

Welcome to Commons Space at the WSF!

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French and Spanish language versions Coming Soon



Program

Commons Space is based at ECTO co-working cooperative, 936 Avenue Mont-Royal Est, 2nd floor. A number of activities, workshops, 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.

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 will be a 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, 9:30 – 4:00 PM, ECTO Creative room

Commons Space goes full steam ahead with a day themed around collaborative knowledge construction for the commons. The aim is to facilitate the sharing of content and to improve and connect various initiatives by using semantic web tools. This process will offer the opportunity to build an open alliance of platforms and tools for the documentation of the commons.

Mapping the Transformations will make visible different instances of bottom-up alternatives to dominant neoliberal society and economy, by showcasing tools and agreeing on data standards to help an alternative ecosystem emerge. Participants will learn how practitioners, from OpenStreetMap, Commons, Degrowth, Social and Solidarity Economy, Transition Network, Global Ecovillage Network, the Collaborative Economy and others shape an atlas which visualizes the abundance, diversity and distribution of transformative activities: beyond market and state. Join <http://transformap.co> and <https://discourse.transformap.co> to learn more.

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

Commons and Public Authority

Wednesday, Aug 10, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Radio Centre Ville, 5212 Boulevard St Laurent

As the wiki and mapping processes unfold in ECTO, commoners and political actors from Latin America, Europe, and North America will gather in the open studio at L'Auditoire. Through individual interviews and a group debate, we will 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 into the broadcast at 102.3 FM in Montreal, or catch therecordings post-conference. **Organizers:** Remix the Commons

Post-capitalist transition Convergence Assembly

Wednesday, Aug 10, 4:00 – 6:00 PM, World Social Forum

In the day's spirit of bringing diverse initiatives together, activists from different movements will converge in the late afternoon in an official WSF space. Participants will 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. The convergence of the commons with the cooperative movement, the social and solidarity economy, Degrowth, and Political Ecology is now putting forward and discussing proposals for post-capitalist transition that go beyond the concept of development.

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

Université du Québec à Montréal – 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. This point is also being discussed in the context of the social and solidarity economy and has become an important part of the alternatives to a commodified society, built on private property. In this workshop we want to see how the issue of 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, 9:30 – 11:30, 12:30 – 7:00PM, ECTO, Creative room

Cities are developing new approaches to take care of the commons in urban settings, for example by adopting legislation, electing commons-based political representatives, and facilitating the sharing economy, peer to peer, and social and solidarity economy movements. 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.

From 9:30-11:30 AM there will be a conference discussing different experiences of municipal level commons movements, with members from Right to the City (not yet confirmed) and remote participation of Barcelona en Comú (not yet confirmed). In the afternoon, a variety of participatory

activities will facilitate reflections on the city as a commons (specific times TBD).

- Exposition Commonsopoly – With a graphic presentation and discussion, we will explore the reasoning behind the commons approach
- Commonsopoly – A board game against time and privatization of resources!
- School of Data | École des données
- Atlas of Charters of Urban Commons – Sharing, drafting, and reflecting on commons based principles for cities and city projects

Organizers: Remix the Commons, Open Knowledge Foundation, with Right to the City and Barcelona en Comú

Commons, the State, and New Political Movements

Thursday, Aug 11, 12:00 – 4:00 PM, Radio Auditoire, 5212 Boulevard St Laurent

Commoners from Latin America, Europe, and North America will again be in the studio at Radio Auditoire, first for a lunch gathering and then to animate a discussion about the state and new political movements. Individual interviews in different languages will also be recorded. 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!

Friday, August 12

Commons and Cooperatives

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

This session will bring together commoners and cooperators for discussion and debate on the opportunities and challenges in bringing together movements for the progressive development of p2p/commons models, open coops, platform cooperativism and advancing their role in creating real collaborative and sharing economies. Activists working for example with Cooperative, Social Solidarity Economy and Commons movements with an interest in learning and exchanging ideas, insights and experience are welcome. The session will begin with a short panel presenting a number of innovative initiatives and topics before opening the discussion to the floor.

Organizers: RIPESS, Mutual Aid Network

Understanding Money 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. **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 closing of activities in the Commons Space. Share stories, follow up on ideas that have been developed, and meet other commoners over food and drink as we roll out the last activity in ECTO before the WSF weekend closing activities.

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 the commons, 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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