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Holly Ball Junior Hostesses



platform  
cooperativism

# How We Can Prevent the Digital World of *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

**Economic Liberation vs Convenience and Corporate/Cultural Pressure**



Surveillance is everywhere non-stop







**This is still happening all over the world. What is our contribution?**

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# Building Blocks of Freedom



Free Software

Cooperative  
Platforms

Solidarity  
Economy

**Personal Power**

## The relationships between the producer and the consumer

### **Market economy**

Alienation between the producer and the consumer. Instead of producing for another person, the worker produces for a wage.

### **Relational economy**

Instead of producing work for a wage, a direct relation is produced to another person.



**Class of 1971 \* Weston High School, Weston Connecticut - 1969**

“It is difficult to get a man to understand something, when his salary depends on his not understanding it.”

— Upton Sinclair



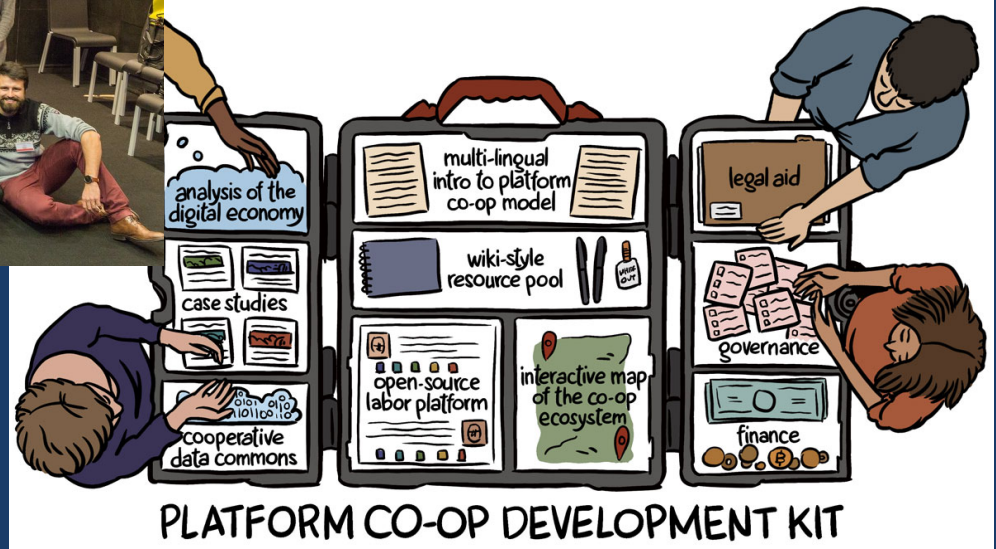
# Free (Libre) Software

A program is free software if the program's users have the four essential freedoms:

- The freedom to run the program as you wish, for any purpose (freedom 0).
- The freedom to study how the program works, and change it, so it does your computing as you wish (freedom 1).
- The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help others (freedom 2).
- The freedom to distribute copies of your modified versions to others (freedom 3).

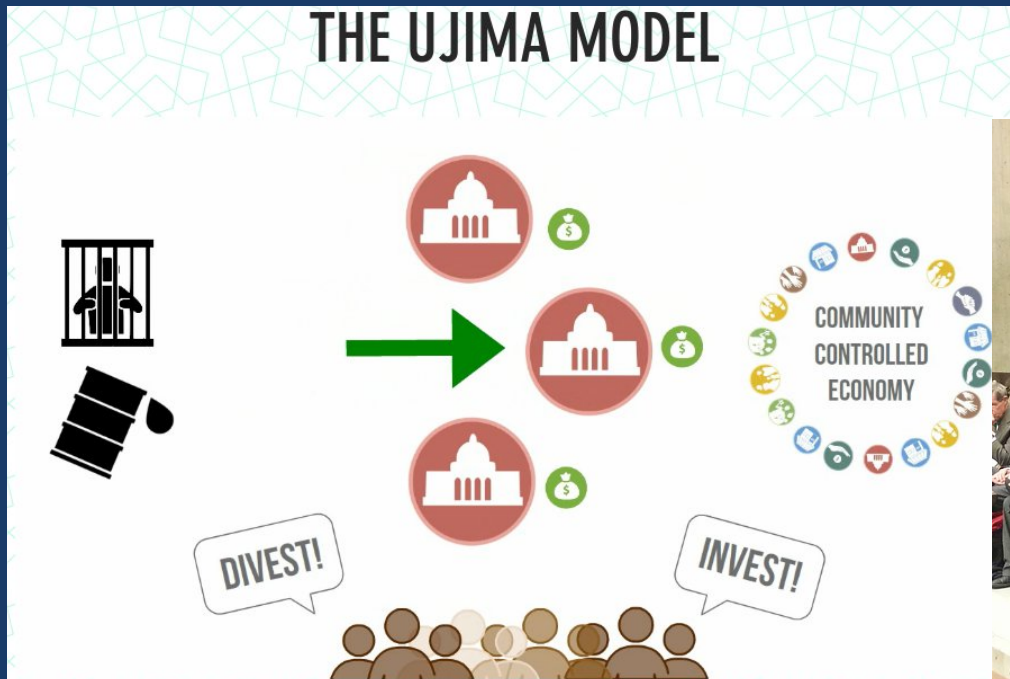
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# Cooperative Platforms



## THE UJIMA MODEL

Greater Boston Chamber of Cooperatives 2017



Greater Boston Chamber of Cooperatives goes to city hall to make it easier to incorporate as a cooperative - and we win!



