

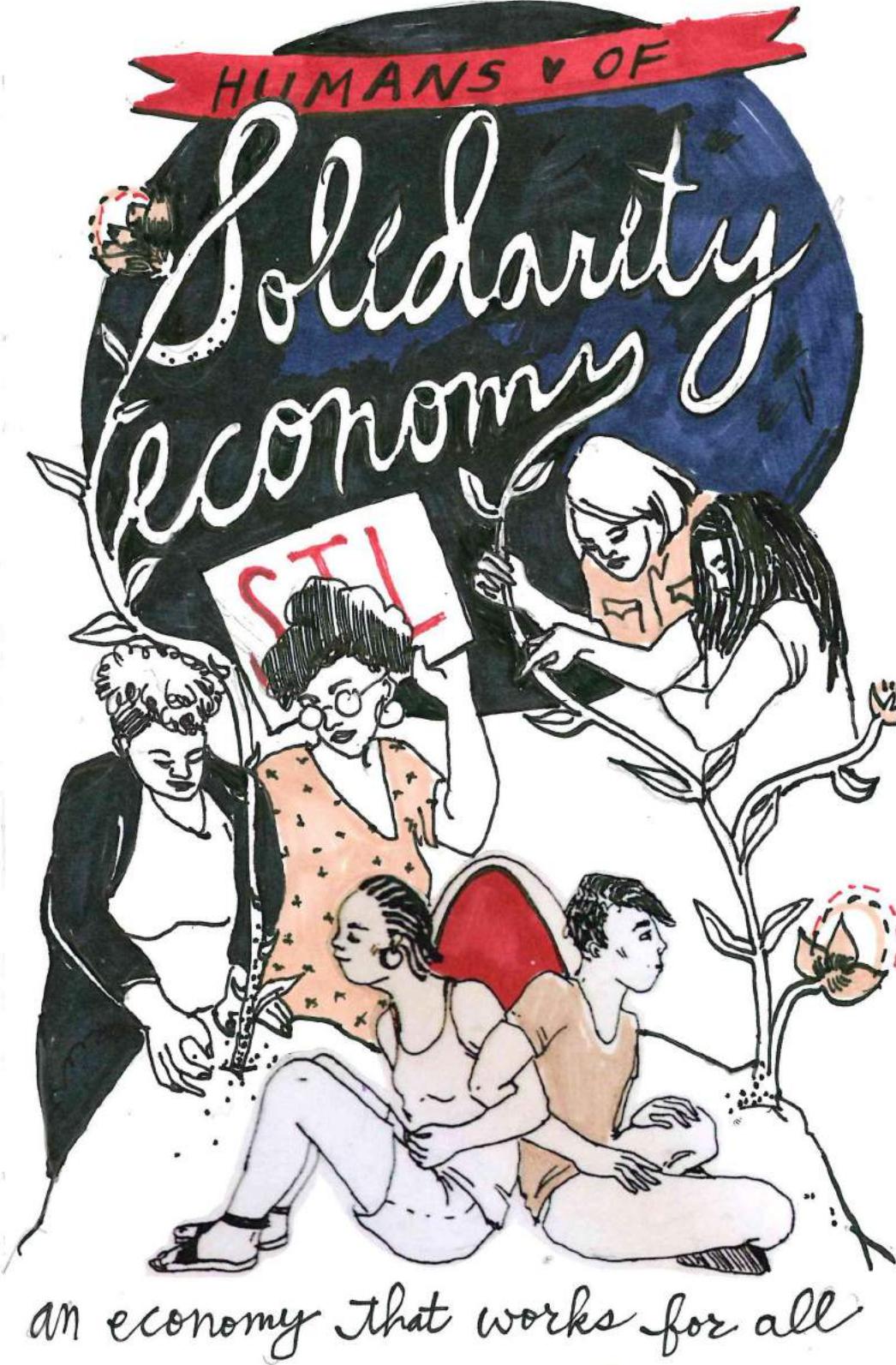
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What are the economic tools
that will move us closer to
collective liberation??:-

