

Welcome to Commons Space at the WSF!



Final Program

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Commons Space is based at ECTO co-working cooperative, 936 Avenue Mont-Royal Est, 2nd floor. A number of activities, workshops, and debates will take place there, but other activities will also be happening in the Forum itself and around the city.

This is an initiative of Gazibo, Remix the Commons, Communautique, LARTES, PercoLab, P2P Foundation, VECAM, Transform!, Commons Strategies Group and many other activists.

For more information and link to the French: <http://bit.ly/CommonsWSF>

Full event descriptions follow the Overview table on the next page. If you have questions, please contact nicole.leonard@sciencespo.fr. Montréal metro map at the bottom of the program.

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Tuesday, August 9

Welcome to Commons Space!

Tuesday, Aug 9, 10:00AM – 12:00PM, ECTO main room

On Tuesday morning, before the official opening of the WSF, we open Commons Space! at ECTO with a discussion about the commons and the cooperative future of work. There is space for materials sharing on the commons that will be open for the duration of the forum, as well as light food and drink. Come discover the space and meet other commoners.

Wednesday, August 10

Mapping the Transformations

Wednesday, Aug 10, ECTO Creative room

Commons Space goes full steam ahead with a day themed around collaborative knowledge construction for commons using semantic web tools. This helps build an open alliance of platforms and tools for the documentation of the commons. Come for the whole day, or individual sessions.

Welcome Circle (9:30 to 10:00am) will provide an opportunity for mappers to meet each other and prepare for the day.

Commons Game (10:00 to 11:30am) A dynamic and fun exploration into our many different ideas about the commons.

Mapping the Transformations (Session 1: 11:30am to 12:30pm) An introduction to platforms to map and network bottom-up alternatives to dominant neoliberal society and economy. Practitioners from OpenStreetMap, TransforMap and others are shaping an atlas which visualizes the abundance, diversity and distribution of transformative activities: beyond market and state.

Session 2: 1:30pm to 3:30pm will continue this work into the afternoon. The aim is to showcase tools and agree on data standards to help an alternative ecosystem emerge. Join <http://transformap.co> and <https://discourse.transformap.co> to learn more.

Organizers: Commons Strategies Group, P2P Foundation, Percolab, TransforMap, Remix the Commons

Commons and Public Authority

Wednesday, Aug 10, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Radio Centre Ville, 5212 Boulevard St Laurent

→ With lunch and one-on-one interviews after, from 12:00PM to 2:00PM

In a broadcast group debate, commoners and political actors from Latin America, Europe, and North America discuss how the commons can revitalize and inform political approaches to state authority at the municipal, regional, national, and international levels. L'Auditoire is an intercultural community radio venue at Radio Centre Ville that produces broadcasts in different languages. If you cannot make it, tune in at 102.3 FM in Montreal, or catch the recordings post-conference.

Organizers: Remix the Commons

Following the session, from 12:00 PM to 2:00PM, we invite you to lunch at L'Auditoire, where there will also be space for one-on-one interviews and meeting participants.

Post-capitalist transition Convergence Assembly

Wednesday, Aug 10, 4:00 -6:00 PM CÉGEP du Vieux Montréal, 255 Ontario Est in 4.82A

Participants build on cross-movement work on the commons as a new paradigm for concrete alternatives in areas such as economic and social organization and management at all levels, from the local (e.g. community garden) to the global (e.g. Wikipedia) in fields as diverse as agriculture, health, new technologies, education, alternative currencies, urban management, and more. With activists from the cooperative movement, the social and solidarity economy, Degrowth, and Political Ecology, they develop proposals for post-capitalist transition that go beyond the concept of development. Translation in French and Spanish is provided by WSF.

Organizers: Décroissance Conviviale, Collectif des communs, Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy, P2P Foundation, Remix the Commons, Transform!

Thursday, August 11

Commons as a New Political Subject

Thursday, Aug 11, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, WSF UQAM Pavillon A (Local A-2580), 400 rue Sainte-Catherine Est

The question of the Common is often raised for water, land, the oceans, and the forests, and in recent years there is increasing interest for social commons such as healthcare, education and other social services. It is also discussed in the context of the social and solidarity economy and has become an important aspect of alternatives to a commodified society built on private property. In this workshop we see how the Common is examined in different countries and continents. What are the common points of these experiences?

