Alternative Societies: 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
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Brazil

Brazilian Solidarity Economy Map of Socially Responsible Businesses/Enterprises

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.fbes.org.br/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3748&Itemid=215&033e956d9f852cd72810941d7e818a97=5c69e487f34e0d5cf61788331979452e&Q3_0=33&Q3=3304557&distmax=0&formato=mapa&busca=&busca_nome=&farejar=Farejar!
Service Temporary

Over 20,000 businesses and enterprises mapped.

from the site:

O FBES, Fórum Brasileiro de Economia Solidária, está organizado em todo o país em mais de 160 Fóruns Municipais, Microrregionais e Estaduais, envolvendo diretamente mais de 3.000 empreendimentos de economia solidária, 500 entidades de assessoria, 12 governos estaduais e 200 municípios pela Rede de Gestores em Economia Solidária.

O FBES é fruto do processo histórico que culminou no I Fórum Social Mundial (I FSM), que contou com a participação de 16 mil pessoas vindas de 117 países, nos dias 25 a 30 de janeiro de 2001. Dentre as diversas oficinas, que promoviam debates e reflexões, 1.500 participantes acotovelam–se na oficina denominada "Economia Popular Solidária e Autogestão" onde se tratava da auto–organização dos/as trabalhadores/as, políticas públicas e das perspectivas econômicas e sociais de trabalho e renda.
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jul 16, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9720

FL

Stepping Stone Cottages, The [housing, financial literacy, etc]

Shelter · Open

REDDICK, FL
Phone (352) 591–3339
Web yourfamiliesfuture.org/stepping–stone–cottages
Service Temporary

from the website:

The Stepping Stone Cottages is a program where families can get back on their feet and prosper. It is a 2 to 3 yr program where the families are taught success principles, investment strategies, career training, family values, and being spiritually connected. They are taught saving strategies, how to take a percentage of their monthly rent and put it into an investment fund they can use at the end of the program for the down payment on a home of their choice, be it a house, camper or tiny home. This is a program that empowers families to succeed. All participants must be drug free.

These programs focus on empowering lives instead of impoverishing them.

** The Stepping Stone Cottage houses (SSCH) are independently owned and operated. Fostering Your Families Future and (SSCH) are separate entities and, as such, although they may share clientele from time to time, their finances and bookkeeping are separate.

Programs required for Stepping Stone Cottage participants
In the Three year Program families have the opportunity to participate in the classes listed below. This will assist them with the tools that will benefit them into achieving home ownership.

Family Skills:

a. Communication skills

b. Parenting

c. Homemaking

d. Budgeting

e. Home Management

Career Placement

Classes on debt reduction

Credit Repair

Investing and Real Estate

Interviewing

Career counseling

Computer literacy

Foxfire class: based on Foxfire books (self sufficiency)

Entrepreneurial Education

a. Variety of empowering courses available

b. Platform Speaking

c. Asset Protection

d. Self Improvement Course

e. Financial Self Sufficiency

f. Wealth Building Seminars

g. Success Psychology

h. Communication Skills

All programs will be accessible to the handicapped including the deaf and blind.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Previously incarcerated; Education, Traditional Ways; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Transitional Housing; New "business models", housing; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Trainin, Social Awareness
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; New "Business" Models
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Italy

Italy Solidarity Economy Map of Socially Responsible Busineses and Enterprises

Info/Hotline · Open

Web zoes.org
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
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LA

NOLA Resource Guide (New Orleans Resource Guide)

Info/Hotline · Open

New Orleans, LA

Web nolaresourceguide.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

About The Resource Guide

This electronic version of the New Orleans Community Resource Guide is the result of a partnership between the Common Ground Health Clinic and VOTE (Voice Of The Ex–offender).

Our purpose is to create a web–based clearing house of information that is accessible to community members as well as service providers. Our hope is simple and straightforward: That more people who need these resources will be able access them.

The New Orleans Community Resource Guide began as a one–page information sheet distributed by the volunteer staff of the Common Ground Health Clinic in the immediate post–Katrina period of 2005. With the support of REACH NOLA, and the labor of numerous staff and volunteers over the years, the guide has grown into a comprehensive document with over 300 listings of agencies providing social services across Greater New Orleans.

The Common Ground Health Clinic publishes updates to our guides twice yearly, and collaborates with other organizations to produce editions that focus on particular neighborhoods or topics. Our intention with our resource guides is to increase public access to information and services that are free or low–cost. Most of our listings are for locations in Orleans & Jefferson Parishes. Our staff and volunteers check the information for all listed services for accuracy every 2–6 months.

Every attempt has been made to make this guide as complete and accurate as possible. However, should you have any questions, additions or suggestions you feel should be included in the next edition, please contact Coleen Murphy at the Common Ground Health Clinic, 504–365–8800, cghcguide@gmail.com
About the Common Ground Health Clinic

Founded by volunteers during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina on September 9, 2005, the Common Ground Health Clinic sees 450–500 patients each month, and works in the community to address societal factors that contribute to ill health, such as systemic racism and poverty.

Patient services include primary care, herbal medicine, social work, acupuncture, dermatology, endocrinology, referrals to behavioral health and cardiology services and Spanish language interpreting.

Although fees for service are requested on a sliding scale, no patient is turned away for inability to pay. Additionally, our Latino Health Outreach Project mobile unit sees patients in varying areas of the city each week, and serves as patient advocates for Spanish speakers.

CGHC's mission is to provide quality health care for the greater New Orleans community, and develops and provides programs to address community health care needs through collaborative partnerships.

Our goals are to: provide quality integrative healthcare; provide quality healthcare education for preventive self–care; create an environment conducive to patient, staff and volunteer learning; work in an anti–racist paradigm.

Services offered: Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; 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; Demographohic Served: Previously/CurrentlyIncarcerated/Prisoners/Ex–Cons; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE–BASED, NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Response; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster); Common Ground; Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network
Updated Jan 6, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9904

MA

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

Boston Bike Sharing Program

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA

Service Temporary

http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/back_bay/2011/07/bike–sharing_stations_coming_t.html

Back Bay,Beacon Hill,Downtown,Fenway–Kenmore
Boston rolls out new bike–sharing program
Posted by Sara Brown July 28, 2011 05:48 PM

Riders in Boston's bike share program head out from City Hall plaza today.

By Sara Brown, Town Correspondent

Boston's new bike–sharing program officially launched today, with bicycles eventually available at 61 stations for jaunts around the city.

Mayor Thomas M. Menino presided over the ribbon–cutting ceremony for the program at 11 a.m. at City Hall Plaza. To celebrate its launch, registered Hubway members and employees of sponsors will ride 200 of the bikes around the city today.

“This is a great day for Boston,” Menino said. “New Balance Hubway promotes a new, environmentally friendly way of getting around and I hope that all residents use the system."

Some new customers welcomed the new outlet to traverse Boston.

Karly Burke, a Bay Village resident, said she joined the Hubway program last week and was excited about its arrival. As she checked out a bike in front of the Boston Public Library, she said she planned to use the bikes mostly "around town, for errands, and to meet people out."

As around one dozen of the first people to test the bikes cycled down Newbury Street, they said they were greeted with cheers and applause from onlookers.

“It was a really great ride, and nice having a big group,” said Kelly Gray, 30, a digital marketing manager at New Balance, the title sponsor of the new program. “There was a lot of excitement around the city.”

Gray, who owns and regularly rides her own bicycle, said the brand new, three–gear Hubway bikes were sturdy, easy to use, and the seats were “super comfortable.”

“I just rode from City Hall and my butt doesn’t hurt,” she said.

Of the bike stations, about 18 will be in the the Back Bay and Fenway–Kenmore, with four around the Boston University campus and Kenmore Square, stations near Fenway Park, Northeastern University, and Colleges of the Fenway, and Back Bay stations ranging from the Newbury Street to the Boston Public Library.

Bikes will also be available at three Beacon Hill stations: on Cambridge Street at Blossom Street; at the Charles Circle footbridge, and on Beacon Street at Brimmer Street. In Allston, there were seven active stations as of today.

The Hubway program allows people to rent one of about 600 bikes for short rides around the city. There are three membership options with varying prices: an annual subscription, a three–day membership, and a 24–hour membership.

Rides shorter than 30 minutes are free for all members, with charges accrued for each half–hour of riding time.

Washington, D.C., Montreal, and London have similar systems.

Also on–line: The Globe's Eric Moskowitz tested the Washington bike–sharing system.

Correspondent Jamie Lutz contributed to this report.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Bicycles, Bikes * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/ Services; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Sep 22, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8986

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 Food Swap

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.bostonfoodswap.com
Service Temporary

from the website:

About Us
By day, Lyn Huckabee works for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. By night, she’s an avid home cook who tested recipes for Boston UnCommon, the Junior League of Boston Cookbook, spoke on a panel at TechMunch Boston 2011, and helps organize events for the Boston chapter of Green Drinks.

Susan Johnston is a full–time freelance writer who covers food, beverages, and other lifestyle topics for publications including The Boston Globe, Citysearch, Cheers, and Pizza Today. She also teaches at Boston Center for Adult Education and will be speaking at the ASJA 2012 conference in New York City.

Tara Bellucci grew up in her family’s Connecticut kitchen where she developed a passion for simple Italian home cooking. Tara spends her non–Food Swap time as a blogger and photographer for Apartment Therapy, a popular interior design blog, and creating marketing for luxury real estate in Boston.

Not surprisingly, the three of us met and bonded through our love of food. We joined a cooking club in the summer of 2006, and while most of the club’s original members have moved on, the three of us continue exploring our love of food by hosting potluck dinners, swapping recipes (and extra veggies), and trying out new restaurants.

For years, Lyn scrambled to use up or give away a bushel of tomatoes or zucchini from her CSA farm share before it went bad. So, after spotting a New York Times article about a food swap in Brooklyn, we brought the concept to Boston in the summer of

2011. Armed with our love of homemade goodies and our social media networks, we immediately caught the eye of The Boston Globe's food section, NPR's Public Radio Kitchen, and foodies throughout the Boston area.

The goal of our monthly swaps is to create outlet for sharing surplus goods and offer an alternative to store–bought items, helping swappers eat locally, sustainably, and affordably. We're active in the swapping and local food communities, and we're working to grow the swap through blogging, social media, and partnerships with like–minded organizations.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Events, Community Meetings; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Mar 13, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9121

Center for Teen Empowerment

Walk–in Resource · Open

48 Rutland St, Boston, MA

Phone 617.536.4266
Contact various people, see below
Web www.teenempowerment.org
Service Temporary

This group also works with the Warren Gardens "Higher Ground" neighborhood improvement program: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8987

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from the website:

THE TEEN EMPOWERMENT MODEL

The Teen Empowerment Model, upon which the Center for Teen Empowerment's programming is based, is a comprehensive methodology for working with groups that has wide–ranging applications in both youth and adult settings. It is made up of a clearly articulated set of beliefs that are actualized through a system of group building, skill development, decision making, and behavior management methods.

A. Beliefs
The first four in this set of beliefs have particular ramifications for youth program structure and approach, while the final two apply more broadly to both youth and adults in terms of how education and training are provided and how these constituencies work and relate together in groups.
There is a connection between feeling powerless and increased risk of engaging in dysfunctional behaviors.

* When youth, particularly those at greatest risk, do not have access to legitimate sources of power, they are more likely to be attracted to negative behaviors as a means of acquiring power.
* While most youth do not have input into decisions about how schools and communities function, they often have easy access to negative forms of power, such as dealing drugs or using weapons.
* Providing varied opportunities for a broader range of youth to access legitimate forms of power reduces the need among young people to pursue destructive forms of power.

Analysis + Decision–making + Action + Success = Power
Teen Empowerment provides youth with the tools they need to analyze the issues in their communities and schools, to identify those issues they consider to be most important, and to make decisions concerning the best ways to address these issues. Adults then provide the necessary support to ensure that these efforts are as successful as possible. While people can and do learn from their failures, the TE Model is based on the belief that people of all ages usually learn more from success than from failure and are more likely to be inspired by success to continue traveling down a positive path.

Youth have the ability to make real and meaningful changes in their schools and communities.
The work done at Teen Empowerment is not merely an exercise that is good only for the youth involved. Teen Empowerment youth organizers are engaged in real work with the expectation that their efforts will result in the achievement of powerful and positive changes in their schools and communities.

To make real change, youth need access to adequate resources to implement their ideas.
Teen Empowerment actualizes this belief by paying young people to work as youth organizers, and providing them with the resources they need to implement their organizing strategies. Every TE site has access to the financial resources needed to carry out their chosen community and school change strategies.

The most effective forms of youth and adult leadership are facilitative rather than command in nature.
The role of a Teen Empowerment leader is to facilitate a process by which the group identifies the best solutions to the problems it faces and makes decisions about the actions that need to be taken.

In both youth and adult group settings, there is a connection between the skillful use of interactive group work methods and the ability of the group to reach consensus and to maximize the amount of productive work they are able to accomplish.
Interactive methods used skillfully can help to form deep relationships among group members and to build a trusting environment where people are willing to take chances and experiment with new forms of creative problem solving. Furthermore, these methods can build real consensus in a group by bringing out voices, thoughts, and feelings that might otherwise remain hidden. This genuine consensus provides a significantly more powerful basis for action because the chosen actions are more fully supported by all group members.

B. Methods
This section first gives an overview of Teen Empowerment's interactive methodology and its centrality to all of TE's work. It then describes the procedures by which the TE Model carries out its youth organizing mission: selecting and training the youth organizer group, working with the group to plan and implement social–change initiatives, and creating and maintaining a highly productive group by managing behavior and practicing effective communication skills.

1. The Innovative Use of Interactive Modes of Learning and Work
One of the important factors enabling TE's success is the Teen Empowerment Model's unique approach to group facilitation, which emphasizes interactive modes of work and communication as a means of significantly increasing productivity. This reliance on interactive methods is based on the belief that groups function optimally when everyone's voice is heard and when group members are given the tools they need to develop relationships based on trust. In this kind of caring and safe environment, people of all ages become willing to take chances and experiment with new forms of creative problem solving. Furthermore, the use of interactive methods brings out thoughts, feelings, experiences, and skills that would otherwise remain hidden, thus creating a much broader basis for reaching a consensus to take action and for maintaining the motivation to ensure that the chosen actions are successfully implemented.

Teen Empowerment uses these interactive methodologies in every aspect of our work with both youth and adults. We have found that the thoughtful application of these methods helps groups to effectively achieve their goals –– from goals as simple as learning names to more sophisticated goals such as resolving dysfunctional classroom dynamics or developing innovative curricula that enable populations with special needs or learning challenges to succeed. Furthermore, TE uses interactive techniques to continuously reinforce the vital link between the group's mission and its current work, thereby increasing the group's investment in its work and in the ultimate success of its organizing efforts. Thorough integration of these methods into all aspects of our work allows TE to engage the hearts, minds, and energies of diverse groups of students, teachers, and other youth and adults in finding solutions to difficult problems.