To celebrate the work
we are doing and
that many of
Learn more about
SOLIDARITY ECONOMY STL

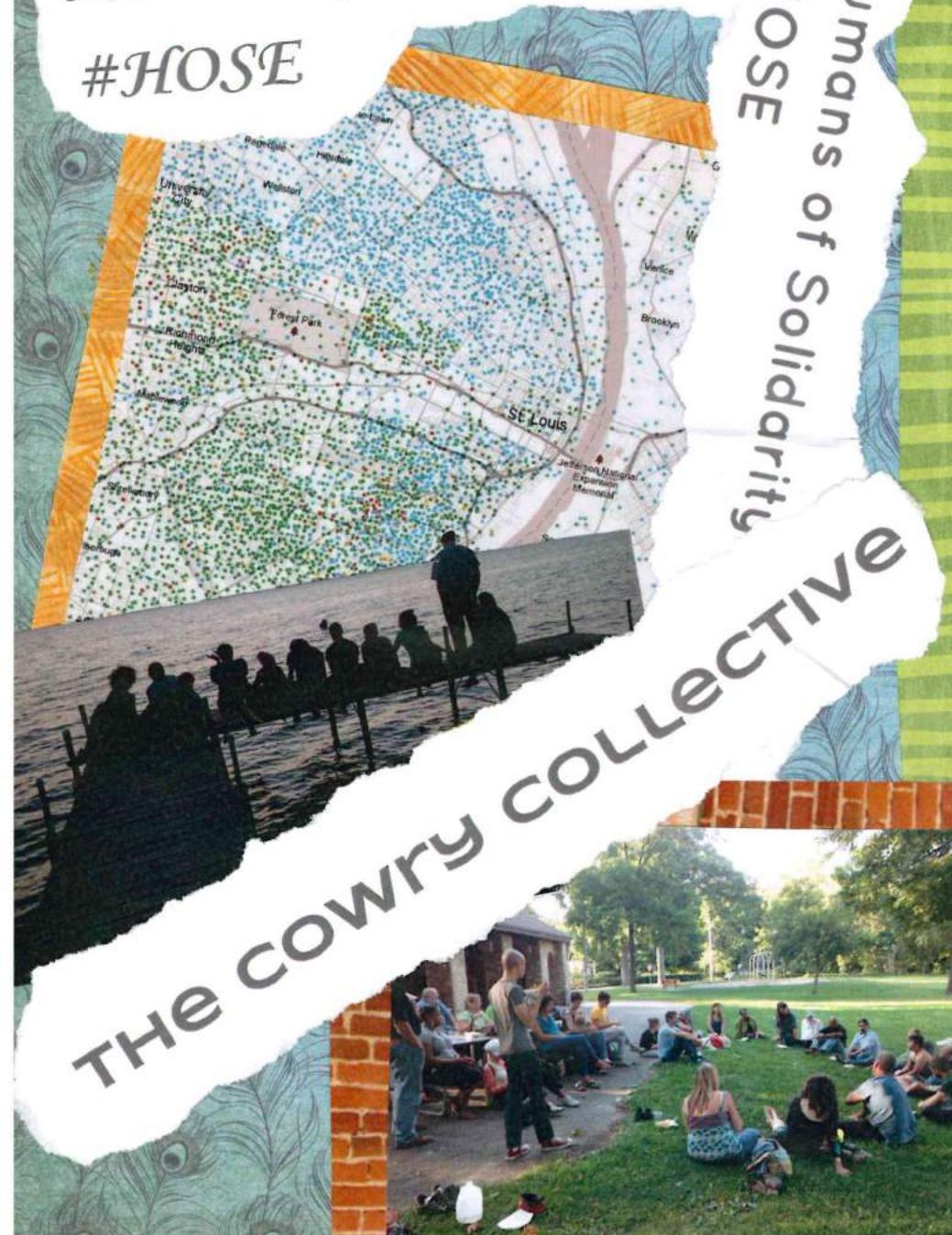
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Humans of Solidarity Economy

