What are the economic tools that will move us closer to collective liberation? Join us to celebrate the work that many of us are doing and learn more about solidarity economy. —#SOLIDARITYECONOMYSTL

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Solidarity economy

an economy that works for all
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.
BUILDING AN ECONOMY WHERE BLACK LIVES MATTER

The economy we know today is founded on...

THE THEFT OF INDIGENOUS LIVES, LAND, SLAVERY, AND COLONIALISM

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I was born and raised Taiwanese American school, and I've been since. I love it because it's a 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. Be just how we distribute our resources level, I'm always looking for ways to make creative exchanges, and I love offering cooking and gardening skills, piano lessons, and basic Mandarin lessons. I'm constantly challenging myself to live the way I want to live, with less $$. And more people.

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

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.

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 your bills and keep a roof over your head. Our dreams often come second to surviving. Our thriving comes second to our surviving.

In a solidarity economy we honor that our happiness, success, health and wealth are bound up in each other & that we are not winning until the weakest of us are uplifted!

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: Chinyere E. Oteh

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

Solidarity Economy means uniting across our perceived and realized us economic axis. Justice 4 all.
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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 work. The currency is an hour of time for everyone.

CCTB people: create and strengthen the bonds of community and encourage creativity in redefining and valuing time. The CCTB introduces new ideas and resources in their environment and lacks to abundance and wholeness.

SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

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.

“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 goods, and services through a timebank where everyone. Through membership in the community bonds, create economic means to get needs and desires met, promoting self-sufficiency, interdependence and a paradigm where members reflects moving from a perception of scarcity to abundance.

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

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.
Our Values

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.

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.

*From Timebanks USA