2. The Participant Selection Process
The initial phase of the Youth Organizing project at each site is the Participant Selection Process, which is used to select young people who will work as a youth organizer group. The selection process includes an extensive recruitment of applicants; a first interview consisting of a two hour interactive group session and a ten minute individual interview; and a second interview, using the same methods as the first, conducted with about one third of the initial applicants.

Following the second round of interviews, staff considers each of the applicants. At each site, TE seeks to hire a group that is gender–balanced, reflects as closely as possible the diversity of the school or community where the group will work, and includes those who are considered to be at–risk. Through this process, staff identifies youth who are connected to all of the various subgroups of the targeted school or community and are willing and able to exert a positive influence over those subgroups.

3. Initial Training Modules
During the first week of the project, youth organizers complete a detailed curriculum designed to:

* Build group and individual relationships.
* Identify key issues in the community or school where the project is based.
* Place identified issues within a larger social context.
* Develop 2–3 strategic action steps to begin addressing the identified issues.
* Begin implementation of the first strategic initiative using TE's 10 Step Planning Process.
* Orient group members to Teen Empowerment's Behavior Change System.

4. Ongoing Training and Planning Sessions
After the initial training period, youth organizers continue to meet for interactive work sessions four or five days per week. The first session each week is used to address group issues and implement the Behavior Change System (see below). Each of the other sessions uses the TE meeting format, as follows:

* Introduction, covering the purpose of the day, the timeline of upcoming initiatives and projects, and a review of the day's agenda.
* Warm–Up Question, which poses a question to be answered by each member of the group. Facilitators select the question to highlight some aspect of the group's work, to educate the group regarding a societal or community change dynamic, or to work with a particular group dynamic.
* Springboard Exercise, which consists of a physical or intellectual group challenge that is designed to generate and focus group energy, to highlight a societal, community, and/or group dynamic, and to connect group members to the purpose of their work together.
* Work Section, consisting of decision–making and educational activities that take place in the whole group, and of small group work (such as planning logistics, producing graphic materials, and writing and practicing speeches, skits, or raps) needed to carry out the chosen organizing strategies. When participants work in small groups, the groups report back on what they accomplished and in some cases demonstrate what they have produced and get feedback from the group.
* Summation, in which the facilitator speaks briefly about what has been accomplished and what is coming up for the group, makes announcements, and addresses any logistical issues such as assignments or handouts to be distributed.
* Evaluation, in which group members rate and comment on the day's work.

5. Implementation of Social Change Initiatives
Every year at each Teen Empowerment site, youth organizers plan and implement numerous initiatives designed to achieve their goals for positive change. Read about recent initiatives at our sites here.

6. The Behavior Change System
TE's Behavior Change System is used to manage behavior and to develop appropriate work, learning, and communication skills within the context both of TE Youth Organizing groups and of the larger community. The system also has broad application and has been used in a variety of projects that seek to employ participants in a group work setting while addressing communication and behavioral issues. The system used by TE's Youth Organizing projects includes:

* Weekly Feedback: In this element, participants learn how to give and receive both criticism and praise and to view feedback as a set of skills that can be improved through practice and reflection. Feedback aims to connect positive emotions with both positive and negative information about each group member. In the weekly session, facilitators first lead the group through exercises designed to surface group issues. They then provide training in feedback skills. Finally, the facilitators open the feedback session; facilitators give feedback to group members, and group members give feedback to one another and to the facilitators.
* Youth Organizer Work Contract: The Youth Organizer Work Contract details exactly what is expected of each group member and the precise consequences for failing to meet the expectations. Expectations are clearly outlined and cover some 25

behavioral categories, including motivation and attitude within the group and behavior within the classroom or the community. Here is an example of how the contract works: The first time a participant is late for group, he/she is warned; the second time, the participant loses two hours pay; the third and fourth times, he/she loses three hours pay; and the fifth time, the participant is fired. Participants can earn back an assessed fine if they work for a specified amount of time without incurring that infraction. If a participant is fired, he or she may, at the discretion of the staff, reapply in writing and, after volunteering in the program for a week with no contract infractions, be rehired.
* Intensive Feedback: Once a year, each TE site participates in a daylong Intensive Feedback session that takes place on a school holiday or a weekend. In the morning of the session, an outside facilitator conducts interactive exercises designed to surface group issues. The afternoon consists of further training in feedback skills, time to prepare feedback, and about three hours of giving and receiving feedback, using one of several formats. Intensive Feedback sessions are life–changing in nature and result in significant individual growth, resolution of group tensions, and noticeable gains in the group's ability to work productively for the improvement of their school or community.

C. Operational Structures
Teen Empowerment programming is implemented through a common–sense operational structure that consists of three components:

* Youth organizing. TE has sites in Boston, MA, Somerville, MA, and Rochester, NY. At each site, youth are hired and trained to identify critically important issues and to design and implement effective actions to address these issues. In addition, youth in each city come together to work on citywide initiatives, most notably the annual Youth Peace Conferences.
* Consulting and training. TE trains teachers, school administrators, police officers and other adults working in human service organizations in the use of our unique and effective methodology.
* Dissemination of instructional materials. Teen Empowerment is developing a series of publications and videos that will make TE's methodology accessible to a national audience. The first of these is Moving Beyond Icebreakers©: An Innovative Approach to Group Facilitation, Learning, and Action.

D. Conclusion

The Teen Empowerment Model is a comprehensive system for bringing people together into working groups that function effectively to reach their goals for creating positive change. TE is committed to continuously refining the model and to learning through practice and reflection how best to fulfill our organizational mission. In addition, we are immersed in ongoing efforts to disseminate what we have learned and to broaden the scope of the model to serve other populations that could benefit from this work. Through this process, Teen Empowerment is building an ever more sophisticated system for increasingly productive, meaningful, and significant institutional development.

See materials for these topics at this link:
http://www.teenempowerment.org/model.html

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Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Community Outreach Programs; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Social Peers;

Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Education, Communication with at–risk teens; Education, for Parents, about teens' risky behaviors; Education, Parenting at–risk teens; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Recreation Center; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Youth Services; New "Business" Models; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, for Teens; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Social Events, Party / Festival; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Job Training; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Trainin, Social Awareness; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Boy's & Girl's Club; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Head Start Program; Neighborhood Network; New "Business" Models
Updated Sep 23, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8988

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

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

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

Make Shift (co–working space NOT FREE, but cooperative)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA

Web makeshiftboston.org
Service Temporary

from the site:

MISSION
Make Shift Boston is a cooperative workspace of diverse working artists, activists, and creative people from across disciplines. We are also a gathering, exhibition, and community space. In all these capacities, we strive to support social justice activism, creative collaboration, solidarity, and the sustainability of values–driven businesses. We seek to create a space that is safe and liberating for all people. As artists and creatives committed to social justice, we live in radical, loving opposition and resistance to the forces that dehumanize us all.

EVENTS
Make Shift Boston provides event space in Boston's South End, with the following missions:

To provide a unique and affordable venue for community events and the arts in Boston
To provide a safe and supportive space for oppressed groups
To bring unity through collaboration, learning and positivity (including dancing, music, and sharing food)
To carry on the legacy of social justice in the South End
To invest in our South End neighborhood and its future, even through major economic and social changes
To generate funds for our continuation.

Services offered: Furniture, Office Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Office Space, Conference Room; Office Space, Workspace/ Desktop; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Jobs with Justice; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9831

Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness

School · Open

Boston, MA
Web www.mcnaa.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Right to Heritage; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Education, Cultural; Education, Unschooling; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Grants, Community Development; Grants, for Youth; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Local Businesses, Social Enterprises; Local Businesses, Startups; School * (ANY/ALL Types); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; First Nations / Native Americans
Updated Apr 19, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9944

Occupy Boston (social justice advocacy)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Boston, MA
Web occupyboston.com
Service Temporary

Avails:
computers
and local transit to deliver
Trucks:
Sage
The guy from the Armory
Josh Bloomer (via Cailin) for Pony Express fleet of trucks

Bike delivery:
Sage

SCROLL DOWN FOR THE DETAILED NEEDS LIST or connect via @OBLogistics

#occupyboston
@boston_occupy
http://twitter.com/#!/Occupy_Boston
http://www.facebook.com/OccupyBoston
http://www.livestream.com/occupyboston

Dewey Square, across from South Station. (On the Rose Kennedy Greenway...please stay off the flowers...it's a landscaping "gem").

Sleeping accomodations: https://sites.google.com/site/occupyrevolution/logistics–security/sleeping–accomidations

FAQs for protestors, including instructions and what to bring:
http://occupyboston.com/faq/general–faq/

See below for a DETAILED LIST of high priority longer term supply needs.

See the main webiste (http://occupyboston.com/) for a list of instructions for protestors...COME ON DOWN! BRING CAMPING GEAR if you plan to stay overnight. BRING YOUR OWN TARP! Read the instructions on how to behave, please... the police are part of the 99% too...

See also database record for Occupy Wall Street: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8995

Pics of site:

http://jenniferbruni.wordpress.com/2011/10/05/occupy-wall-street-comes-to-boston/

http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.php?az=view_all&address=439x2055125

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Camping Gear * (ANY/ALL Types); Camping Gear, Sleeping Bags * (ANY/ALL Types) New or Gently Used/CLEAN ; Camping Supplies, Tents; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Events, Protest Actions; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Linens, Bedding, Blankets * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Vehicle, Truck * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jun 3, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8997

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

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

Roxbury Community Table Saturdays 5 pm (Pay-What-You-Can)

Walk-in Resource · Open

Boston, Roxbury, MA
Service Temporary

Dear all,

JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY for a delicious and healthy pay-what-you-can dinner starting at 5 pm at Haley House Bakery Cafe, located at 12 Dade St in Roxbury.

Come for good conversation over locally sourced food regardless of your financial means. Great time for community building and reaching out to fellow Bostonians. We believe in always feeding our people and sharing stories as the starting point for activism. Bring your friends and colleagues! See you there!

Community Tables
Every Saturday
5 PM
12 Dade St, Haley House Bakery Cafe

Thank you!
Tanya Nguyen
tanya.m.nguyen @ gmail.com

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Recreation Center; Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Dinner; Meals, Pay-what-you-can; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty
Updated Oct 8, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9727

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

Open Business* · Open

Boston/Cambridge, MA
Web www.agaric.coop
Service Temporary

[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.

Media contacts: Susan Klimczak and Michael King (SETC, miguelkingone@gmail.com & klimczaksusan@ gmail.com, 617–578–0597), and Joe Tache (PSL, j.b.tache@ gmail.com, 617–297–8372).

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[mailto:info@haleyhouse.org main office]

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; Demograpohic 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

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 lnternational
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

Bikes Not Bombs (bike/bicycle services, recycle bike parts)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Jamaica Plain, MA

Phone See Notes, two locations
Web bikesnotbombs.org

Service Temporary

BNB Has 2 Locations

Bikes Not Bombs Hub
(Office, Youth Programs, International)
284 Amory St.
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone: 617-522-0222
Fax: 617-522-0922

Bikes Not Bombs Bike Shop
(Sales, Repairs, Youth Job Training)
18 Bartlett Square
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Phone: 617-522-0226
Fax: 617-522-0228
* The Bikes Not Bombs Hub is located in The Brewery complex on Amory Street, and BNB is a member of the Brewery Businesses Association.

Also warehouse:
10 Harvard Street
Dorchester, MA 02124

Bike donation guidelines: http://bikesnotbombs.org/about?q=donate

BNB Staff:
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Bike Donations & Bike Drives Coordinator (volunteer)
Stephen Bosco
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bikes Not Bombs simply couldn't function without our tremendous volunteer support! Volunteers earn credit by the hour, which can be cashed in for used parts, frames, or even whole bikes. Join our volunteer email list and we'll keep you updated with opportunities as they roll around! To join the email list, just click here. For more info on volunteering, check out some of the options below and see what fits right for you.

Wednesday Volunteer Nights

Taking apart bikes Get your hands dirty with a wrench, flattening bikes to prepare them for international shipment, stripping bikes for parts, or sorting used parts. Or, help our office staff with database updates or mailings. Anyone is welcome to drop in to the Bikes Not Bombs Hub between 7pm and 10pm, on every Wednesday night (barring special events and holidays). A supervisor will show you what to do, and no experience is required. Groups are asked to schedule with at least 2 weeks notice to Jeremy Hanson at jeremy@bikesnotbombs.org or 617–522–0222, and limit their attendance to 5 or fewer people. Because of issues of capacity, not all group volunteering requests can be accommodated.

International Bike Shipments

Come help load a 40–foot container with bicycles and parts to send overseas. Nine or ten times a year we bring in lots of volunteers for most of a weekend day to do this.Join our email list to get the announcements, or check the Events list on our homepage.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Social Justice; Bicycles, Bikes * (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; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; New "Business" Models; Recycling, Bicycles; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Warehouse, Warehouse Space; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Apr 12, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8722

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

New England Demolition & Salvage (recycling house parts)

Open Business* · Open

New Bedford, MA

Phone 508– 992– 1099
Contact info
Email HomeNEDS @ aol. com
Web www.nedsalvage.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Services * (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; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Oct 24, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9017

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

More Than Words (youth run bookstore/art/social/performance space)

Open Business* · Open

376 Moody Street, Waltham, MA

Phone 781–788–0035
Web mtwyouth.org

Service Temporary

info @ mtwyouth . org

Also, now in Boston!

Boston Store Info.

242 East Berkeley Street

Boston, MA 02118

Services offered: Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Entertainment, Arts; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Recreation Center; Facility: Theater/theatre; Jobs, Paying; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, for Teens; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Employment, On the Job, Training; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training, Job Training; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship; Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated May 29, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9156

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
Service Temporary

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
Service Temporary

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

Food Not Bombs – Worcester (FREE FOOD and other SHARING)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.facebook.com/pages/Worcester–Food–Not–Bombs
Service Temporary

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

Services offered: Events, Social, Holiday Event * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Pay–what–you–can; Meals, Vegan; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Homelessness Relief Services; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Dec 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9749

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

School · Open

Worcester, MA
Web www.massfarmtoschool.org
Service Temporary

As posted on the Go Worcester List:

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

Nu Cafe (responsible food/business)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.nucafe.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: Facility: Meeting space; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Recreation, Board Games
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 21, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9845

Nuestro Huerto (Community Urban Farm)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA

Web nuestrohuertoworcester.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

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
Service Temporary

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

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

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.worcesterroots.org/about-2/about
Service Temporary

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

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

MA

Web bostoncoops.org/directory
Service Temporary

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
Service Temporary

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

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

Walk–in Resource · Open

MA

Web foodnotbombs.net/massachusetts.html
Service Temporary

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

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

Info/Hotline · Open

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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

List of Household Goods Recycling sites (Furniture Banks, Appliances, etc) (from HGRM's site)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.hgrm.org/other_organizations.htm
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page with updated list of resource locations

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Books * (ANY/ALL Types); Books, Audiobooks (CD's); CD's, Music CD's for Adults; CD's, Music CD's for Kids; CD's, Music CD's for Teens; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; DVD's; Furniture * (ANY/ALL Types); Household Goods (big) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Furniture; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Medical Devices; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Databases for Supplies/ Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; School, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jan 27, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9633

Occupy the Economy, Occupy Boston Social Enterprise Meetup/Collaboration Group

Info/Hotline · Standby

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

Social Enterprises are organizations that are "people before profit". Some may be non–profits. Some may be "for profit", but not entirely for profit, because they are responsible to the community.