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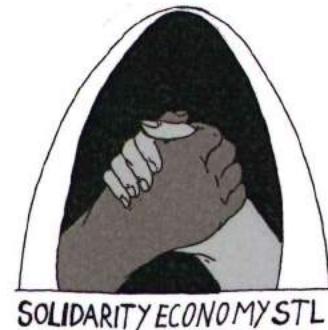
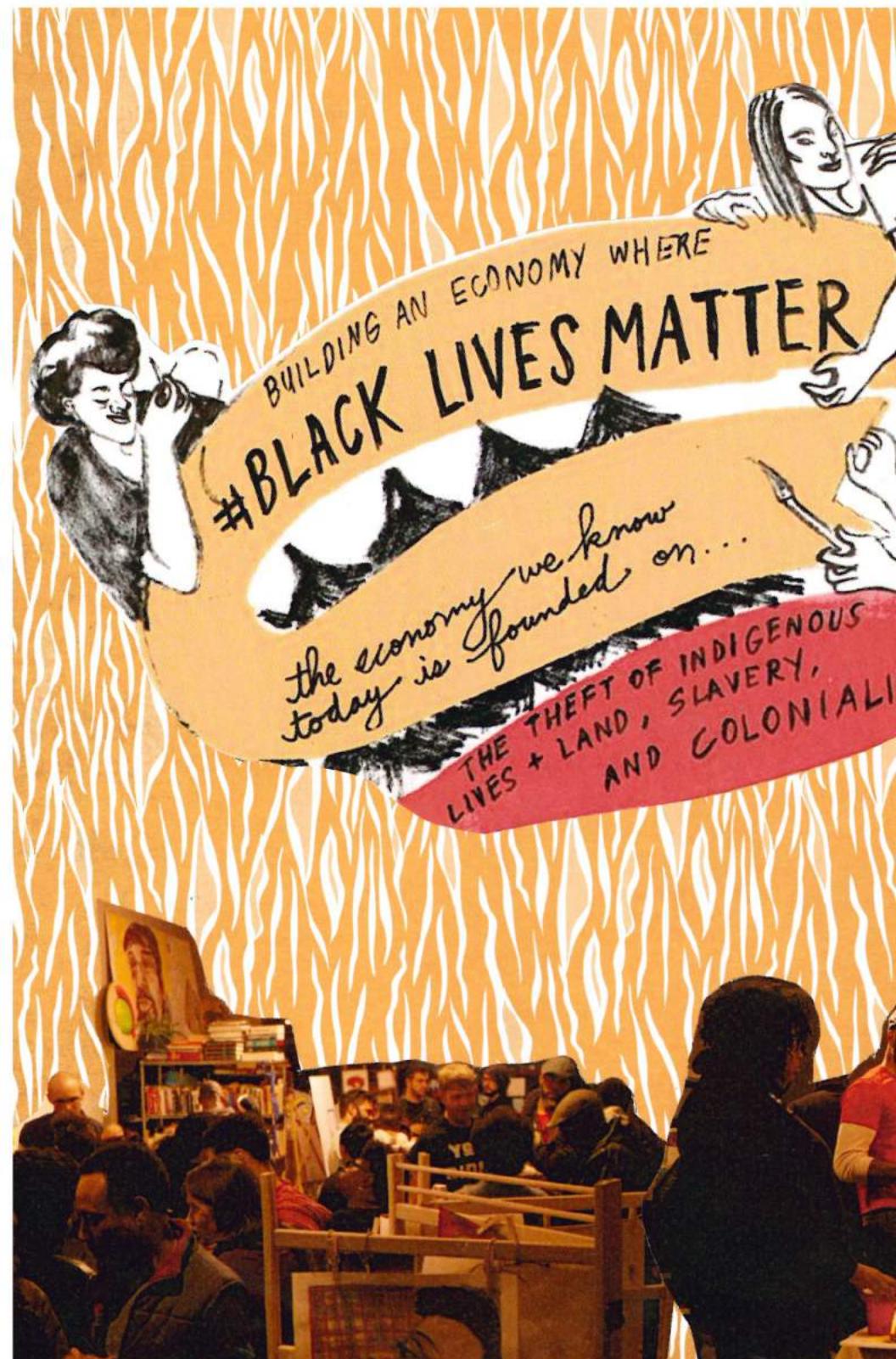


