

distributed cooperative organization

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DisCO in a nutshell

- DisCO stands for Distributed Cooperative Organisations
- DisCOs are a way for people to work together in ways that are cooperative, commons-oriented and feminist economic
- These values are nourished in small, federated communities.
- DisCOs harness the utility of tech without being completely tech-centric
- The key is mutual trust, reliable and enjoyable collaborative relationships
- Distributed Ledger/Blockchain technologies are only put to use when these values and their resulting human relationships are formed



Commons/ Open Value Feminist Open Coops Accounting Economics P₂P Are self-Combine Open organized Enables value Challenge Source and normative systems sovereignty by Commons stewarding to rewarding economic Principles with meet human meaningful abstractions the Cooperative needs while contributions to while factoring and Social reproductive and leveraging the projects, rather Solidarity power of than wage labor. care work. movements. networks.

DisCOs

Arose from a community of practice, the Guerrilla Media Collective best known for the commons-oriented translation collective

Guerrilla Translation



The model value tracks:

- 1) Commons oriented pro-bono love work
 2) Ethical market livelihood work
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 - 3) Care and reproductive work

for FAIR distribution of INCOME



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Prototyping interoperable forms of:

- Ownership
- Governance
- Entrepreneurship
- Value accounting

CULTIVATING HOPE

- 1. The provision of special economic incentives for DisCC
- 2. The development of legal frameworks to provide DisCO with appropriate institutional (i.e., State, federal) support to facilitate their operation and innovative accounting practices
- 3. The development of commons-public partnerships as a alternative to the established public-private, following the Preston and Evergreen models

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- 4. Supportive municipal policies for provision or support for physical infrastructures for DisCOs, including hackerspaces, hackerlabs, maker and co-working spaces 5. Support of community investment funds for federated DisCOs
- 6. DisCO-oriented work training programs with DisCOs providing practical education in their specific sectors, as well as the DisCO methodology and tools

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- 7. Research and higher education support
- 8. Support of DisCO initiatives as bottom-up facilitators of Green New Deal projects
- 9. Prioritization of DisCOs and DisCO federations over for profit entities when tendering products/services
- 10. Policy development in concert with the ILO and the IC to recognize transnational, on-chain DisCOs as federated cooperatives.



