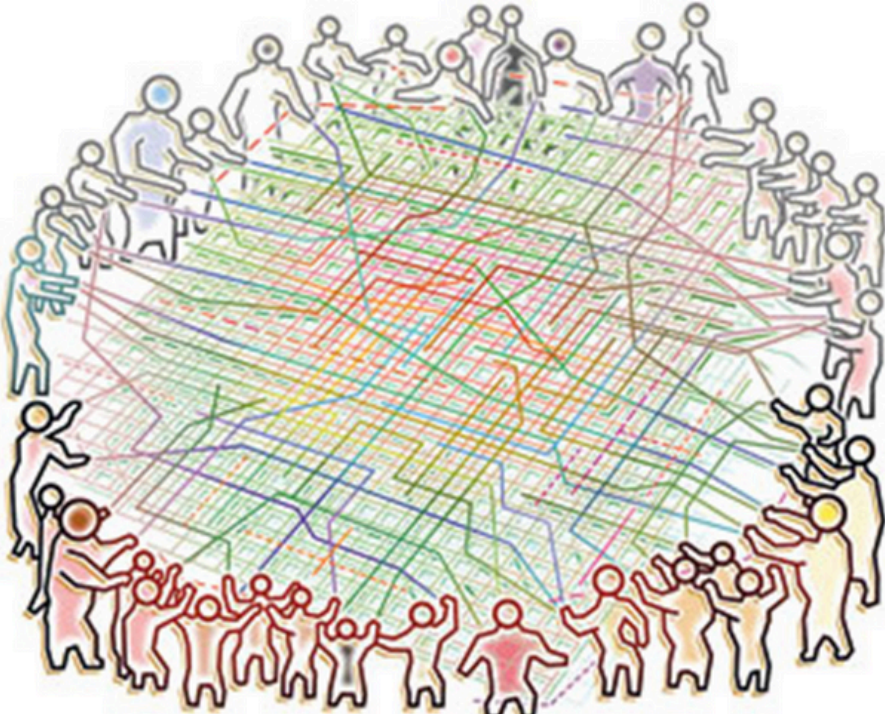


Volunteer Engagement: Reclaiming Community Roots



Gift Economy
 Mode of exchange where valuables are not sold but given without an explicit agreement for immediate or future rewards.

Guiding Principles

Commons
 A resource, a community, and the protocols created by the community to manage a resource collectively.

Let's Connect

Examples: mutual aid, Buy Nothing groups, Couch Surfing, trail angels on through hikes

Market	Gift
Value	Worth
Transaction	Relationship
Independence	Interdependence
Ownership	Stewardship
Possession	Sharing

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Examples: Little Free Library, professional assns, citizen science, open source software, Wikipedia

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Reclaim purpose. How do we highlight the parts of our work that reflect agency mission and values?

Practice right relationship. Are we doing right by all of our communities?

Extend radical welcome. To what extent do we value the “voices, presence, and power of many groups”?

Share power. In what ways do we work “with” community rather than do “to” them?

Let go. What limiting beliefs and actions can we release?

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