We believe that economic exchanges, both monetized and non-monetized, should exist to meet human needs, not generate enormous profits for corporations. Because our current economic system does not embody this belief, we must work to change it.

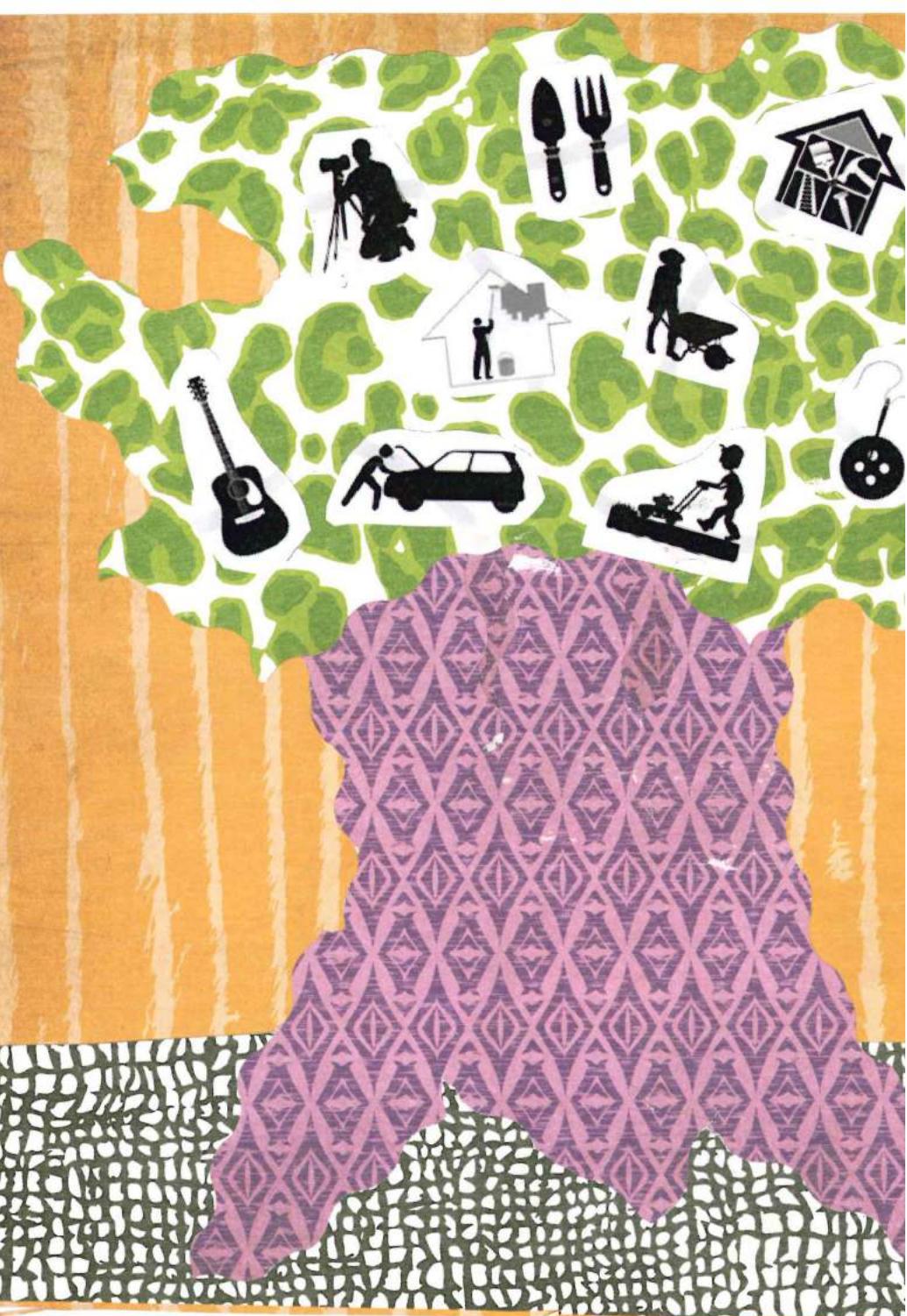
There is not a single route to building the solidarity economy. We must experiment.

