DISABILITY JUSTICE  X  SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

Dustin Gibson

Cheyenna Weber
Acknowledge Our History And Present

- Turtle Island (North America) has been home to Native Peoples for thousands of years. *It still is.*

- The settler-colonial state was built on stolen Native land with the stolen labor and lives of Africans, Natives, and other people of color.

- The foundations of oppression rest in notions of supremacy: disability, race, gender, even human priorities over all forms of life.

- The work we do is always within this context. There is no such thing as working “outside” this context.

- Everything we do must be responsive to these conditions.
manufacturing and creation of disability
access as a vehicle
access under capitalism
SOLIDARITY ECONOMY
“Economic” Development Must Lift Up All Beings

Nobody’s free until everybody’s free

- Fannie Lou Hamer
“Economy”

a flawed and narrow concept that separates people from each other and from the planet.

Solidarity economy is not about just replacing one economy with an alternative.

It’s about breaking from this concept entirely.
wage labor
produce for a market
in a capitalist firm

in schools on the street
in neighborhoods within families unpaid
in church/temple

the retired between friends

gifts self-employment volunteer

barter moonlighting children

informal lending not for market illegal

not monetized self-provisioning

under-the-table producer cooperatives

consumer cooperatives non-capitalist firms
Solidarity Economy

A framework for organizing ourselves to meet human/non-human needs through what are often called "economic" activities—like the production and exchange of goods and services—that reinforce values of social and racial justice, ecological sustainability, cooperation, mutualism, and democracy.
examples in CILs
Japanese time bank: Fureai Kippu
Climate Disaster Mutual Aid

Disability Justice Culture Club
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As people evacuate the North Bay, disabled people are contacting us for housing. We are going to try to meet as much need as possible. (Update: after first referring them to evacuation sites)

If you need SUPPORT and are disabled, chronically ill, fat, and/or an elder, please contact us at http://tinyurl.com/disneeds or 910-722-9552

If you have RESOURCES (including housing people tonight), please contact us at http://tinyurl.com/disresources or 910-722-9552

If you have $ to support purchasing generators, hotel rooms, purifiers etc, you can send funds via Venmo stacey-milbern or PayPal stacey.milbern@gmail.com

[image: drawing of two disabled people together in solidarity. Green words say WE NEED #PowerToLive ]
Cooperative Home Care Associates
SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

VOLUNTARY OPEN MEMBERSHIP

DEMONCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

AUTONOMY & INDEPENDENCE

MEMBER ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY

EDUCATION TRAINING AND INFORMATION

CEA NYC
Cooperative

an autonomous association of people united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled business.

a.k.a.
One member one vote
Solidarity Economy x Disability Justice

- Anti-capitalism
- Interdependence
- Value/worth is not determined by money
- Collective liberation
How can I learn more?

**Educate** yourself and others: classes, books, webinars, etc. Many projects form from study groups!

**Join** solidarity economy groups that already exist

**Apply** solidarity economy principles + practices in your life + work