The Metts family circa 1955 -The first people that nurtured my personal power

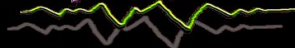


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## Graphic Audio



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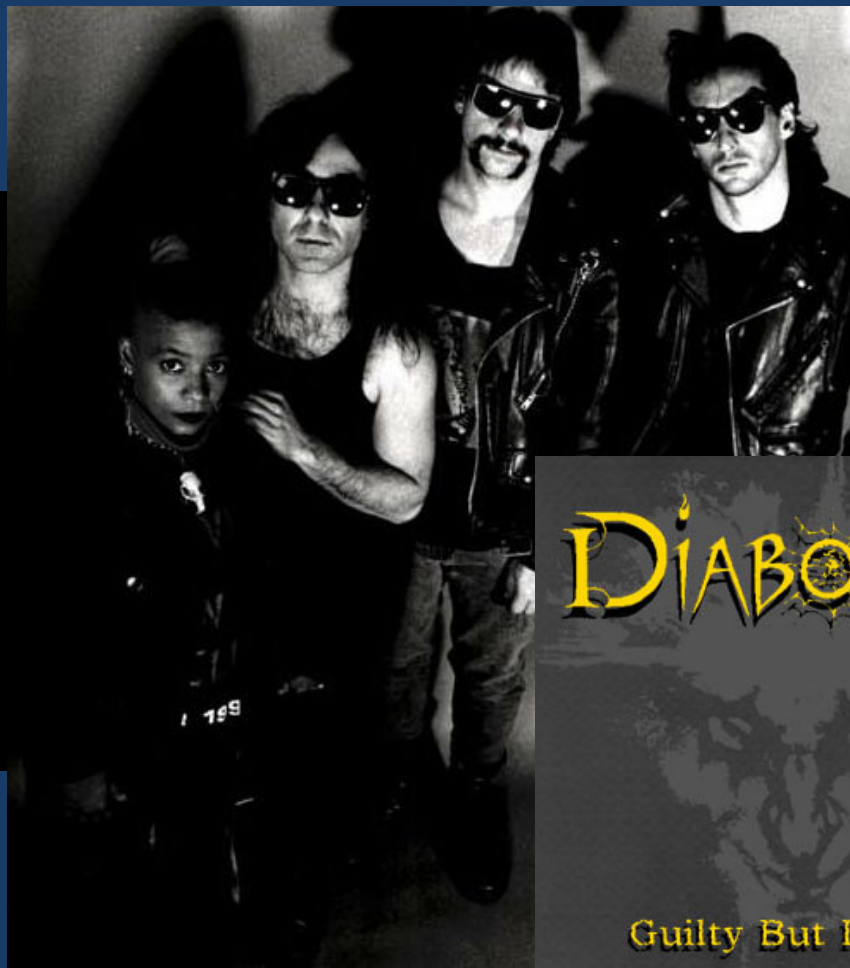
### DECAF from Boston, MA

Click on the image above, to start the player and see DECAF performing "147 pounds".

non-Netscape browser...



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# DIABOLIX

Guilty But Insane



# agoric Networks and Movements



International Workers' Economy Network sponsored the North, Central American and Caribbean Region's 3rd Meeting in CDMX

"If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

Lilla Watson / Aboriginal activists group, Queensland Australia, 1970s.

Agarics are members of a few networks and movements both local and global:

- The Boston Ujima Project - [UjimaBoston.com](http://UjimaBoston.com)
- Free Software Foundation - [fsf.org](http://fsf.org)
- United States Federation of Worker Cooperatives - [usworker.coop](http://usworker.coop)
- Solidarity Economy Network - [ussen.org](http://ussen.org)
- Industrial Workers of the World - [iww.org](http://iww.org)
- May First People Link - [MayFirst.org](http://MayFirst.org)
  - Technology and Revolution - [techandrev.org](http://techandrev.org)
- Platform Cooperativism - [platform.coop](http://platform.coop)
  - The Internet of Ownership - [ioo.coop](http://ioo.coop)
- The Center for Global Justice - [www.globaljusticecenter.org](http://www.globaljusticecenter.org)
- The TechWorkerCoop - [techworker.coop](http://techworker.coop)
- Mass MeshNet - A newly formed group in Boston

Resources to Stop the Digital  
World of *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

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