We must strive to create the world in which we want to live, while also engaging with and improving the world in which we already live.

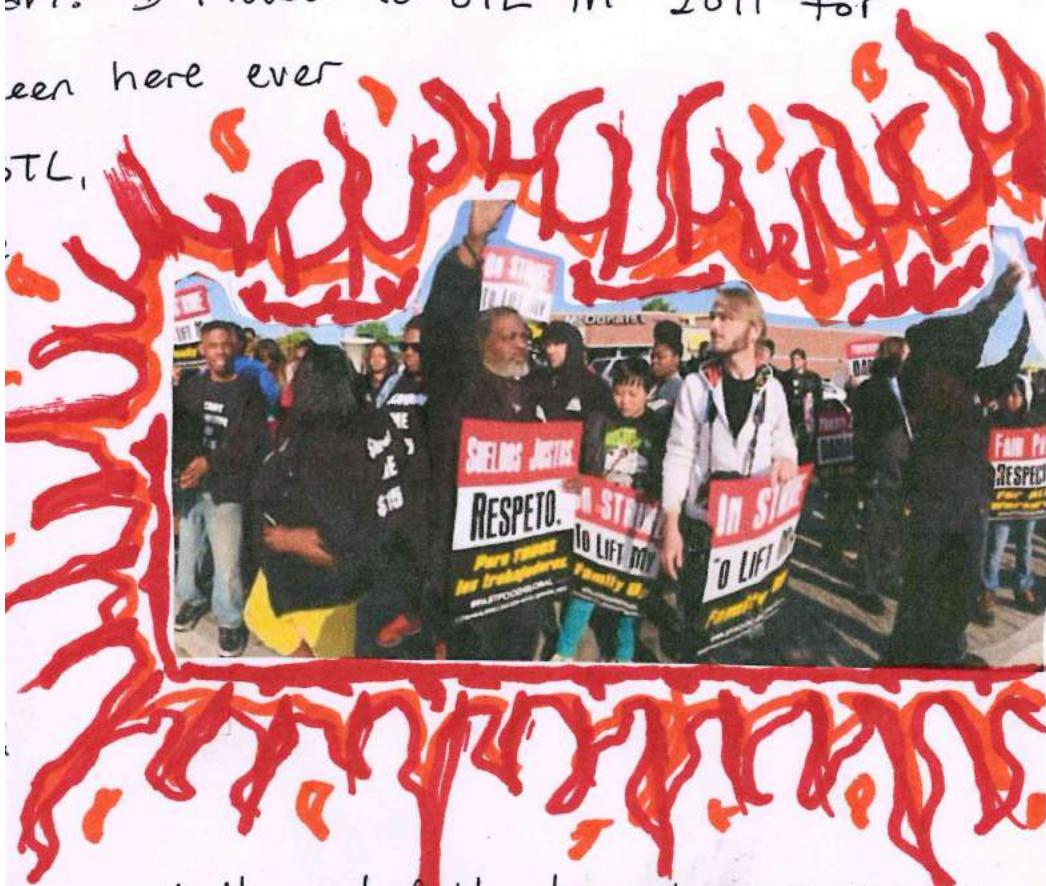




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and meet our needs. On



meet julia ho

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because it's the kind of place where a small group of people can change a lot. I see capitalism as one of the root causes of so many issues that we're facing — the climate crisis, rampant poverty and unemployment, institutionalized racism.