This working group is focused on discussing what we believe is an appropriate Social Enterprise. And to coordinate/collaborate with resources, folks that want to start operations, folks that are already operating, and people that want to help.

Services offered: Advocacy, Social Justice; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy

Together; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Oct 15, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9124

Rule 19 Protest Action Calendar and Protest/Activism Resources [does anyone have the right link?]

Info/Hotline · Standby

MA

Web rule19.org/ActionCalendar/index.asp?size=large
Service Temporary

IT APPEARS THAT THIS SITE IS DOWN, OR WE NO LONGER HAVE THE RIGHT ADDRESS

pfsoto @ mynas . com

This site is a great site for ideas on how to educate for a better world, as well as how to participate in activism.

Warning...it's more about protest than it is about catalysm...the art of intrapreneuring change from the inside out.

Services offered: Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Online Database Resource; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jun 23, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9144

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

United American Indians of New England

Volunteer Camp · Open

MA

Web www.gofundme.com/f/uaine-20202021-fundraiser
Service Temporary

The main site: http://www.uaine.org/ which focuses on the annual Day of Mourning work:

" Many Native Americans do not celebrate the arrival of the Pilgrims and other European settlers. Thanksgiving day is a reminder of the genocide of millions of Native people, the theft of Native lands, and the relentless assault on Native culture. Participants in National Day of Mourning honor Native ancestors and the struggles of Native peoples to survive today."

From their GoFundMe page:

"Please support the work of United American Indians of New England (UAINE) as we educate and decolonize. We are best known for organizing National Day of Mourning in Plymouth every "thanksgiving Thursday," and this year will be our 50th Anniversary! We lead IndigenousPeoplesdayMA.org campaigns and provide tactical and strategic advice to people in the region who are working on Indigenous Peoples Day efforts. We are also an intrinsic part of efforts in MA to pass legislation meaningful to Indigenous people (MAIndigenousAgenda.org). We work with others in coalition to organize and support Indigenous Peoples Day events. In addition, we support many other Indigenous and progressive struggles, from the movement for Black Lives and climate justice to justice for migrants, and much more!'
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Anti-Colonialism / Anti-Racism / Decolonializers; Black Lives Matter; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; First Nations / Native Americans; Indigenous Mutual Aid; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Nov 29, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10392

US Federation of Worker Cooperatives (MASSACHUSETTS LIST)

Info/Hotline · Open

MA

Web usworker.coop/member-directory?display_name=&state_province=1020
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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
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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
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MN

Community Organizer

Info/Hotline · Open

Minneapolis, MN
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Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Apr 2, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9677

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

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

NJ

Tent City

Shelter · Open

Lakewood, NJ

Web www.tentcitynj.org
Service Temporary

Feb 26, 2013, report: http://ochomeless.blogspot.com/2013/02/tent-city-needs-feb-26-2013.html

Feb 2013 news report, court hearing: http://ochomeless.blogspot.com/2013/02/app-editorial-alternatives-lacking-for.html

1/6/12, judge says they can stay:
http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/01/judge_homeless_living_in_lakew.html

Services offered: Camping, Camp Sites * (ANY/ALL Types of Camping Services/Sites); Camping, Camp Sites, Disaster, Survivor Camping Available; Demographic Served: Homeless; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Alternative Societies
Updated Mar 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9655

NY

Harlem Children's Zone

Walk-in Resource · Open

Harlem, NY

Web www.hcz.org
Service Temporary

Programs (from the website, go there to see great videos):

Early Childhood

As researchers confirm that the early-childhood years are key to building a strong foundation for future educational success, HCZ has been bolstering its work with children and families in these critically important first years. Like all of HCZ's programs, our early childhood programs provide their services free to the public, which is possible thanks to the generosity of people like you. Please consider making a donation today.

The Baby College®

The Baby College offers a nine-week parenting workshop to expectant parents and those raising a child up to three years old. Among other lessons, the workshops promote reading to children and verbal discipline over corporal punishment. Over the past two years, more than 870 people graduated from The Baby College.

Elementary School

As children make their way through the critical first years of school, HCZ is there to ensure that they stay on track in several ways. Like all of HCZ's programs, the elementary school programs provide their services free to the public, which is possible thanks to the generosity of people like you. Please consider making a donation today.

Promise Academy Charter Schools:

Since their creation in 2004 and 2005, Promise Academy I and II elementary schools have done well enough to lead Harvard economist Roland Fryer to conclude that the students had actually closed the black-white achievement gap. The schools have a longer school day and year, and feature wide-ranging, enriching after-school programs. In 2009, the third-graders from both schools were 100 percent on or above grade level in the statewide math program. At PA1 the third-graders were 94 percent on or above grade level in English Language Arts, while the third-graders at PAII were at 86 percent.

For the students in the Zone who are not able to get into our charter schools, our AmeriCorps-supported Peacemakers program supports students during the school day and after school.

Harlem Peacemakers

Harlem Peacemakers, funded in part by AmeriCorps, trains young people who are committed to making their neighborhoods safe for children and families. The agency has 86 Peacemakers working as teaching assistants in seven public schools, serving 2,500 students. Part of the afterschool program is a chess program: one team finished second and two other teams came in third in the All Nationals for Girls in 2009.

The Fifth Grade Institute

The Fifth Grade Institute is a Peacemakers program. This free after-school effort was designed to benefit fifth graders in Harlem public schools by helping prepare them for Middle School. The central goals of this innovative program are to improve academic performance and prepare fifth graders for the challenges that lie ahead. The Institute has already helped improve the abilities of its enrolled students, helping to make college a reality for them.

Middle School

Teaching middle–schoolers is widely acknowledged as one of the most difficult challenges in public education. To help these students, HCZ has a dual–track pipeline: we work with children in our Promise Academy charter schools, as well as with students in public schools within the Zone. Like all of HCZ's programs, the middle school programs provide their services free to the public, which is possible thanks to the generosity of people like you. Please consider making a donation today.

Promise Academy Charter Schools

The Promise Academy middle school program began with 100 sixth–graders in 2004, many of whom were far below grade level. Despite some initial struggles (chronicled in the book "Whatever It Takes"), the school has coalesced and the students have been thriving. In 2009, 87.3 percent of the school's eighth–graders were on or above grade level in math on the New York Statewide exam. The middle school has a longer school day and year, and offers students a wide–ranging education as well as many "wrap–around services" such as free medical and dental care, freshly made healthy meals and an enriching afterschool program.

High School

Too often, high school is the last stand for low–income students who have fallen behind. Many drop out– only to find that they are unable to find a job or make a comfortable life for themselves. Some, particularly boys, drift into drugs, gangs and crime. In the past two years, we have increased the number of high school students we support, introducing HCZ's multiple site College Preparatory Program that makes year–round academic improvement possible for over 900 secondary level Harlem youth. HCZ's high school contingent is doing whatever it takes to get Harlem's students into college and, ultimately, the workplace.

Like all of HCZ's programs, our high–school programs provide their services free to the public, which is possible thanks to the generosity of people like you. Please consider making a donation today.

Promise Academy Charter Schools:

Promise Academy began its high school in the fall of 2008 and that initial class of ninth–graders have continued their middle–school progress, with 93 percent passing the Algebra Regents. The 2009–10 school year has seen the tenth grade added to Promise Academy High School. Each subsequent year will see the introduction of a new grade until all high–school levels are represented. In addition, we have created several cross–site initiatives to help our high school students navigate the process of getting into college.

ACADEMIC CASE MANAGEMENT:

Academic Case Management (ACM) is a holistic approach to youth development that each HCZ site serving Middle School (MS), High School (HS) and College Success students employs to strengthen our mission to support the healthy emotional, social, intellectual, physical and professional development of each child throughout his or her lifespan.

As in the middle–school, each of the six high–school sites has Student Advocates, assigned by grades, to work with each young person to create individualized Action Plans that identify concrete strategies to enrich and support the student's academic achievement, college readiness and personal growth. ACM focuses on building collaborations with the parents, teachers and other stakeholders to inform, develop, execute, assess and track student progess, particulary in the critical transitions from middle to high school and then into college.

TRUCE Arts & Media

TRUCE (The Renaissance University for Community Education) does youth development through the arts and media, working with youth in grades 9–12 on academic growth, career readiness as well as fostering media literacy and artistic ability. In 2008–09, TRUCE Arts and Media worked regularly with over 300 high–school students, and 100 percent of its seniors went on to college.

Employment and Technology Center

The Employment and Technology Center (ETC) teaches computer and job–related skills to teens and adults. It serves over 280 students and 90 percent of its 2008–09 high–school seniors were accepted into college. ETC places, at its helm, the necessity to create an environment that compels youth to be active learners and designers of their environment.

With an emphasis on an interdisciplinary approach to arts and technology education, the Tech Program approaches learning with a vigorous focus on expanding technical skills, delving into critical thinking, and expressing creative ingenuity. The teaching artists use New York City as a living classroom and resource for exploration through exposures and technology as a means for the youth to translate their ideas.

Learn to Earn

Learn to Earn is an after–school program that helps high school juniors and seniors improve their academic skills, as well as prepare them for college and the job market. The program is a component of the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Learn to Earn provides job readiness training and summer employment opportunities for high school juniors and seniors. Program participants receive life skill workshops that assist them with job readiness, conflict resolution, social development and financial planning. During the school year, the focus is on improving participants' academic standings and developing life skills, while during the summer months, the focus is on gaining summer employment.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM

The College Preparatory Program provides year–round academic enrichment to approximately 900 high school youth residing in the Harlem area. The program helps them aim for a college education, utilizing the resources available at the Employment and Technology Center (ETC). ETC's twenty–two person education team, comprised of academic advisors, college counselors and tutors, creates an interactive curriculum to motivate and challenge the young people enrolled in the College Preparatory Program. The program's primary goal is to get young people thinking about the pursuit of a college education as early as possible.

College

While the original goal of the HCZ Project was to get students into college, we found that some students – many the first in their families to go to college – were struggling with the new challenges of the college environment.

HCZ responded by creating the College Success Office, which supports students with the entire range of problems they might face – everything from navigating the financial aid process to tutoring, from time management to obtaining internships. Like all of HCZ’s programs, our college and young adults programs provide their services free to the public, which is possible thanks to the generosity of people like you. Please consider making a donation today.

The College Success Office

The College Success Office supports students who have graduated from high school and HCZ programs. It helps them get into the most–appropriate college, then assists them throughout their college years. CSO places students in summer and winter–break internships, as well as organizes community–service projects. HCZ now has about 600 students in college and the 2009–10 freshman class received more than $6.3 million in scholarships.

In the past two years, CSO has strengthened its ability to support out–of–town students with the creation of "campus connectors," upperclassmen who act as mentors and advisors to incoming students. CSO has also piloted the creation of "campus advisors"–college staff who assist HCZ students attending their schools.

Family, Community, and Health

Community Pride

Community Pride organizes tenant and block associations, helping many hundreds of tenants convert their city–owned buildings into tenant–owned co–ops.

Single Stop

Harlem Children Zone’s Single Stop program was initiated as a tool to reduce poverty within the zone’s 100 blocks. Each week at various sites, Single Stop provides clients with access to a broad assortment of useful services. Free of charge, workers offer advice about securing public benefits, access to legal guidance, financial advice, debt relief counseling and domestic crisis resolution. All of the guidance is provided through confidential, one–on–one sessions.

The HCZ Asthma Initiative

The HCZ Asthma Initiative works closely with asthmatic children and their families so they can learn to manage the disease and lessen its effects.

The Obesity Initiative

The Obesity Initiative is a multi–pronged program designed to help children and their families reverse the alarming trend toward obesity and its corresponding health problems in the community.

HCZ Foster Care Prevention:

THE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Family Development Program serves 120 families and specializes in access to mental health professionals who collaborate with caseworkers to support therapeutic
interventions.

THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

The Family Support Center serves 90 families, and specializes in providing crisis intervention services, referrals, advocacy, groups on parenting and anger management training.

THE MIDTOWN FAMILY PLACE

The Midtown Family Place has 45 families and is based in Hell’s Kitchen. It provides counseling, referrals and advocacy, as well as an after–school and summer program for children 5–12, a literacy program and a food pantry.

PROJECT CLASS

Project CLASS (Clean Living and Staying Sober) serves as many as 50 families. It specializes in providing referrals to drug and alcohol abuse programs, as well as creating, implementing and monitoring drug treatment service plans.It recently added the Babies Initiative, which is offered to 20 families with children ages five and under who are at immediate risk of being put in foster care. This intensive program works to get family members whatever services they need in order to stabilize.

