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Increasing resilience of community networks / + community currencies project

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OTF project: How to improve digital safety and security of community networks (often overlooked since affordability and inclusion get prioritised).

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With OTF & Critical Infrastructure Lab, analyze how other infrastructural challenges (stable power, natural/environmental issues etc.) contribute to interrupted information flow in community networks.

How to reduce any environmental impacts in community networking?
(for example by local computing, CDNs, upcycling, reducing e-waste)

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iNethi & Grassroots Economics project on community networks & community currencies: networks as a commons, decentralized ownership of infrastructure.



1. Regional insights on community networks: a sharing circle

- About** Participants will be sharing their experiences and insights on community-owned and operated connectivity solutions. These networks rely on decentralized and autonomous infrastructures. Participants will discuss differences and commonalities, and propose ways to make community networks more resilient.
- Format** *50 minutes panel discussion (in theory), but in practice a rather informal sharing circle (outside, floor seating, no equipment)*
- Support you need** *The idea is to have 5-6 speakers from different continents and regions. Would love to invite everyone working with connectivity, mesh networks and community networks.*



2. Community networks meet community currencies

About This talk will introduce a project carried out in South Africa and Kenya, which combines a mutual credit-based community inclusion currency (or voucher) with a community network and localized services. The purpose of combining these two decentralized worlds is to incentivize expansion and custodianship of commons infrastructure.

Format Lightning talk (7:00 + 2 min Q & A)

**Support
you
need** Feedback on how to make it more inclusive.

Hopes and expectations



Meet other people & make friends in the DWeb space!



Learn and exchange ideas about decentralized communication projects, and how can decentralized technologies help achieve community ownership, co-ops, etc.



Identify potential collaboration partners.

Call to action



Session proposal

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Working with connectivity, mesh networks and community networks?

Join the sharing circle!



Repository of community networks - please contribute!

Link to survey



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