It's impossible to solve any of these issues without thinking about our economic system. Because just how we distribute our resources

level, I'm always looking for ways to make creative exchanges, and I love offering cooking & gardening skills,

taiwan. piano lessons, and basic Mandarin lessons. I'm constantly challenging myself to live ~~the~~ the way I want to live, with less \$\$ and more people.

I was born and raised in Taiwanese America school, and I've been here since. I love St. Louis because

Solidarity Economy St. Louis is a coalition

of social justice organizations, small

businesses, and individuals striving to build and grow a "solidarity economy;"

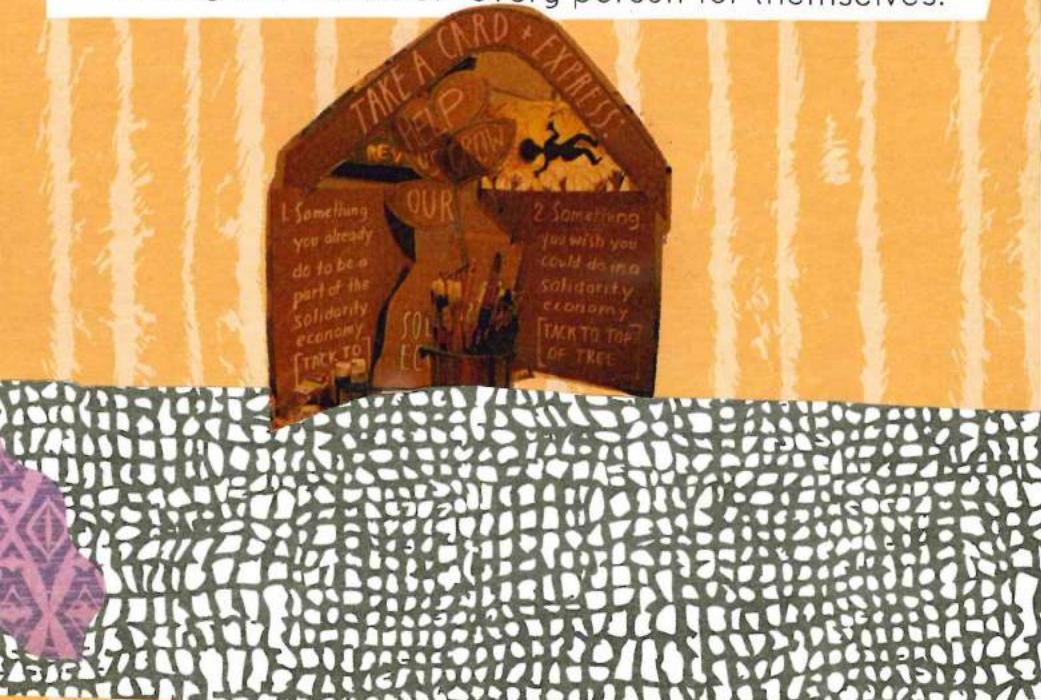
that is, an economy that embodies the values

of social justice, ecological sustainability,

mutualism, cooperation, democracy, and innovation

while

resisting the notion of "every person for themselves."



OUR WORK



SOLIDARITY ECONOMY STL

1: Coalition and base building

growing our network through social events, canvassing, skillshares, etc.

2: Capacity building

supporting member groups with community outreach, collaboration, travelling opportunities, and fundraising.

3: Campaigns

building political and economic power through the implementation of solidarity economy practices and the opposition of policies which harm our communities.



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Capitalism means compromise to me.