TRUANCY PREVENTION

Truancy Prevention works with 90 families with at–risk children. It conducts workshops on domestic violence and on parenting (the Parenting Journey). The program also has a group for teenagers.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Community Outreach Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Consumer Credit Counseling; Counseling, Financial/Budget Counseling; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Group for Caregivers; Counseling, Support Groups, Parents; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Education, Communication with at–risk teens; Education, for Parents, about teens' risky behaviors; Education, Parenting at–risk teens; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Library; Facility: Recreation Center; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crime Alerts, Neighborhood; Hotline, Health Information/Resource Hotline; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Medicare Information; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; Information Resource, Youth Services; Library Services * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Library Services, Book Lending; Library Services, Language Skills Books/CDs; Library Services, Reading Program; Literacy Program; Medical, Education, HIV/AIDS Awareness; Medical, Education, Hygiene Health, Awareness; Medical, Education, Mother and Child Health Awareness; Medical, Education, Prenatal Care; Medical, Education, Reproductive Health, Awareness; Medical, Education, Weight Management Classes; Medical, Services, Preventive; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; School, Adult Education/Adult School; School * (ANY/ALL Types); School, College, Community College; School, Elementary; School, High School; School, Jr High, Middle School; School, Kindergarten; School, Mission School; School, New Educational Concept; School, Pre–K, Pre–School; School, Pre–School; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, for Teens; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Daycare for Children; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/ Professional Networking; Social Event, Networking Group, Families; Social Event, Networking Group, Families w/Young Children; Social Event, Party, Anniversary Event; Social Event, Post–Holiday Cookie–swap; Social Event, Post–Holiday, Re–gifting Party; Social Event, Recreation, Board Games; Social Event, Recreation, Bridge/Cards; Social Event, Recreation, Geneology Group; Social Event, Recreation, Ping Pong; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Kniting/Crochet, Knitting Circle; Social Event, Sewing/Quilting/Knitting/Crochet Circle; Social Events, Party / Festival; Social Event, Writing Group; Sponsoring Organization; Sponsorship Program, Children (Education/Health Care/Food, etc.); Sponsorship Program, Children (Resiliency); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Caregiver Training; Training Classes, Child Development (learning to teach kids); Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training Classes, Computer Lab; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Education, 1st Time Home Buyer Education; Training Classes, Education, Nutrition Education Classes; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Exercise, Health Classes; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Training Classes, GED Preparation; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Education, Health, Sanitation / Hygiene; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Job Training; Training, Medical, Education *(ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, Diabetes Education; Training, Medical, Education, General Health; Training, Medical, Education, Health Education for Survivors * (ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, HIV/AIDS, Coping With HIV/AIDS; Training, Medical, Education, Hypertension Education; Training, Medical, Education, Life Skills, Asthma; Training, Medical, Education, Obesity Education; Trainin, Social Awareness; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; AmeriCorps; Boy Scouts of America; Boy's & Girl's Club; Ending Extreme Poverty; New "Business" Models

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Occupy Wall Street (Non-Violent Protest Against Wall Street) #occupywallstreet

Walk-in Resource · Open

Liberty Park/Zucotti Park; Zuccotti Park between Broadway and Church streets and Liberty and Cedar Streets., Manhattan, NY

Contact Organizers
Email general @ occupywallst . org, press @ occupywallst . org
Web occupywallst.org
Service Temporary

ABC coverage:
http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2011/10/occupy-wall-street-protests-spread-across-the-country-bloomberg-calls-them-misguided/

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/news/occupy-wall-street

See link above and the list below for live links to the reference photos/videos. This page doesn't have active linking capabilities, except the above one. Sorry. Press on...

UPDATE: Some pictures http://twitpic.com/6pzd48
http://twitpic.com/6pzcf6
http://twitpic.com/6pzbxi
http://twitpic.com/6pza9z

Video: http://www.twitvid.com/ZCB5U

Where: Liberty Square (How to get there)
Donations: NYCGA Donation Page
Help & Directions: +1 (877) 881-3020
General Inquiries general@occupywallst.org
Press Inquiries press@occupywallst.org

https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=144937025580428
http://www.occupywallstreet.org/
http://occupywallst.org/
http://nycga.net/

general@occupywallst.org

DONATION PAGE:

http://nycga.cc/donate/

For money orders or supplies (NOT FOOD):

we have a shipping address now!
The UPS Store
118 A Fulton St #205
NY NY 10038
C/O Occupy Wall St

Order a pizza: http://www.seamless.com/food-delivery/Liberatos-Pizza-Parmigiana-New-York-City.2674.r

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49 Comments
Noam Chomsky Announces Solidarity With #occupywallstreet

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Anyone with eyes open knows that the gangsterism of Wall Street -- financial institutions generally -- has caused severe damage to the people of the United States (and the world). And should also know that it has been doing so increasingly for over 30 years, as their power in the economy has radically increased, and with it their political power. That has set in motion a vicious cycle that has concentrated immense wealth, and with it political power, in a tiny sector of the population, a fraction of 1%, while the rest increasingly become what is sometimes called "a precariat" -- seeking to survive in a precarious existence. They also carry out these ugly activities with almost complete impunity -- not only too big to fail, but also "too big to jail."

The courageous and honorable protests underway in Wall Street should serve to bring this calamity to public attention, and to lead to dedicated efforts to overcome it and set the society on a more healthy course.

Noam Chomsky

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Mayor Bloomberg: +1 (212) 639-9675 or +1 (212) 788-2958
Deputy Commissioner of Public Information: +1 (646) 610-6700

NYPD Switchboard: +1 (646) 610-5000
First precinct: +1 (212) 334-0611

Make our voice heard. Make sure that the world knows that everyone deserves equal protection, service, and punishment.

Remain true to our principles of non-violence.

UPDATE: 4:51 PM EST Two more videos of Officer Bologna senselessly attacking peaceful protesters.

Boston Review reports on being maced by Anthony Bologna

88 Comments
A Message from Occupied Wall Street (Day Nine)

Published 2011-09-26 08:03:45 UTC by OccupyWallSt

This is the ninth communiqué from the 99 percent. We are occupying Wall Street. The police barricades that have been surrounding the Stock Exchange help.

Sunday has been decreed, once again, a day of rest. We didn't march. We have made a new world, a new city within the city. We are working on a new sky for where the towers are now.

Throughout the day our sisters and brothers arrested yesterday came back home to Liberty Plaza. They greeted the new faces that have joined us here. They shared their stories of imprisonment, of medical care denied and delayed. We welcomed them and listened.

March Guidelines

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1. Stay together and KEEP MOVING!
2. Don't instigate cops or pedestrians with physical violence.
3. Use basic hand signals.
4. Empowered pace keeps at the front, back and middle of every march. These folks are empowered to make directional decisions and guide the march.
5. We respect diversity of tactics, but consider how our actions may affect the entire group.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Recycling Coordination; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/ Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource: Online Alert Registry; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, LinkedIn; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Information Resource, Press Releases; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Tech, Social Media; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Management, Volunteer Coordinator & Management, Volunteer; Media, Broadcast, Live On-Location, Cameras, Snapshots; Media, Broadcast, Live On-Location, Cameras, Video; Media, Broadcast Media; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Arts Community / Artist Network; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Green-Rainbow Party; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Rainbow Community; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Oct 13, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8995

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

RI

Community Email list for sharing, announcements, etc

Info/Hotline

Providence, RI

Web groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/fort_thunder/info
Service Temporary

Services offered: Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Bank; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Events, Party / Festival
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Dec 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9758

TX

Austin Habitat for Humanity Restore – 2011 TX Wildfires (REBUILDING MATERIALS)

Walk–in Resource · Open

310 Comal St., Austin, TX 78702
Phone (512) 478–2165
Web www.re–store.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business models", housing; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Texas Wildfires; Alternative Societies; Habitat For Humanity
Updated Sep 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8946

Occupy Austin (Social Justice Protest)

Info/Hotline · Open

Austin, TX
Web occupyaustin.org
Service Temporary

FOOD DONATIONS: Drop off your donations at any Planet K location or directly to City Hall.

TWITTER : @OccupyAustin
FACEBOOK : OccupyAustinTx
FACEBOOK (Occupy Austin Needs): https://www.facebook.com/Occupy.Austin.Needs
LIVESTREAM : OccupyAustin
REDDIT : OccupyAustin
EVENT : facebook/OccupyAustin

Working Group Contact Info

Below is contact info for all the working groups. The name of the group is at the top of each paragraph. Groups in blue are linked to a resource page.
Occupy Austin Wiki

Press/Media
This group is working to facilitate all things media, including the livestream.
Contact: Lauren
media@ occupyaustin.org

Welcome Committee/InfoScribes
This group is working to have information available for people new to the occupation.
Contact: InfoScribes
infoscribes @occupyaustin.org

Bank Action
This group will guide you and City Council to move your money from bailout banks to member–owned credit unions or community banks.
Contact: Dave
bankaction@occupyaustin.org

Finance & Donations
This group is working to collect monies for occupation and events.
Contact: Kyle
finance@ occupyaustin.org

Mission and Values
This group is working to take the pulse of the people and craft mission and value statements that reflect everyone involved in the occupation.
Contact: Clifton
mission@occupyaustin.org

Food
This group is working to bring food for participants of the occupation.

Contact: Natalie
food@ occupyaustin.org, n_atwater@hotmail.com

Facilitators
This group is working to inform people on how to be a facilitator in the General Assembly.
Contact: Occupy Austin Facilitators mailing list
occupy–austin–facilitators @googlegroups.com

Education
This group is working to bring literature to the event to set up education stations during the occupation.
Contact: Fred
discussions@occupyaustin.org

Legal/Arrest Team
This group is working to provide legal assistance to anyone arrested at the occupation.
Contact: Brian & Anton
legal @occupyaustin.org

IT
This group is working to provide robust IT and communications infrastructure support.
Contact: Greg
it@ occupyaustin.org
Have skillz? Sign up for the IT mailing list.

National and International Outreach
This group is working to reach out to other occupations around the world.
Contact: Ronnie
interocc@ occupyaustin.org

Art
This group is working to make posters, flyers and other signs and art for the occupation.
Contact: Nova
art@occupyaustin.org

Child Care
This group is working to help those who have children at the occupation.
Contact: Courtney
childcare @occupyaustin.org

City Ordinance
This group is working to help us learn about and comply with city ordinance.
Contact: Jason
cityordinance @occupyaustin.org

First Aide and medical
This group is working to ensure there is first aide available for participants of the occupation.
Contact: Claire, Joe, BeeDubYa, Bishop and Cameron
medical@ occupyaustin.org

Guide to Thrive
This group is working to develop a guide to thrive document to help participants understand the rules of the General Assembly.
Contact: Kristian
guidetothrive@ occupyaustin.org

Holistic Health
This group is working to provide holistic health to the participants of the occupation.
Contact: Emily
holistichealth @occupyaustin.org

Labor Union Outreach
This group is working to reach out to labor unions around ATX for support.
Contact: Snehal
labor@occupyaustin.org

Livestream
This group is working to facilitate streaming video at the occupation.
Contact: Boyd & John
livestream@ occupyaustin.org

Transportation
This group is working to meet the needs of anyone who needs transportation to the event via pedicab and electric cab rides.

Contact: Tony
transportation@occupyaustin.org

Coalition Outreach
This group is working to reach out to various diverse coalitions in and around ATX for support at the occupation.
Contact: Danny O.
coalitions @occupyaustin.org

Music
This group is working to craft sweet, sweet tunes.
Contact: William
music@occupyaustin.org

Twitter
Contact: Jonathan
This group is maintaining the #occupyaustin twitter feed.
twitter@ occupyaustin.org

Youtube
This group is working to maintain the occupy Austin youtube channel.
Contact: Ryan
youtube@ occupyaustin.org

Web Team
This group is working to maintain the occupyaustin.org website.
Contact: Anton
info@ occupyaustin.org

Veterans Outreach
This group is working to reach out to veterans in ATX.
Contact: Petty Officer 3rd Class Alex
veterans@occupyaustin.org

Co–ops
This group is working to find ways that cooperatives can assist in the occupation.
Contact: Josh
coops @occupyaustin.org

PR & Fundraising
This group organizes PR & fundraising events/campaigns that increase participation and support for the occupation.
prfundraising @occupyaustin.org
Contact: Amanda

Local issues
This group is working to explore local issues and bring the worldwide movement into perspective by showing local examples of corruption.
Contact: David
local@ occupyaustin.org

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Human Rights; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together
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Worldwide

Alternative Economics Exhibit/Library

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ressler.at/alternative_economics
Service Temporary

from the website (see links there):

Alternative Economics, Alternative Societies
2003 – 2008, (ongoing), installation

After the loss of a counter–model for capitalism - which socialism, in its real, existing form had presented until its collapse - alternative concepts for economic and social development face hard times at the beginning of the twenty–first century. In the industrial nations, broadly discussed are only those “alternatives” that do not question the existing power relations of the capitalist

system and representative democracies. Other socio–economic approaches are labeled utopian, devalued, and excluded from serious discussion, if even considered at all.

The thematic installation, “Alternative Economics, Alternative Societies,” focuses on diverse concepts and models for alternative economies and societies, which all share a rejection of the capitalist system of rule. An interview was carried out for each concept. Interview partners include economists, political scientists, authors, and historians. From these interviews, a video in English was produced. In the exhibition, these single–channel 20– to 37–minute videos are each shown on a separate monitor, thus forming the central element of the artistic installation.

The project presents alternative social and economic models such as “Inclusive Democracy” from Takis Fotopoulos (GB/GR), “Participatory Economy” from Michael Albert (U.S.A.) and “Anarchist Consensual Democracy” from Ralf Burnicki (D). Chaia Heller (U.S.A.) presents “Libertarian Municipalism”, Paul Cockshott (GB) “Towards a New Socialism”, Heinz Dieterich (MX) “The Socialism of the 21st Century”, Marge Piercy (U.S.A.) the feminist–anarchist utopias of her social fantasies, and the underground author p.m. (CH), the ideas of his concept “bolo’bolo.”

Other videos focus on certain principles that might be of importance when discussing alternative economics and societies: Nancy Folbre (U.S.A.) speaks about “Caring Labor,” Christoph Spehr (D) about “Free Cooperation”, Maria Mies (D) about the subsistence perspective and John Holloway (MX/IE) about his ideas of how to “Change the World Without Taking Power.”

As interesting historical models, Todor Kuljic (SCG), thematizes workers’ self–management in Yugoslavia in the 1960s and 1970s, Salomé Moltó (E) talks about the workers’ collectives during the Spanish Civil War (1936–38), and Alain Dalotel (F) discusses the Paris Commune of 1871. One of the videos discusses the Zapatist Good Government Junta, a self–governing, direct democracy network, which is currently present in certain rural areas of Chiapas, Mexico.

Chosen from each of these 16 videos is one quotation significant for the alternative model that it presents. The quote is placed directly on the floor of the exhibition room as a several meter long text piece. This floor lettering, made from adhesive film, leads exhibition visitors directly to the corresponding videos and thereby provides a kind of orientation within this non–hierarchically arranged pool of videos. These videos offer stimulus and suggestions for contemplating social alternatives and possibilities for action.

The whole exhibition project started in Ljubljana in 2003 with five videos. Meanwhile, the installation has grown to include 16 videos with a total length of more than seven hours. The project is ongoing, further economic and social concepts might be added in the coming years.