Organizers: Transform!, Global Social Justice

City as a Commons

Thursday, Aug 11, ECTO

Cities are developing new approaches to take care of the commons in urban settings, by adopting legislation, electing commons-based political representatives, and facilitating the sharing economy, peer to peer, and social and solidarity economy movements. You can come for the whole day, or the smaller sessions.

Discussion: The City as a Commons (9:00 to 11:00am) Drawing from concrete experience in Europe and beyond, we open up a discussion within social movements to create a shared agenda for the city as a commons, with members from Right to the City (not yet confirmed) and remote participation of Barcelona en Comú (not yet confirmed).

Atlas of Charters (11:00-1:00pm) Sharing and analysis of the socio-technical devices for joint management of the resources of urban life. The project gives space for exchange and building a collective inventory of these tools and methods. A follow-up Global Charter session is at 5:30pm. **Organizers:** Remix the Commons

School of Data (2:00 to 3:30 pm) empowers civil society by using an accessible learning methodology that enables those without prior knowledge to use data. **Organizers:** Sylvia Fredriksson and Nicolas Loubet

Data Walkshop (3:30pm to 5:30pm) Through a guided presentation and walk around the neighborhood, London School of Economics Professor Allison Powell situates understandings of (big) data, surveillance, and resistance in the city.

Commonspoly and Exposition (5:30pm to 7:00pm) Explore the logic of the commons through a graphic presentation and a round of Commonspoly, a prototype board game against time and privatization of resources!

Organizers: Remix the Commons

Global Commons Charter (5:30 to 7:00pm) Building on earlier work in the day on urban charters, we move to a larger scale and gather ideas for a polycentric, multi-layered and peer to peer "Charter of the Forest" for the global commons.

Organizers: Ellen Friedman and Orsan Senalp (Global Square Space)

More information on the hackpad: <https://commonsspace.hackpad.com/City-as-a-Commons-1-GOkAiLcoM1O>

Commons, the State, and New Political Movements

Thursday, Aug 11, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Radio Auditoire, 5212 Boulevard St Laurent

→ With lunch and one-on-one interviews before, from 12:00PM to 2:00PM

Activists from Latin America, Europe, and North America gather for a second time in the studio at Radio Auditoire. They explore how emerging, bottom-up political movements that challenge state and market power fit into the commons, and how the commons inform their work. If you cannot make it in person, tune into the broadcast at 102.3 FM in Montreal, or catch the recordings post-conference. L'Auditoire is an intercultural community radio venue at Radio Centre Ville that produces broadcasts in different languages.

Organizers: Commons Strategies Group, Transform!

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Friday, August 12

Commons and Cooperatives

Friday Aug 12, 9:00 – 11:00AM, ECTO Creative Room

Commoners and cooperators unite for a discussion and debate on the opportunities and challenges in bringing together movements for the progressive development of p2p/commons models, open coops, and platform cooperativism. How do we advance their role in creating real collaborative and sharing economies? After a short panel presenting a number of innovative initiatives and topics, the discussion will open up to the floor.

Organizers: RIPPES, Mutual Aid Network

Trading Floor Game

Friday Aug 12, 11:00 – 12:30PM | ECTO Creative Room

Do you know what money is? Where it comes from? Who decides how much to issue? Who gets to spend it first? This noisy game might not tell you all the answers, but it will change the way you think about money. Kids and teenagers are welcome! **Organizers:** Community Forge

Production and the Commons

Friday Aug 12, 1:00 – 3:30 PM | WSF, UQAM Pavillon DS (Local DS-M560), 320, rue Sainte-Catherine Est

The dominant economic model relies on private property and commodification in order to function. In this session we explore how to transition from this model and move towards forms of production that function through the Commons and solidarity. It will feature sharing of experiences of commons-based production around the world. **Organizers:** Transform!, Global Social Justice

Commons Space Closing Party

Friday Aug 12, 7:00 PM -10:00 PM, ECTO Main Room

Commoners are invited to celebrate the closure of the Commons Space at ECTO with a debrief circle and then a party. Share stories, follow up on ideas that have been developed, and meet other commoners over food and drink (**BYOB**).

There is an SAQ store next door to ECTO that offers wine and other beverages until 10pm.

Saturday, August 13

Silent Disco for the Commons

Saturday Aug 13, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Place des Arts

For those that aren't yet ready to finish celebrating, we will reclaim public space for the commons in Montreal with a collective dance parade through the streets. Dancers will download a mix created in advance and gather at Place des Arts downtown, where they will push play at the same time to begin the headphone disco. For more information and updates, attend on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/132431337191238/>



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