & Mesiah on The Wind River Reservation

Lhaq'temish Foundation

Indigenous Kinship Collective

Pine Ridge Relief Fund

Zuni Pueblo Relief

Manuelito Navajo Children's Home

Video – AICH Webinar

Audio – Red Power Hour Ep. 4: Navajo Nation, mutual aid, & bordertowns w/ Cleo & Brandon
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Homelessness Relief Services; Indigenous Mutual Aid; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated Dec 6, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10398

Tiny House Resources (buy/sell/park/connect)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web tinyhouselistings.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals ∗ General Information & Referral; Buildings, Modular; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching; Housing ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Mobile Homes; Housing, Modular Trailers, Oversize; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Housing, Portable Housing Units; Housing, Quanza Huts; Housing, Tiny House Resources; Housing, Trailers; Housing, Transitional Housing; New "business models", housing; Shelter ∗ (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative
Updated Feb 26, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9921

United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (worker–run democratic union)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ueunion.org
Service Temporary

Info about organizing unions, democratic governance, worker rights.

Great resource for understanding the Affordable Care Act.

Services offered: Advocacy, ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Assistance ∗ (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals ∗ General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Legal Referrals; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Counseling, Career Counseling; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Hotline ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Legal Advice & Referrals; Information Resource ∗ (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights, First Amendment; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Management Advice; New "business" models, Government; Services, Legal Assistance; Social Event ∗(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group ∗any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Training, Activism; Training ∗ (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Citizen Activism, Constitutional Law; Training, Government Policy
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Jobs with Justice; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9830

US Federation of Worker Cooperatives (incl directory of regional networks of cooperatives)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.usworker.coop
Service Temporary

Services offered: Information Resource, Management Advice; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; New "Business" Models
Campaigns: Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Change Initiative; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9821

WhirlyBird Housing Co–operative

Shelter · Open

Web whirlybird.bostoncoops.org
Service Temporary

EXCELLENT VIBE at this space. Friendly community gatherings w/music

Location: 36 Faneuil St., Brighton, MA

Next to 86 and 64 buses which go to Harvard, Central, and Kendall. Also a walk to 57 bus goes to Kenmore and the express 501 bus to downtown is nearby too.
Everything in the city is bikable distance from here.
Next to McKinney Playground and Park (with basketball hoops and baseball field)
Quick stroll to Brighton Center (tons of restaurants bars etc.)

Shared Responsibilities

contribute to 1 house meal a week so we can have foods prepared most days.
chores. plan do a 2 – 3 hours a month of chore work like cleaning
meetings. plan to meet with roommates about twice a month to check in, make plans, review house processes etc.

Rent

We have 8 members (6 rooms) and the average rent is $450 per person with range 350 – 575 (average $600 per room with range 525 – 750).

House

is 2 family residence
6 bedrooms and two kitchens (upstairs could be the main kitchen that everyone uses). There's also a dining room and adjoining living room upstairs. A dining room downstairs could be given some other function like art space or who knows.
Basement is pretty big and the divider wall could be taken out easily to make it more open for some use.
Attic is unfinished but perhaps in the distant future it could be and a stairwell added to get more bedrooms.
Two enclosed back porches. one on each floor.
Backyard is cute. has picnic table and a big ol' maple tree. The back is shady because of tree but could try a garden here.
Front yard has rusted fence and big bushes that fill it up. These can be removed to make way for a front garden.
check pics

History:

Founded in August 2011.
The Maple Tree seed is nicknamed a whirlybird and there's bucket loads of them in the backyard thanks to an awesome maple tree in the backyard.

Contact Information:

Email: whirlybird @ bostoncoops.org

Services offered: Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Fair Housing; Animals, Shelter, Pet Friendly Lodging; Housing, Affordable Housing, Renters Programs; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; New "business models", housing; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Music
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
Updated May 5, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9950