The installation “Alternative Economics, Alternative Societies” was realized within the following exhibitions:

* Galerija Skuc, Ljubljana (SI), 30.10. – 23.11.03 (“Alternative Economics, Alternative Societies”)
* Espace Forde, Genève (CH), 06. – 19.12.03 (“There is no Alternative”)
* Kunstraum der Universität Lüneburg (D), 08. – 16.01.04 (“Alternative Economics, Alternative Societies”)
* Transmediale.04, Berlin (D), 31.01. – 15.02.04 (“fly utopia!”)
* O.K – Center for Contemporary Art, Linz (A), 11.03. – 02.05.04 (“Open House”)
* Kunsthalle Exnergasse, Vienna (A), 16.06. – 24.07.04 (“permanent produktiv”)
* Itaucultural Institute, Sao Paulo (BR), 01.07. – 26.09.04 (“Emoção Art.ficial II – Divergências Tecnológicas”)
* Sorlandets Kunstmuseum, Kristiansand (N), 06.07. – 15.08.04 (“Detox 04. Crossover Jam Culture”)
* Wyspa Institute of Art, Gdansk (PL), 03.09. – 03.10.04 (“Health and Safety”)
* Centro Cultural Conde Duque, MediaLabMadrid, Madrid (E), 30.09.04 – 31.10.04 (“Economía alternativa, sociedades alternativas”)
* Forum Stadtpark, Graz (A), Steirischer Herbst, 08.10. – 28.11.04 (“There Must Be an Alternative”)
* Main Trend Gallery, Taipei (RC), 21.01. – 26.02.05 (“Wayward Economy”)
* Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Mali Salon, Rijeka (HR), 04. – 12.03.05 (“Alternativne Ekonomije, Alternativna Drustva”)
* Platform Garanti Contemporary Art Center, Istanbul (TR), 29.04. – 21.05.05 (“An Ideal Society Creates Itself”)
* kuda.org – New Media Center / Museum of Contemporary Art, Novi Sad (SCG), 24.05. – 01.06.05 (“Alternativne Ekonomije, Alternativna Drustva”)
* Museum of Contemporary Art Belgrade, Salon, Belgrade (SCG), 04.06. – 10.06.05 (“Alternativne Ekonomije, Alternativna Drustva”)
* Badischer Kunstverein, Karlsruhe (D), 08.07. – 22.11.05 (“Critical Societies”)
* Miroquesada Garland Gallery, Lima (PE), 12.08. – 04.09.05 (“9th International Festival of Video/Arte/Electrónica”)
* Kunstihoone, Tallinn (EST) 07.01. – 14.02.06 (“Capital (It Fails Us Now)”)
* Second International Biennial of Contemporary Art, Seville (E), 26.10.2006 – 15.01.2007 (“The Unhomely: Phantom Scenes in Global Society”)
* Stroom, The Hague (NL), 25.02. – 08.04.07 (“After Neurath: Like Sailors on the Open Sea“

“Alternative Economics, Alternative Societies” received initial support as a grant from republicart and the BKA section for the arts. English transcriptions of the videos for “Alternative Economics, Alternative Societies”:

* Chaia Heller, Libertarian Municipalism
* Takis Fotopoulos, Inclusive Democracy
* Michael Albert, Participatory Economics

* Heinz Dieterich, The Socialism of the 21st Century
* Paul Cockshott, Towards a New Socialism
* p.m., bolo'bolo
* Marge Piercy, Utopian Feminist Visions
* Ralf Burnicki, Anarchist Consensual Democracy
* Maria Mies, The Subsistence Perspective
* Nancy Folbre, Caring Labor
* Christoph Spehr, Free Cooperation
* John Holloway, Change the World Without Taking Power
* The Zapatista Good Government
* Todor Kuljic, Yugoslavia's Workers Self–Management
* Salomé Moltó, Workers' Collectives during the Spanish Revolution
* Alain Dalotel, The Paris Commune 1871

For video transcriptions in the languages Spanish, Portuguese and Serbian please check out republicart

Check out the online video "Inclusive Democracy" with Takis Fotopoulos

Services offered: New "Business" Models, Education
Campaigns: Alternative Societies
Updated Nov 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9039

Alternative Societies (Research/Public Art) Oliver Ressler

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ressler.at/approaches–to–future–alternative–societies
Service Temporary

Services offered: New "Business" Models, Education
Campaigns: Alternative Societies
Updated Nov 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9040

Alternative Society Visioning Toolkit

Info/Hotline · Open

Web beneaththepavingstones.wordpress.com/2011/04/24/alternative–societies
Service Temporary

Services offered: New "Business" Models, Education
Campaigns: Alternative Societies
Updated Nov 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9038

Anonymous (hacker/tech community)

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

This is a loosely organized group of techs and tech–fans, that have goals for "the world". Being "peace loving", the group acribes to non–violence, but appears to find "hacking" to be acceptable, as long as it's not attacking a person. Good organizers. It's hard to tell, of course, if they are capable of anything but isolated attacks and "inspiration". But the certainly are building a lot of interesting tools.

They like to be "anonymous", and so don't have a central website, or better said, don't "admit" to having a central website, which is ironic, since they are "all about transparency". Perhaps they mean all about transparency for governments. And/or big orgs? If someone can shed some light on it, that would be great.

a core group of organizers: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LulzSec

another core group is working on resilient networks, in case large corps/governments decide to take down networks, or deny access to "the people".

Other interesting links:

http://www.whatis–theplan.org/t6835–latest–community–news–and–updates#66477

This is apparently, a group helping organize "stuff"...whether it be "an" attack, or "the" revolution, it appears to be the central dashboard, or one of them.

Services offered: Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, International Policy; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Economic; First Responder, Worldwide; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; New "Business" Models; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Support for "All" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Tech, IT, Volunteer; Tech, Web Developer/Design Volunteers; Tech, Web Developer, Volunteer; Tech, Web Mapper, Volunteer; Volunteer, Virtual Volunteer Meeting Place (Blog/Forum/Discussion Board)

Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Ending Extreme Poverty; New "Business" Models
Updated Oct 30, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9019

Barter / Alternative Exchange Networks INDEX

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

http://www.helpinghiredhands.com/

http://barterhours.org/

http://www.bartme.com/

http://www.barternews.com/barterquest_redeems_barter_points_for_cash.htm

http://www.barter-works.com/

http://www.u-exchange.com/

http://www.realfriendsandfamily.org/bartersystem1.html

http://www.barterfair.org/

Services offered: Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; Service, Bartering
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Bartering Network
Updated Mar 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8964

Ceres Coalition (Sustainability Standards Alliance/Program)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ceres.org/about-us/coalition
Service Temporary

http://www.ceres.org/files/in-briefs-and-one-pagers/coalition-in-brief

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Investment Firms (Responsible/Sustainable); Information Resource, Ratings, Community/Corporate Governance/Accountability
Campaigns: Alternative Societies
Updated May 11, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9147

Commercial Free Childhood (ways to reduce advertising impact on kids)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web commercialfreechildhood.org/about-us
Service Temporary

This group was written up in the Boston Globe. They fight the sales of sexualized and/or violent toys in regional stores.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Consumer Issues; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Counseling, Support Groups, Parents; Education, Communication with at-risk teens; Education, Parenting at-risk teens; New "Business" Models, Education; School, for Kids, Online/Remote Education; Services, Family, Parent, Non-custodial Parent, Services in Support of; Training Classes, Education, Parenting
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Oct 21, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9375

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
Updated Jul 1, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10581

Community Collaboration Sites/Projects

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.listology.com/jwalling/list/collaboration–resources
Service Temporary

LONG list of collaboration sites, which are focused on sites/projects that are focused on horizontal collaboration.

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, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies
Updated Aug 5, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9726

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
Updated Dec 26, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10630

Eco–Living: Alternative/Sustainable Living Communities/Networks

Info/Hotline · Open

Sustainable Development
Web www.eco–living.net/resourcedb/staticdb/community.html
Service Temporary

from above website. see website for live links.

* Acorn Community – a cooperative, secular, intentional community located in central Virginia, "...working toward a diverse egalitarian society that embraces feminism, ecological sustainability, multiculturalism, diverse sexual and gender orientations, and personal spiritual growth."
* Alpha Farm – an intentional community in rural western Oregon, composed of "people who have chosen to live and work together to share a more harmonious way of living." Reflects Quaker values such as consensus decision–making, land stewardship, simple living and the like.
* Ash Grove Community Farm – in Corning, New York, with intent to "...provide a model of sustainable agriculture and intentional community lifestyle." Includes a CSA, dairy goat herd, apprenticeships, events and workshops, and various visitor and resident possibilities.
* Blue Heron Farm – "a community of people who have purchased 64 acres of field and woodlands to share, protect, use and enjoy together in the central Piedmont area of North Carolina." Includes member info and photos, a non–profit educational association, a bit of history of the land and buildings, info on their alternative wastewater treatment system and more.
* Crossroads Medieval Village – in Australia, owned by a co–operative, aiming to re–create a medieval village and castle and its surrounds of farmland, forest and hamlets...with a difference, as they are using Permaculture as their basis for forest, agriculture and other support systems design.
* Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage – "...an ecovillage in progress on 280 acres of beautiful northeastern Missouri rolling hills." Dancing Rabbit folks are working with natural building methods, permaculture design, a vehicle co–op, bio–diesel fuel production, publishing a newsletter and more – most of which is detailed (including pictures) on–line.
* Deer Rock Community – in Virgina, in the process of re–grouping after some initial startup complications. This site has some useful sample documents, such as a membership agreement, bylaws, and vision statement, and also a valuable narrative showing some of the complexities of a process such as forming an intentional community.
* Dreamtime Village – near West Lima, Wisconsin, "...an experiment in ecovillage design whose mission is to create new planetary culture...Our challenge is to design a landscape where we can create art that is functional, alive, & fantasmagorical while simultaneously serving as an eco–village demonstration and a hands–on learning environment for people of all ages..."

* East Palo Alto Historical and Agricultural Society – A community–based, non–profit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the historical, agricultural, and cultural integrity of East Palo Alto, California, as a model of sustainable development. Good examples and samples of diversity– and sustainability–oriented community planning processes that are actually implemented or in the process of creation!
* East Wind Community – in the Ozark mountains of southern Missouri, "...a secular, egalitarian intentional community...to eventually serve as a model of a society that is free, democratic, cooperative and egalitarian; without violence and exploitation." Income–sharing, economically self–sustaining and in existence since 1973.
* Eddie's Nimbin page – one member's pages about Nimbin Rocks Cooperative near Nimbin in Australia. An individual story that offers insights into what might be involved in joining and living in such a community. Includes info on some "appropriate technolgy" projects he's working on.
* The Farm – Founded in 1971, committed to simple living and self–reliance – the Farm has pioneered a wide range of social and physical technologies for low–cost, high satisfaction community living.
* Findhorn Bay Community – yes, that Findhorn – an international community and developing eco–village of about 350 people in the northeast of Scotland. Founded in 1962 near the seaside village of Findhorn. See also Erraid, an island community with strong connections to Findhorn.
* Goose Creek Farm – an eco–village in the making in Casey County, south central Kentucky. Go to the latter part of the second page to see the info for prospective eco–village participants.
* Heathcote Intentional Community – an example of a community in process, based on Permaculture principles – information on the community itself, workshops offered, conference center facilities, visiting, joining, and the School of Living!
* Infinite Sun – Action towards sustainable urban living in Kansas City. Wide–ranging list of links, from activism to sustainability and probably even something starting with 'Z'.
* Kookaburra Park Eco–Village – an ongoing experiment in community currently being created in Australia. Land use is based on Permaculture principles.
* Los Angeles Eco–Village – a sustainable community in process and the west coast node for the Ecovillage Network of the Americas. Yes, it's really happening, and really working, and right in the middle of "El Lay" (as Joe Bob would say...). Urban community examples abound here. Check it out!
* Meadowdance – "...an egalitarian, child centered community that welcomes human diversity, ecological sensibility, mutual learning and joy." Located near Battleboro, in Southeastern Vermont, USA. In the process of formation since April 1977.
* Occidental Arts and Ecology Center – an intentional community and educational institute founded in 1994 by a group of biologists, artists, activists, educators and horticulturists. Striving to practice what they teach – practical approaches to the social, economic, environmental and spiritual challenges of our day – on a beautiful piece of land near Occidental in Sonoma county, California, USA.
* Sanctuary – a developing eco–village located in Northwest lower Michigan (U.S.A.). Notes on an Eco–village model, sustainable enterprises, contact and participation information, and community development assistance.
* Sirius Community – an example of an existing and evolving experiment in community, both physical and cultural. There is a green building apprentice program and well–developed internship positions as well.
* Sharingwood Cohousing community – in southern Snohomish county, Washington state, USA. An active, growing cohousing community. This site includes a document library as a resouce for others involved in community creation.
* Student Housing Cooperative at Michigan State – a large, participatory, land–trust–based student housing co–op based on Rochdale cooperative principles. Information on how the co–op grew, how it operates, and of course links to other co–op related sites!
* Twin Oaks Community – Established in 1967, located in rural central Virginia, based on cooperation, nonviolence, and equality. Income–sharing, self–governing, and partly self–sufficient. Communal income comes from a variety of cottage industries.
* Utopian EcoVillage Network – a forming ecovillage offering "tropical hilly geographical paradise in Ecuador...an intentional community with a self–sufficient goal, we seek people who have a strong desire to live communally." Mission statement and info on membership, goals, processes, intentions and other community details.
* Windward – an association of non–profits, including: the Windward Foundation, a non–profit corporation dedicated to developing, communicating and implementing the principles of self–reliance – finding ways to take their lives in positive directions and helping others do the same; and the Windward Center, providing support for individuals personally committed to the process of making a substantial life transition.
* ZEGG – the Center for Experimental Cultural Design, formed in 1991 in Germany; "...an experimental space for the creation of a new cultural model." Intentions include "...to explore and pass on the spiritual and practical knowledge for the building of a vivid, humane and nonviolent culture." Inspiration for the North American Network for a New Culture.
* Zen Center of Hawai'i – located on the pastoral outskirts of Waimea (Kamuela) on the Big Island of Hawai'i. The director and spiritual teacher is Robert Joshin Althouse, a Soto Zen Buddhist Priest who has also studied in the Tibetan Tantric tradition with Trungpa Rinpoche and Gyaltrul Rinpoche. The Center offers meditations, workshops, sesshins (retreats), and opportunities for bearing witness via community events and other aspects of "engaged Buddhism," including a community garden!

