
Subject: Strategy Meeting and book by David Bollier and Silke Helfrich

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Dear Friends,

In the next couple of days, you will receive the Summary Report and the video of the workshop we gave at the UN: ***Powerful and Innovative Approaches to Financing Development. Common: Social Solidarity Economies, Shared Societies, Cooperatives and the Internet.*** A wonderful free resource, fed by your ideas over the years for you to use as you see fit.

In this email:

1. Our next strategy meeting to discuss how you would like to build on the amazing opportunities being offered to us by the UN to help create a world centred on the well-being of all people and nature, rooted in caring, sharing and community. I'm sorry about such short notice. **Whether you are able to attend or not, please go to <https://titanpad.com/Ffdrecommendations> and contribute your ideas.**
2. A most original commons-based project by Silke Helfrich and David Bollier to publish and launch a book on ***Patterns of Commoning***, using commons-based approaches. This book is written by two people who almost singlehandedly have helped to bring together the commons movement globally. Become a part of this exciting action while promoting commoning worldwide!!

1. Our next strategy meeting to discuss next steps rooted in caring, sharing and community

This will be held on Tuesday, March 17th 10 am EDT (7 am PDT, 4 pm CET). **Call-in number** 1 712 432 1500 Access Code 972978#

Topic: How to maximize the effectiveness of your input on how our world will better serve all people and nature durably for the next 15 years and beyond. Upcoming conferences at the UN will be looking at how will we measure our progress in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (indicators; how to measure people's accountability); and how to implement/finance the SDGs. (Please see attached document on the 17 sustainable development goals)

To give your input to our work, please go to www.titanpad.com/Ffdrecommendations and provide your ideas and/or reactions to what others have written. In case of contradictions, we shall look for ways to resolve any contradiction by bringing the dialogue to a higher level at the strategy meeting mentioned above. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE AND ALL INPUT ARE WELCOME. WE ARE FACING UNKNOWN CHALLENGES AND MUST POOL OUR INGENUITY TO SURVIVE AND PROSPER UNTIL 2030 AND BEYOND

2.An Exciting New Project by Two Pioneers who are Bringing the Modern Commons

Movement Together Worldwide.

Here is their proposal in their own words:

We are on the verge of completing a terrific new collection of fifty original essays on the commons, /Patterns of Commoning, /which we intend to publish in June/July. The book provides a rich overview of dozens of notable commons around the world, from the Bangla-Pesa currency in Kenya and the global Farm Hack community to the Helsinki Timebank and community forests in India. The book also features a number of lengthy essays about the social and personal dimensions of commoning, which stand in contrast to the fiction of /homo economicus/ in standard economics. (We have attached the Contents pages in this email; btw: a next volume will follow - more focussed on economics and politics.)

Because our publishing plans step off into some new, experimental directions, we write to ask for your help and solidarity. */If you can help -- as I'll describe below -- please respond by return if possible.

We have decided that it makes the most sense to self-publish the book in cooperation with Off the Common Books -- an affiliate of Levellers Press, the worker co-op in Amherst, Massachusetts that published our 2012 anthology, /The Wealth of the Commons./ Going forward with Off the Common Books will take care of basic production and distribution of the book while giving us a much lower cover price for the book and greater flexibility in Web-based sales and distribution.

Our decision to self-publish /Patterns of Commoning /was influenced by the limitations of conventional publishers, especially in terms of retail prices and open-access licensing, but also by our desire to reach the largest possible readership. By going with Off the Common Books, we will be able to price the 350-page paperback book at \$15 a copy, use a Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike license, and control e-book distribution and Web-based access to the book. We will also be able to work more closely with our fellow commoners, as partners in marketing and promoting the book.

The big challenge in self-publishing the book is the upfront production expenses of \$10,000. However, we have determined that we can meet this expense if we can pre-sell at least 500 copies of the book.

*/So we write today to ask if you would consider making a pre-order bulk purchase of our new anthology at a special low rate of \$10 per copy, in batches of ten copies. /*In other words, you can pre-order 10 copies for US\$100 or 20 copies for \$200 and so on. Shipping costs (from the US) will be an additional expense. We anticipate that the book will be ready for shipment in July 2015.

Consider the many constructive things you can do with multiple copies of /Patterns of Commoning!/ You can alert teachers to the idea of the commons or give copies to your local library. You can help other organizations understand the benefits of commoning.

You can host study groups, re-sell the books to finance your organization's projects, or give them away as gifts.

*/*If you wish to acquire copies of **Patterns of Commoning** at a bargain rate and help us move forward with our innovative publishing plan, please email me or David Bollier at david@bollier.org as soon as possible. Tell us how many copies you'd like. If we determine that we can proceed, we will tell you later how to send payments to us via PayPal or other means.*

Incidentally, if you have any further ideas for helping distribute and promote *Patterns of Commoning*, we welcome your suggestions. We are quite excited about the book and think that it will be as educational and stimulating as *The Wealth of the Commons*.

Thanks for your support and enthusiasm for the commons!

Silke Helfrich and
David Bollier
Co-Editors, *Patterns of Commoning*

Please join our strategy meeting, make notes on our titan pad and join Silke and David in this exciting new project.

Warmest greetings,

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