- Compromising your happiness or your path

to full self-actualization because you are in survival mode or a survival program. In this mode you are concerned chiefly with how you earn money to pay bills and keep a roof over your head. OUR DREAMS and QUALITY OF LIFE often come SECOND to SURVIVING. OUR THRIVING comes second to our Surviving.



TWO PRICELESS ASSETS IN MY PORTFOLIO!

WE HONOR: THE STRUGGLES + STRENGTHS of all

people and groups involved in the movement while uniting over our shared need to live full lives, lives where we are not stuck in a mode of SURVIVAL.



Meet.: Chiinyere E. Ofeh



TIMEBANKING ROYALTY w/STEPHANIE REARICK + RENEE MARVER

I was born in Florissant, MO and grew up in St. Louis, the suburbs of Detroit and the Suburbs of Washington DC.



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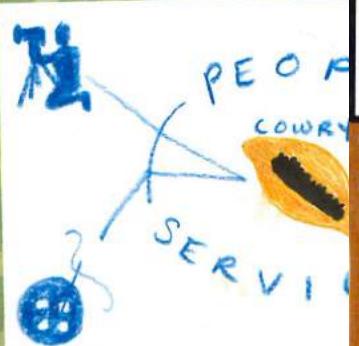
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In our timebank,
for every hour of
Service you do,
you
earn a
cowry.

Our Mission:

The Cowry Collective Timebank (CCTB) is a reciprocal exchange of services, skills and resources. The currency is an hour of time for exchange. CCTB people: create and strengthen freedom by providing an alternative valuation of time. The CCTB introduces people to the available resources in their lives and lack to abundance and wholeness.

THE COWRY COLLECTIVE



SOLIDARITY ECONOMY STL



4. Function as an outreach and recruitment mechanism for existing solidarity economy initiatives.

We want to build an organized base of individuals who are knowledgeable about, engaged in, and fighting for the solidarity economy.

5. Inspire the development of

NEW SOLIDARITY
ECONOMY
INITIATIVES



WE AIM TO:

1. Make the solidarity economy practices that already exist in STL more visible.



2. Be a space where people & organizations can share best practices, collaborate, and mutually support each other in our pursuit of a more just economy.



3. Lead campaigns that fight back against the injustice inherent in our current economic system and win resources for our solidarity economy. We want to build political and economic power.

TIME BANKING?

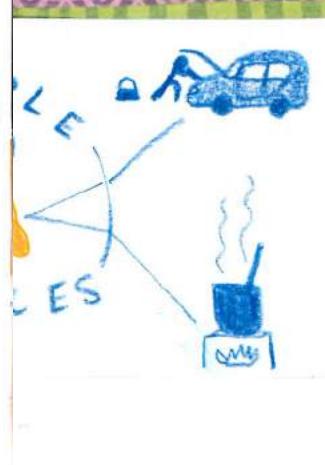
"Every day is a bank account, + time is our currency.
No one is rich, no one is poor, we've got 24 hrs each."
—Christopher Rice

TB) is a network of people engaged in Is, and goods through a timebank where everyone. Through membership in the community bonds, create economic means to get needs and desires met, self-sufficiency, interdependence and a paradigm where members reflectives moving from a perception of scarcity ness.



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Cowry collective

Cowry shells were used as currency for centuries across the continent Africa and in China and continue to be used ceremonially by indigenous peoples of North America. By naming ourselves, The collective, we give reference and reverence to these practices.





Our Values*

Assets: Everyone has capacity to contribute to the well-being of our community.

Work: We who carry out vital roles including raising healthy children, helping keep their communities safe and caring for those more vulnerable, need to be validated and rewarded for our essential work

Reciprocity: We need each other. Giving and receiving are part of building positive social relationships & communities

Social Capital: When we belong to a mutually supportive and secure social network, we bring more meaning to our lives and new opportunities to rebuild trust in one another.

Respect: Every human being matters. We all deserve respect from each other and civic institutions.



* From Timebanks USA