Information Resources [Here and Now | Information Resources]

* Bega EcoDevelopment Project Briefing Paper – a group in the Bega Valley in South East NSW, Australia, that has been meeting since April 1996 and exploring ways of creating more ecologically and economically sustainable human settlement. This paper offers current results of their inquiries.
* Center for Sustainable Communities – in the Cascadia Bioregion (Pacific Northwest, North America). Resources such as case

studies, a library, contact info and a tutorial on sustainability. The contact info ranges from local to global and covers a wide range of focuses.
* Community Coalition for Environmental Justice – comprised of representatives and residents of diverse communities of the greater Seattle region. Members are dedicated to bringing together all communities in an effort to address issues of disproportionate environmental risk in communities of the economically disadvantaged. 4759 15th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98105; (206) 527–1695.
* Community Currency – information, resources and events related to localized and community currency, barter and exchange systems.
* Creating Land Trusts – just like it says, all about creating land trusts, including history, examples, basic information, related organizations, books and other publications.
* Ecopsychology on–line – an e–magazine with quality information, articles, and essays on and about ecopsychology – theories, research, practices, and experiences. Also archives of past issues and links to additional resources.
* Eco–village Information Network. A service of the Global Eco–village Network – international site for the eco–village concept and movement. Check out their chock–full resources page for more relevant sites. This organization also provides the EcoBalance on–line discussion group.
* Hawai'i Nation – provides some perspectives on the restoration of the independence of Hawai`i, along with various cultural perspectives from her people. A rich site that goes well beyond the usual stereotypes of Hawai'i, with links to published articles, position papers, news items, histories, legal documents, political actions, and related sites.
* HopeDance – a grassroots, all–volunteer community magazine for the San Luis Obispo region on the central coast of California, USA. They "...publish material and engage in activities that are necessary in building an ecologically sustianable, holistic, healthy and awakened community."
* Impact Online – a nonprofit with a mission of facilitating and increasing community involvement. Major focus on coordinating volunteer organizations and opportunities by way of volunteer opportunity listings, nonprofit service and organization directories and information about volunteering.
* Intentional Communities – a resource and information site embracing a variety of ideas and forms for what some call "intentional communities." Who wants to live in community? Well, you already are...can you imagine an unintentional community? Is there such a thing? Think about it...
* Ka'u Landing – "An Independent Monthly Journal Dedicated to Community Collaboration and a Sustainable Future for the Islands of Hawai`i." Stuff on and about Hawai'i and the Big Island that you'll never hear about in mainland news media...now providing a monthly sampling of on–line articles, plus complete table of contents and advertiser index.
* LandTrust online discussion list – a listserv for individuals and groups interested in the topic of land trusts.
* Lux Intentional Communities Page – home base on the web for an intentional community project in Vermont, U.S.A. Also has pages with community–related links and a list of collected threads of online alternative energy discussions.
* MenWeb – M.E.N. Magazine – The Men's Evolvement Network site, with most all of the Seattle M.E.N. magazine content available for browsing. Also general information and links to further resources for Men's work, groups, organizations and the like.
* Network for a New Culture – a North American organization that "...seeks to build a sustainable, violence–free culture through exploring intimacy, personal growth, transparency, radical honesty, equality, compassion, sexual freedom, and the power of community." Originally inspired by the German community ZEGG. The site has a document library, discussion group and other resources and there are scheduled retreats and workshops, including an annual summer camp, in the non–virtual world.
* Northwest Intentional Communities Association – coordinating exchange of information and resources between Northwest intentional Communities and others; facilitating communication and networking between local, regional, and national intentional communities organizations. Portions of their newsletter are available online. There is a great collection of resources for potential and existing communities!
* Pomegranate Center – the mission of Pomegranate center is "to engage communities in creative experiments integrating a celebration of the arts, an appreciation of the natural environment and a thoughtful use of public resources." The center develops and offers skills and resources to help communities find a balance between economic, environmental, educational, social, community, and spiritual concerns.
* Sustainable Communities Network – addresses a broad range of issues and offers a broad range of resources "for those who want to help make their communities more livable." Sections on economy, resources, governance, lifestyle, case studies and much more.
* Syntropo – "An interactive on–line magazine dedicated to the global intentional community movement and the pioneers who are re–thinking human societies." Interactive discussions & glossary; postboard; book list; articles; etc. This is just getting started – go help it out!
* The Trust for Public Land – a national nonprofit "...working exclusively to protect land for human enjoyment and well–being." Lots of info on public land trusts, examples, resources, news bulletins and how you can help.
* VITA Village Technology Center and Catalog – "...introducing effective tools and techniques with particular emphasis on those items which increase agricultural productivity, improve housing, health and sanitation, and promote local industry in the developing areas of the world." Their catalog has "simple" technology items with descriptions and illustrations and a link to a page explaining their approach and philosophy.
* World Transformation web space – an eclectic site loaded with links. Go explore for yourself...

Services offered: Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming

Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Apr 25, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7933

EFnet (internet resilience)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.efnet.org
Service Temporary

IRC

Services offered: New "Business" Models, Education
Campaigns: Alternative Societies
Updated Nov 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9043

EHSO: Battery Recycling and Disposal Guide for Households (NO RECYCLING info FOR Non–Rechargeables)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ehso.com/ehshome/batteries.php
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Recycling, Batteries; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated Apr 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9138

Food Not Bombs (Free Meals, Alternative Societal Network Models)

Info/Hotline · Open

Contact director
Email menu@foodnotbombs.net
Web www.foodnotbombs.net
Service Temporary

from the websites:

Food Not Bombs is one of the fastest growing revolutionary movements and is gaining momentum throughout the world. There are hundreds of autonomous chapters sharing free vegetarian food with hungry people and protesting war and poverty. Food Not Bombs is not a charity. This energetic grassroots movement is active throughout the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Australia. Food Not Bombs is organizing for peace and an end to the occupations of Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine. For nearly 30 years the movement has worked to end hunger and has supported actions to stop the globalization of the economy, restrictions to the movements of people, end exploitation and the destruction of the earth.

The first group was formed in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1980 by anti–nuclear activists. Food Not Bombs is an all–volunteer organization dedicated to nonviolent social change. Food Not Bombs has no formal leaders and strives to include everyone in its decision making process. Each group recovers food that would otherwise be thrown out and makes fresh hot vegan and vegetarian meals that are served in outside in public spaces to anyone without restriction. Many Food Not Bombs groups also share groceries and organize other efforts to support their communities. Each independent group also serves free meals at protests and other events. The San Francisco chapter has been arrested over 1,000 times in government's effort to silence its protest against the city's anti– homeless policies. Amnesty International states it will adopt those Food Not Bombs volunteers that are convicted as "Prisoners of Conscience" and will work for their unconditional release. Volunteers are currently being arrested in Orlando, Florida and Minsk, Belaruse. Even though we are dedicated to nonviolence Food Not Bombs activists in the United States have been under investigation by the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, Pentagon and other intelligence agencies. A number of Food Not Bombs volunteers have been arrested on terrorism charges.

Food Not Bombs is often the first to provide food and supplies to the survivors of disasters. During the first three days after the 1989 Earthquake, Food Not Bombs was the only organization in San Francisco providing hot meals to the survivors. Food Not Bombs was also the first to provide hot meals to the rescue workers responding to September 11th World Trade Center attacks. Food Not Bombs volunteers were among the first to provide food and help to the survivors of the Asian Tsunami and Hurricane Katrina. Our volunteers organized a national collection program and delivered bus and truckloads of food and supplies to the gulf region. We were one of the only organizations sharing daily meals in New Orleans after Katrina. Food Not Bombs is now preparing for the economic crash organizing Food Not Lawns community gardens, housing the homeless with Homes Not Jails, organizing additional meals each week and starting new Food Not Bombs chapters.

Food Not Bombs works in coalition with groups like Earth First!, The Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, Anarchist Black Cross, the IWW, Homes Not Jails, Anti Racist Action, Farm Animal Rights Movement, In Defense of Animals, the Free Radio Movement and other organizations on the cutting edge of positive social change and resistance to the new global austerity program. Food Not Bombs provided the meals for the protesters at Camp Casey outside Bush's ranch in Texas and was the frist to provide food to the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Volunteers also helped organize and shared meals at the 1999 WTO protests in Seattle and provide logistical support for many other anti–globalization actions. Kiev Food Not Bombs fed the tent city protest during the

Orange Revolution and groups in Slovokia started animal rescue shelters in 24 cities. We are also sharing meals at protests responding to the global economic crisis.

As the global economy was starting to fail the city of Orlando passed a law restricting the sharing of meals with the hungry. The Orlando Police arrested Food Not Bombs volunteer Eric Montanez on April 4, 2007. Many other America cities were also introducing laws to discourage the feeding of the hungery and Food Not Bombs volunteers were arrested in Nevada, Connecticut and several other states. Eric was found innocent and Food Not Bombs challenged the law in Federal Court. After winning at the district level the Eleventh Circut Court of Appeals rule that Orlando could restrict Food Not Bombs to twice a year per park. The city started arresting the volunteers for sharing meals at Lake Eola Park on June 1, 2011. The arrests continue. Volunteers in Minks, Belaruse are also being arrested for sharing food with the hungry. Their capaign also continues.

Many groups organize Really Really Free Markets giving away all kinds of items for free, planting Food Not Lawns community gardens and housing people with the Homes Not Jails project. Many chapters also organize Bikes Not Bombs programs collecting and repairing used bicycles to provide to people in low–income communities. We also provided meals to protesters at the Democratic and Republican National Conventions in the United States. We will provide meals to the families of striking workers and help organize actions encouraging alternatives to the failure of capitalism.

Food Not Bombs activists are currently making plans to celebrate our 30th year of cooking for peace. Along with organizing the celebration each local chapter collects and distributes food every week and there are several other projects that support the Food Not Bombs movement. One collective called "A Food Not Bombs Menu." helps people find or start local chapters. They also maintain the website www.foodnotbombs.net, organize tours and support Food Not Bombs gatherings. They also provide books, t–shirts and other materials to promote the principles of Food Not Bombs. We hope you will join us in taking direct action towards creating a world free from domination, coercion and violence. Food is a right, not a privilege.

Please visit our website to find out how you can help us work for peace and justice.

Services offered: Communications, Equipment, Radio, Ham Radio; Communications, Equipment, Radio Transmitters, Large; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Homelessness Relief Services; Rainbow Community
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Free Net Foundation (shared bandwidth, compute power)

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

from the website:

Freenet is free software which lets you anonymously share files, browse and publish "freesites" (web sites accessible only through Freenet) and chat on forums, without fear of censorship. Freenet is decentralised to make it less vulnerable to attack, and if used in "darknet" mode, where users only connect to their friends, is very difficult to detect.

Communications by Freenet nodes are encrypted and are routed through other nodes to make it extremely difficult to determine who is requesting the information and what its content is.

Users contribute to the network by giving bandwidth and a portion of their hard drive (called the "data store") for storing files. Files are automatically kept or deleted depending on how popular they are, with the least popular being discarded to make way for newer or more popular content. Files are encrypted, so generally the user cannot easily discover what is in his datastore, and hopefully can't be held accountable for it. Chat forums, websites, and search functionality, are all built on top of this distributed data store.

Services offered: New "Business" Models, Education
Campaigns: Alternative Societies
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Intentional Community Database (find alternative culture communities, eco–villages, co–housing, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.icdb.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Rainbow Community
Updated Mar 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9643

International Solidarity Economy Project (mapping/connecting people with socially responsible businesses/enterprises)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ripess.org/?lang=en
Service Temporary

See US and other countries by choosing the "Affiliation: Solidarity Economy" item below.
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jul 16, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9722

National Resources Defense Council (Green Living Tools/Info/Resources)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.nrdc.org/living/stuff/default.asp
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Pollution; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Apr 25, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9141

New Economics Institute (study, analysis, alternative economies, new business models)

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/ Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution
Updated Feb 19, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9640

P2P Foundation

Info/Hotline · Open

Web p2pfoundation.net/Alternative_Economics,_Alternative_Societies
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; New "Business" Models
Updated Nov 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9037

Planet Aid (clothes re-use/textile recycling/low-price sale to development orgs)

Open Business* · Open

Web planetaid.org/who-we-are/about-us
Service Temporary

from the website:

Planet Aid is nonprofit organization that collects donated clothing and shoes to protect the environment and support sustainable development in impoverished communities around the world.
Planet Aid protects the environment and preserves our natural habitat by reducing the volume of textiles entering the solid waste stream, thereby saving on landfill space and reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.

* Planet Aid makes helping others easy and accessible by using donated clothing and shoes to drive economic development, improve the environment, and eliminate poverty in developing nations.
* Planet Aid is committed to building capacity by funding sustainable community development projects that address education, food security, health, hygiene, and the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
* By recycling used clothing and shoes, Planet Aid works to protect our environment by saving on landfill space and reducing the of emission green house gases.
* Planet Aid has a proven track record and an effective business model; our unique concept of aid delivery is supported by recycling unwanted clothing and shoes collected at more than 13,000 yellow donation bins nationwide.
* Since 1997, Planet Aid has supported more than 60 projects in 15 countries with more $69 million.
* Planet Aid is active in 20 states across the US and works to create partnerships with businesses, schools and other organizations on state and local levels.

NOTE: There's been some controversy with regard to this organization. Please be aware.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; Recycling, Clothing; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl

socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Shoes, * New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services
Updated May 9, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9154

Share the World's Resources (Global Coordination for Sustainable Business/Public Infrastructure Policies/Practices)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.stwr.org/globalization
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Social Justice; Baby, Baby * Items (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Disasters in the Making/Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness, Businesses; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Economic; Documentation, Economic, Tax Haven Analysis; Documentation, Environmental Education; Global Strategic Coordination; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Management Advice; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Watchdog, Transparency & Accountability; Market/Industry Significance; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Services, Disaster Preparedness
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Oct 5, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9365

Shareable (blog focused on Community–based Currencies, Timebanks, Alternatve Economies, other sharing ways)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.shareable.net/tag/sharing–economy
Service Temporary

Specific to Community Currencies: http://www.shareable.net/blog/how–to–start–a–community–currency

Sharing Economy Law:
http://www.shareable.net/tag/sharing–economy

Services offered: Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Management Advice; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Social Activists/Organizers; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Oct 23, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9378

Solidarity Economy Network (USSEN) (association of groups/people, education, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web ussolidarityeconomy.wordpress.com
Service Temporary

Mission & Organizational Statement for the U.S. Solidarity Economy Network

Drafted by the SEN Coordinating Committee, August 2007. Please note that this is a working document and is open for discussion, debate and change. Revised August 12, 2009

Mission of USSEN

The mission of the U.S. Solidarity Economy Network is to connect a diverse array of individuals, organizations, businesses and projects in the shared work of building and strengthening regional, national and international movements for a solidarity economy.

Through publications, a website, mailing list, and face–to–face gatherings, the network will facilitate: ongoing communication and dialog relating to the development of solidarity economy ideas, values and practices; the sharing of experiences, models and skills; and the creation of collaborative, movement–building projects between network members.

Specific Objectives for USSEN

Global movement. To join with and build the movement for transformative social and economic justice. To develop strong relationships and exchange between U.S. and global organizations, practitioners and solidarity economy networks such as RIPESS (Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Solidarity Economy).

Common vision and framework. To create a structure and vision that can promote a common identity and agenda among the currently fragmented elements of the U.S. solidarity economy. SEN will build a learning community on issues relevant to the solidarity economy, including discussing and debating strategies and practices, and helping each other to uphold the principles of the solidarity economy

Collaboration. To investigate and develop ways to build collaborative support systems for solidarity economy development. Examples might include: coordination between solidarity economy producers, suppliers and distributors; collaborative marketing, branding and distribution; group purchasing of insurance, energy, supplies; peer support & tech. assistance.

Visibility and public support. To raise the visibility, legitimacy and public support for solidarity economy practices through public education and media coverage. Examples might include: development of accessible educational materials and workshops for different sectors; SEN speakers bureau; the development/implementation of a media strategy to mainstream the solidarity economy into public consciousness; dissemination of research among social movements and opinion–makers.

Public policy and resources. To promote public policies and leverage resources for the support of the solidarity economy. Examples might include: loan fund for solidarity economy enterprises; reduction of barriers faced by alternative forms of enterprise in terms of access to capital, tech. assistance, workforce development, etc.; tax incentives; support for research and dissemination; support for educational programs to train solidarity economy practitioners.

Knowledge. To facilitate research on the scope, scale, and impacts of the solidarity economy; best practices; opportunities for cooperation; and the development of training and technical support resources. To contribute to new theories of economic development informed by the dynamism and innovative practices within the solidarity economy. This knowledge base will be used to support objectives 3–5.

USSEN Structure

The USSEN Coordinating Committee was formed out of the Solidarity Economy Caucus meetings held at the U.S. Social Forum (Atlanta, GA) in June 2007. The SEN Board and four Working Groups were established in the spring of 2009, following a decision made at the first national Forum on the Solidarity Economy, held at the Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst from March 19–22, 2009.

The SEN Board currently includes the following members:

Center for Community and Labor Research
Highlander Research and Education Center
Center for Popular Economics
US Federation of Community Development Credit Unions
NASCO (N. American Students of Cooperation)
National Community Land Trust Network
Grassroots Economic Organizing
Community Services Unlimited
U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives
Rural Coalition
Jobs with Justice

The 4 Working Groups (WG) are:

- Research & Policy WG: coordinator Julie Matthaei
- Education, Networking and Organizing (NEO) WG: coordinator Elandria Williams
- Media & Communication WG: coordinator Dan Apfel
- Development (Fundraising) WG: coordinator Emily Kawano

If you are interested in getting involved in any of these working groups, please contact the coordinator.

The intention is for SEN to become an independent 501c3 (non–profit) organization. It was agreed that in this initial phase, the Center for Popular Economics would serve as the fiscal sponsor and provide core staffing, provisional upon raising financial resources.

[[NOTE from database inputter: it appears the group is looking for funding to fund their own work. Can't tell how much of the Board is themselves...]]

Services offered: Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Documentation, Environmental Education; Education, Cultural; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; New "business" models,

Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training, Government Policy
Campaigns: Agaric Technology Collective, a worker–owned cooperative [Co–op]; Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Social Activists/Organizers
Updated Jan 17, 2017 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9958

Tech Workers Coalition [Tech Workers Rights, Community Guidelines]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Web techworkerscoalition.org
Service Temporary

[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
Updated Jul 1, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10580

Transition Towns (Transition Network) Sustainable Communities

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.transitionnetwork.org
Service Temporary

This group helps communities develop process and policies so that they will become more resilient and economically/ecologically sustainable in a "post–carbon" world.

Go to the link above for guidelines on how to become a "transition town".

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Energy; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Solar; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Agriculture/Farming/ Gardening Resource; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Disasters in the Making/Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Environmental Education; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Event Listings; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Education, Energy Conservation; Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Recycling Methods; Information Resources, Disaster Mitigation; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Training, Government Policy; Training Government, Training on How it Works
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Nature Conservancy; New "Business" Models; Social Activists/Organizers; Transition Towns (Transition Network)
Updated Sep 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8969

Words Matter Task Force [racial justice/inclusivity] inclusive language guidance

Info/Hotline · Open

Web docs.google.com/document/d/1pBywKiB08wZNeWIL8q0MYARQO6EiW9nSF0Jcggwl8Uc/edit?ts=5fce8d06
Service Temporary

from University of Michigan, but relative to planetary peace, cooperation and safety

DRAFT:

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

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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].

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
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
Updated May 14, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10432

Other locations

Anti–Eviction Mapping Project [tenant organizing/rights resource]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web antievictionmap.com
Service Temporary

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
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Black Community; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; 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/10577

Circle of Collaborative Communities

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.circleofcollaborativecommunities.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together
Updated Dec 28, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9065

Co–Housing Directory (intentional group living)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.cohousing.org/directory
Service Temporary

from the site:

Cohousing communities are old–fashioned neighborhoods created with a little ingenuity. They bring together the value of private homes with the benefits of more sustainable living. That means common facilities and good connections with neighbors. All in all, they stand as innovative answers to today's environmental and social problems.

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Co–Housing, Co–Op Housing, Intentional Communities; Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Government; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Pollution
Updated Mar 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9645

Edible Communities (magazine/regional resources/purveyors of locally/sustainably produced food)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.ediblecommunities.com/content/edible–publications
Service Temporary

Various Cities. Check list...It changes as new cities come online

http://www.ediblecommunities.com/content/about/about–us.htmit

Edible Allegheny
Edible Aspen
Edible Austin
Edible Boston
Edible Brooklyn
Edible Blue Ridge

Edible Buffalo
Edible Cape Cod
Edible Chicago
Edible Columbus
Edible East Bay
Edible Dallas & Fort Worth
Edible DC
Edible East End
Edible Finger Lakes
Edible Front Range
Edible Grande Traverse
Edible Green Mountains
Edible Hawaiian Islands
Edible Hudson Valley
Edible Iowa River Valley
Edible Indy
Edible Jersey
Edible Louisville
Edible Madison
Edible Manhattan
Edible Marin & Wine Country
Edible Memphis
Edible Michiana
Edible Monterey Bay
Edible New Orleans
Edible Nutmeg
Edible Ohio Valley
Edible Ojai
Edible Orange County
Edible Orlando
Edible Philly
Edible Phoenix
Edible Piedmont
Edible Portland
Edible Queens
Edible Reno–Tahoe
Edible Rhody
Edible Sacramento
Edible San Diego
Edible San Francisco
Edible San Juan Mountains
Edible Santa Barbara
Edible Santa Fe
Edible Sarasota
Edible Seattle Edible Shasta–Butte
Edible Sonoran Desert
Edible South Florida
Edible South Shore
Edible Toronto
Edible Twin Cities
Edible Upcountry
Edible Vancouver
Edible Vineyard
Edible Wasatch
Edible Westside
Edible White Mountains
Edible WOW (Michigan)

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Community Garden Program; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Food, Organic ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Responsible Buying Guides; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Recycling, Food; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just)

Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Culinary; Training, Farming, Organic
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Edible Communities; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Nature Conservancy; Northeast Organic Farming Association
Updated Sep 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8965

First Nations Development Institute [Covid Response, Grants, etc]

Walk–in Resource · Open

Web www.firstnations.org/covid–19–emergency–response–fund
Service Temporary

See link above for full range of services.

Specific to Covid [see live links at the site above]:

"Updated November 19, 2020

The call to protect elders and sustain Native culture is a familiar sight throughout Indian Country.

First Nations Development Institute is responding to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian community emergency needs related to the COVID–19 pandemic to minimize the risk of Native communities becoming collateral damage.

The COVID–19 Emergency Response Fund is designed to distribute funds efficiently and swiftly to Native nonprofit organizations and tribal programs that need it most. Initially, funds are being prioritized in high–concentration areas – California, New Mexico, the Pacific Northwest, New York, Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe and COVID–19 hotspots.
Donate now to support Native communities!

First Nations is passing through 100% of donations to the COVID–19 Emergency Response Fund without any agency cost. The entire amount of any donations and grants received from foundations will reach Native communities directly. Donate here!

So far, generous individuals and organizations have given more than $4,400,000 to this important fund. Thanks to these donations and funding from First Nations' partner organizations, to date, $2,508,500 in 191 grants have been awarded to Native nations and Native–led organizations (including in Alaska and Hawaii) to support human services, response and relief efforts. See a list of them below.

First Nations has also coordinated the donation of 28,800 gallons of water, 17,749 pounds of food, and $335,670 in PPE directly to Indian communities. See the full list of food and supply donation partners here.

The First Nations' COVID–19 Emergency Response Fund is made possible thanks to the generous support of donors and funders. See the full list of funders here.

One of First Nations' many coordinated donations arrives at Zuni Pueblo's Wellness Center and Emergency Mobile Pantry.
Why donations are so important

Native communities (both urban and rural) are often invisible in "normal" times. This is exacerbated in times of crisis. Native communities are ripe for the effects of COVID–19 to intensify at extraordinary levels as follows:

With health already compromised by high rates of diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, and other chronic illnesses, Native people are a seriously at–risk population.
13% of Native American homes lack safe drinking water and proper wastewater disposal, creating conditions in which recommended sanitary standards cannot be maintained.
16% of homes in tribal areas are overcrowded and multigenerational, making social distancing impossible.
Food shortages and the logistics of accessing food further threaten the health and resilience of Native families. An overlay of the USDA Food Deserts Locator map with Native communities shows a marked absence of retail supermarkets, meaning that healthy, fresh, or any food is not easily accessible for Native people.

Get more facts about the impact on Native communities and First Nations' response efforts here.
Please help Native communities during this unprecedented crisis

All funds raised for First Nations' COVID–19 Emergency Response Fund go directly to support Native organizations on the front lines of COVID–19. Donate here to send funds expressly to them.
Emergency Response Fund Grantees

Initial Round – April 2020, $635,000 dispersed to 35 Native nations and organizations:

American Indian Community Housing Organization, Duluth, Minnesota
Center Pole, Garryowen, Montana
Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
Chief Seattle Club, Seattle, Washington
Diné be' iiná Inc., Window Rock Arizona
Hopi School Kykotsmovi, Arizona
Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmovi, Arizona
Intertribal Friendship House, Oakland, California
Leech Lake Nation, Cass Lake, Minnesota

Lower Sioux Indian Community, Morton, Minnesota
Lummi Nation (Lhaq'temish Foundation), Bellingham, Washington
Makah Cultural and Research Center, Neah Bay, Washington
Makah Tribe, Neah Bay, Washington
Minneapolis American Indian Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc., Lame Deer, Montana
Native American Youth and Family Center, Portland, Oregon
Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona
New Mexico Community Foundation Pueblo & Navajo Fund, New Mexico
Oyate Networking Project, Kyle, South Dakota
Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce, Kyle, South Dakota
Poeh Cultural Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Pueblo of Zia, Zia Pueblo, New Mexico
Red Lake Nation, Red Lake, Minnesota
San Felipe Pueblo, San Felipe Pueblo, New Mexico
Santo Domingo Pueblo, Santo Domingo Pueblo, New Mexico
Spirit of the Sun, Denver, Colorado
Suquamish Tribe, Suquamish, Washington
Tananawit, Warm Springs, Oregon
Tsaile/Wheatfields Dineh Water Users, Tsaile, Arizona
Tulalip Foundation, Tulalip, Washington
United Houma Nation, Golden Meadow, Louisiana
United Indians for All Tribes Foundation, Seattle, Washington
White Earth Nation, Ogema, Minnesota
Yak Tityu Tityu Yak Tilhini Northern Chumash, San Luis Obispo, California
Zuni Youth Enrichment Project, Zuni, New Mexico

Second Round – May 6, 2020, $111,000 dispersed to 12 Native nations and organizations:

First Alaskans Institute, Anchorage, Alaska
Hopi Foundation, Kykotsmovi Village, Arizona
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Ke Kula Nui O Waimanalo, Waimanalo, Hawaii
Manchester Point Arena Pomo, Point Arena, California
New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Project PPE New Mexico, New Mexico
Pueblo de Cochiti, Cochiti, New Mexico
Seeded Sisters Community Project (Center of Southwest Cultures), Albuquerque, New Mexico
Spokane Tribe, Wellpinit, Washington
Tolani Lake Livestock and Water Users Association, Winslow, Arizona
Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders' Association, Kamuela, Hawaii

Third Round – May 15, 2020, $188,000 dispersed to 14 Native nations and organizations:

Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, Lame Deer, Montana
Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas, Floresville, Texas
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Eagle Butte, South Dakota
City of Hoonah, Hoonah, Alaska
Denver Indian Center, Denver, Colorado
Laulima Kuha'o, Lanai, Hawaii
MA'O Organic Farms, Waianae, Hawaii
Pueblo of Acoma, Acoma, New Mexico
Pyramid Lake Paiute, Nixon, Nevada
Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado
Thunder Valley CDC, Porcupine, South Dakota
Ute Mountain Ute, Towaoc, Colorado
Waimea Homesteaders Association, Kamuela, Hawaii
White Mountain Apache Tribe, Whiteriver, Arizona

Fourth Round – May 28, 2020, $150,000 dispersed to 11 Native nations and organizations:

Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Ajo, Arizona
Blackfeet Nation, Browning, Montana
Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma
Columbia River Inter–Tribal Fish Commission, Portland, Oregon
Laulima Kuha'o, Lanai, Hawaii
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Choctaw, Mississippi

National Indian Child Welfare Association, Portland, Oregon
Oneida Nation Arts Program (Oneida Nation), Oneida, Wisconsin
Organized Village of Kake, Kake, Alaska
Osage Nation Foundation, Southlake, Texas
Red Paint Creek Food Pantry, Harlem, Montana

Fifth Round – June 11, 2020, $100,000 dispersed to 10 Native nations and organizations:

Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Oneida Emergency Food Pantry, Oneida, Wisconsin
Minnow/Fiscal Agent Sustainable Economies Law Center, California communities
Nahata Dziil 14R Ranch, Sanders, Arizona
Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Fort Totten, North Dakota
Native American Community Development Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Shinnecock Indian Nation, Southampton, New York
Mashpee Wamponag Tribe, Mashpee, Massachusetts
Native Village of Tyonek, Tyonek, Alaska
Native Village of Port Heiden, Port Heiden, Alaska
Chickaloon Village Traditional Council/Chickaloon Native Village, Chickaloon, Alaska

Sixth Round – July 7, 2020, $130,000 dispersed to 11 Native nations and organizations:

Aina Momona, Kaunakakai, Hawaii
American Indian Community House, New York, New York
Anchorage Tribes Tlingit & Haida Indians of Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska
Havasupai, Supai, Arizona
Hualapai Tribe, Peach Springs, Arizona
Karuk Tribe, Happy Camp, California
Makoce Agriculture Development (Fiscal Sponsor NDN Collective), Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Meskwaki Food Sovereignty Initiative, Tama, Iowa
Mni Wiconi Clinic, Mandan, North Dakota
Peacekeeper Society, Harrah, Washington
Southcentral Foundation, Anchorage, Alaska

Seventh Round – July 10, 2020, $127,500 dispersed to 10 Native nations and organizations:

Blackfeet, Browning, Montana
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Warm Springs, Oregon
Four Directions Inc. (Fiscal Sponsor Real Food America), Chamberlain, South Dakota
Hopi Education Endowment Fund, Kykotsmovi, Arizona
Painted Desert Demonstration Project (The STAR School), Flagstaff, Arizona
Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Tuscon, Arizona
Passamaquoddy Tribe, Indian Township, Maine
Wadookodaading Inc., Hayward, Wisconsin
Wolakota Waldorf Society, Kyle, South Dakota
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, El Paso, Texas

Eighth Round – August 6, 2020, $135,000 dispersed to 12 Native nations and organizations:

Great Plains Action Society (Fiscal Sponsor: Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement), Sioux City, Iowa
Yurok Tribe, Klamath, California
Yankton Sioux Tribe, Wagner, South Dakota
Western Native Voice, Billings, Montana
Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska, Unalaska, Alaska
Southern California American Indian Resource Center (SCAIR, Inc.), El Cajon, California
Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, Pembroke, North Carolina
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage, Alaska
Sustainable Molokai, Kaunakakai, Hawaii
Hui Malama Ola Na Oiwi, Hilo, Hawaii
Alu Like, Honolulu, Hawaii

9th Round – August 27, 2020, $115,000 dispersed to 11 Native nations and organizations:

Chilkat Indian Village, Klukwan, Alaska
Mississippi Band of Choctaw, Choctaw, Mississippi
Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Portland, Oregon
Kualoa–He'eia Ecumenical Youth (KEY) Project, Kane'ohe, Hawaii
Hanalei River Heritage Foundation, Anahola, Hawaii
Isle de Jean Charles Band of Biloxi–Chitimacha–Choctaw, Montegut, Louisiana

Indigenous Women Rising (Fiscal Sponsor New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice), Albuquerque, New Mexico
Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe, Lemore, California
Ilisagvik College, Barrow, Alaska
Native American Health Center, Oakland, California
Hesapa Birth Circle (Fiscal Sponsor NDN Collective), Rapid City, South Dakota

10th Round – August 29, 2020, $123,000 dispersed to 12 Native nations and organizations:

Wukchumni Indian Tribe, Tulare County, California
Picuris Pueblo, Penasco, New Mexico
Lunalilo Home, Honolulu, Hawaii
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Akwesasne, New York
Hawaiian Community Assets, Honolulu, Hilo & Anahola, Hawaii
Native Women Lead (Fiscal Sponsor New Mexico Community Capital), Albuquerque, New Mexico
Change Labs, Tuba City, Arizona
Alaska Village Initiatives, Anchorage, Alaska
Euchee (Yuchi) Language Project, Sapulpa, Oklahoma
Ida'ina K'eljeshna Friendship Dancers (Fiscal Sponsor Tebughna Foundation), Anchorage, Alaska
StrongHearts Native Helpline (Fiscal Sponsor National Indigenous Women's Resource Center), Eagan, Minnesota
Native Peoples Action Inc., Anchorage, Alaska

11th Round – September 18, 2020, $239,000 dispersed to 17 Native nations and organizations:

Buena Vista Rancheria Community Fund, Sacramento, California
Karuk Tribe, Happy Camp, California
Yurok Tribe, Klamath, California
Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation, Nespelem, Washington
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, Havasu Lake, California
Aseshate:ka'te Grief Services (Fiscal Sponsor Friends of the Akwesasne Freedom School Inc), Hogansburg, New York
Waimanalo Health Center, Waimanalo, Hawaii
Santa Fe Indian Center (Fiscal Sponsor New Mexico Community Foundation), Santa Fe, New Mexico
Taos Pueblo, Taos, New Mexico
Reno–Sparks Indian Colony, Reno, Nevada
Little Eagle Arts Foundation, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
CA BIPOC Farmer/Land Steward Relief Fund (Fiscal sponsor Movement Strategy Center), California
Northern Cheyenne Elder Center, Lame Deer, Montana
Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer, Montana
Chippewa Cree Tribe, Box Elder, Montana
Crow Tribe, Crow Agency, Montana
Standing Rock Elders Program, Fort Yates, North Dakota

12th Round – October 20, 2020, $200,000 dispersed to 15 Native nations and organizations:

Red Willow Farm, Taos, New Mexico
Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, Montana
Little Big Horn College, Crow Agency, Montana
Haliwa–Saponi Indian Tribe, Hollister, North Carolina
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Belcourt, North Dakota
Northern Arapaho Tribe, Fort Washakie, Wyoming
Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Cold Bay, Alaska
Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Fort Washakie, Wyoming
Hearts Gathered, Omak, Washington
Hoopa Valley Tribe, Klamath, California
Arctic Slope Native Association, Utqiaġvik, Alaska
Stockbridge Munsee Community, Bowler, Wisconsin
Three Affiliated Tribes/MHA, Fort Berthold, North Dakota
Menominee Indian Tribe, Keshena, Wisconsin
California Indian Basketweavers' Association, Woodland, California

13th Round – November 3, 2020, $120,000 dispersed to 8 Native nations and organizations:

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, Winnebago, Nebraska
Clear Lake Pomo Cultural Preservation Foundation, Clearlake Oaks, California
Oneida Nation, Oneida, Wisconsin
Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Crandon, Wisconsin
Ho–Chunk Nation, Black River Falls, Wisconsin
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Red Lake, Minnesota

Oglala Sioux Tribe, Kyle, South Dakota
Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud, South Dakota

14th Round – November 18, 2020, $135,000 dispersed to 11 Native nations and organizations:

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Kingston, Washington
Red Paint Creek Food Pantry, Harlem, Montana
Pueblo of Laguna, Laguna, New Mexico
Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, Tama, Iowa
FAST Blackfeet, Browning, Montana
Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Ft. Duchesne, Utah
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Bayfield, Wisconsin
Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, Agency Village, South Dakota
Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board, Rapid City, South Dakota
Traditional Native American Farmer's Association (Fiscal Sponsor for the Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples, Inc.), Santa Fe, New Mexico

Food and Supply Donation Partners

Americares
Crystal Springs Bottled Water
Del Monte Capitol Meat Company (The Chefs' Warehouse)
Mariposa Ranch
Ovadia (in–kind donor of face shields)
Perdue Premium Meat Company (Perdue Farms)
Polk's Folly Farm
Quivera Coalition
Trilogy Beef Community
UNFI (United Natural Foods)
Wallace Center at Winrock International
Watters, LLC
Emergency Response Funders – Thank you!

American Express
Calhoun/Christiano Family Fund of the Community Foundation for San Benito County
Ceres Trust
Claneil Foundation
CSAA Insurance Group, a AAA Insurer
DentaQuest
Ford Foundation
Globetrotter Foundation
Henry Luce Foundation
Hill–Snowden Foundation
Nell Newman Foundation
Northwest Area Foundation
Philanthropiece
Proteus Fund
Swift Foundation
The California Endowment
The Schmidt Family Foundation
W.K. Kellogg Foundation
And numerous generous family foundations, donor–advised funds, and individual donors from across the U.S.

First Nations will continue to make grants directly to Native–led organizations as more funds are committed. To help First Nations reach more communities, donate here.
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Donate
BBB Wise Giving Alliance
Charity Navigator
Guidestar

Services offered: Distribution, Medical Supplies; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Civic Affairs; Grants, Community Development; Grants, Education; Grants, Environment/Conservation; Grants, Non-Profits Impacted by Disaster; Grants, Start up Funding for Social Enterprises
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19; Alternative Societies; First Nations / Native Americans; Indigenous Mutual Aid
Updated Nov 29, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10395

http://www.barterfair.org/ (Bartering Exchange...like Craig's List, but only for trading)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.barterfair.org
Service Temporary
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Bartering Network
Updated Mar 4, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9644

Indigenous Mutual Aid Network [groups to get/give help]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.indigenousmutualaid.org/directory
Service Temporary

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 organizers from throughout what we recognize as Turtle Island.

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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

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) – (program of Family Promise affiliates)

Info/Hotline · Open

Phone See Drop–Down list for local contacts!!!
Web www.familypromise.org/program/interfaith–hospitality–network
Service Temporary

How It Works
http://www.familypromise.org/ihn–how–it–works

The IHN program provides an ideal solution for family homelessness because it is easily replicable but also flexible enough to address the needs of each community. Family Promise provides extensive support during the creation of the program and a wide–range of ongoing services to Affiliates currently in operation.
1. Hosts, 2. Day Center, 3. Volunteers, 4. Social Service Agencies, 5. Transportation

Video: Introduction to the Interfaith Hospitality Network
http://www.familypromise.org/ihn–video

We invite you to view An Introduction to the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a newly produced video for Affiliates and their participating congregations. It was created as a tool for our Affiliates nationwide to recruit new congregations and volunteers to join the IHN program. We think you will agree it offers an inspiring glimpse at how great a difference our volunteers are making for families in need.

If you would like to request a DVD copy, please contact us.

FACEBOOK –
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Family–Promise/212121448439

Services offered: Database Admin, Input Opportunities; Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served: Homeless; Housing, Transitional Housing; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business models", housing; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)
Updated Nov 7, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8976

List of Solidarity Economy Maps (socially responsible businesses, co–ops, etc BY CITY)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.shareable.net/blog/how–to–map–the–new–economy–in–your–city
Service Temporary

Go to the list above, and choose a city.

NOTE there are instructions on how to do this in your city:
http://ussen.org/mapping–economic–integration

BUT it's not clear on some of these maps how to add items to the map.

Non–US oriented group doing the same thing:
http://www.ripess.org/?lang=en

Services offered: Documentation, Mapping Reference; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism
Updated Jul 16, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9719

List of US Food Swap Sites

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.bostonfoodswap.com/p/resources.html
Service Temporary

see above website link to get to the live links for each below:

* California
o East Bay
o Los Angeles
o Pasadena
o San Diego
o San Fernando Valley
o San Francisco
o Ventura County
* Colorado
o Colorado Springs
o Denver/Boulder/Fort Collins
o Manitou Springs

* Connecticut
o Coventry
* Florida
o Ft. Lauderdale
* Illinois
o Trenton
* Kentucky
o Louisville
* Michigan
o Lakes Area
o Royal Oak
* Massachusetts
o Boston
* Minnesota
o Minneapolis
* New York
o Albany
o Brooklyn
o Queens
* Ohio
o Columbus
* Oregon
o Portland
* Texas
o Austin
o Houston
* Washington
o Bellingham
o Seattle

* UK
o London

* Canada
o Windsor, Ontario
o Amherstburg, Ontario

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies
Updated Mar 13, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9122

Mutual Aid Response Teams

Open Business* · Open

Web www.facebook.com/pages/Mutual-Aid-Response-Teams/135714476525338?sk=wall
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, Social Justice; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer, Volunteer Coordinator; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together
Updated Dec 31, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9066

Occupy, InterOccupy, InterOcc (national coordination)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.interocc.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Calendar, Community Events/Protest Actions; Communications, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Communications, Equipment, Bullhorn; Communications, Equipment, Cell Phones; Computer, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Computer, Portable Hard Drive; Computer, Router, Wireless Router; Distribution, Communication Tools & Equipment; Electronics * (ANY/ALL Types); Electronics, Media Equipment (Any/ All Types); Electronics, Media Equipment, Camera, Digital Camera; Electronics, Media Equipment, Video, Camera, Video Camera; Electronics, Media Equipment, Video Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Events, Protest Actions; Facility: Media Production Lab; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights; Information Resource, Constitutional Rights, First Amendment; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/ Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Information Resource, Press Releases; Information Resource, Recycling Methods, Tech; Information Resource, Tech; Information Resource, Tech, Social Media; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Government; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Watchdog,

Transparency & Accountability; Media, Broadcast, Live On–Location, Cameras, Video; Media, Online News Reports; 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, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Occupy Role: National Coordination; Occupy Role: National News Source; Occupy Working Groups, Citizens United/Campaign Finance; Occupy Working Groups, Decolonization; Occupy Working Groups, Direct Action (Rallies/Marches/Site Specific Artistic Statements); Occupy Working Groups, Internal Financial Accountability; Occupy Working Groups, Media Direct Action; Occupy Working Groups, Media/Press/Promotion SUPPORT; Occupy Working Groups, Occupy the Economy; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Tech, Computer Consulting Service; Services: Tech, Internet, Wi–Fi Access (FREE); Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Citizen Activism, Constitutional Law; Trainining Classes: Multimedia production; Twitter, Tweeter, Twitter Updater, Volunteer

Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Occupy Sandy; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers

Updated May 9, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9145

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

Second Harvest HQ (donated food network)

Warehouse · Open

Web feedingamerica.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Bulk Distribution; Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Distribution, Supplies, National Distribution of Supplies; Donations * (ANY/ALL Types); New "Business" Models, Education; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Warehouse, Warehouse Space

Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty

Updated Nov 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9036

SeedCo (Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation) for communities in need

Info/Hotline · Open

Phone 212–473–0255
Web www.seedco.org
Serves See list below
Eligibility Communities in Need
Service Temporary

Seedco takes a holistic approach to advancing economic opportunity by serving people, businesses, and communities in need around the United States.

In addition to our direct service work, we analyze, assess, and develop best practices to inform our work, as well as that of other practitioners, researchers, and policy makers. We provide technical assistance to federal, state and local governments; funders; and nonprofit agencies.

Seedco's programs serve the following individuals and organizations:

* Job Seekers and Workers
* Families and Individuals
* Businesses

* Government Agencies, Foundations, and Nonprofits
* Community–Based Organizations

Areas served (see updates at the website above):

* Alabama
* Arkansas
* Colorado
* Connecticut
* Florida
* Georgia
* Illinois
* Kentucky
* Louisiana
* Maryland
* Massachusetts
* Mississippi
* New Jersey
* New York
* Oklahoma
* Tennessee
* Texas
* Washington, D.C.

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Fax: 212–473–0357
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215 West 125th Street, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10027
Tel: 917–493–7033
Fax: 212–280–3729

Workforce1 Career Center, Bronx
358 East 149th Street
Bronx, NY 10455
Tel: 718–960–7099
Fax: 718–993–5091

Upper Manhattan Business Solutions Center
215 West 125th Street, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10027
Tel: 917–493–7243
Fax: 917–493–7338

Lower Manhattan Business Solutions Center
110 William Street
New York, NY 10038
Tel: 212–618–8914
Fax: 212–618–8866

Washington Heights Business Solutions Center
560 W. 181st Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10033
Tel: 212–928–3400
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111 Water Street, Suite 201
Baltimore, MD 21202
Tel: 410–234–0279
Fax: 410–234–8829

Mid–South Office (Memphis)
22 North Front Street, Suite 900

Memphis, TN 38103
Tel: 901-255-2955
Fax: 901-528-1401

South-East Office (Atlanta)
477 Windsor Street, Suite 101
Atlanta, GA 30312
Tel: 404-230-7131
Fax: 404-586-0513

Services offered: Advocacy, For Non-Profits; Assistance, for non-profits, Collaboration Tool; Assistance, for non-profits (In General); Business Development, Volunteer; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Micro-Lending; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; 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: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Economic; Fundraising Tools, for Non Profit Orgs; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Civic Affairs; Grants, Community Development; Grants, Education; Grants, Financial, Small Business Development; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Management, Volunteer Management Resources; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; Sponsoring Organization; Training Classes, Non-Profit Managers
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution
Updated Dec 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9055

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

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

Tribal Tek

Info/Hotline · Open

Sustainable Development
Web tribaltek.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: Demographic Served: Artists/Artist Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Ending Extreme Poverty; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/ Services; Green–Rainbow Party; Rainbow Community
Updated Apr 26, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7936

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

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