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Introduction

Together, we produce an incredible common wealth. This guide exists to increase the visibility of and access to existing cooperatively-owned resources and alternative networks available to our community. There is a vast quantity of creative and engaged human activity that goes unmeasured by the modern economy – the free clinics, community newspapers, history groups, hackerspaces, mom and pop shops, shelters, alternative libraries, and cooperatives – supporting them means supporting what remains of our public life: our lives negotiated, defended, and celebrated *together*.

In order to survive, we must transform our networks of affinity, circles of friendship and trust, and webs of possibility into shared resources, accumulating a wealth of the commons. This guide is the beginning of a vision for regional autonomy, a challenge for us to build an infrastructure that serves the needs of the people of the Bay Area.

Safety

Our one rule: don't call the police! At this point, most of us know that the police often reinforce a system of racialized violence and white supremacy. We cannot continue to rely on a system that harms people that we love. Thankfully, there are many other resources that we can call on in situations of distress.

The simple solution? Get to know your neighbors. Knock on doors and gather the names and contact information of people with a variety of skill sets. Build real relationships that draw on the importance of shared resources and collective safety.

Aaron Rose's "What to do instead of calling the police. A Guide, A Syllabus, A Conversation, A Process": <http://www.aaronxrose.com/blog/alternatives-to-police>

Alameda County Crisis Response Program

Call 1-800-491-9099

Alameda County Mobile Crisis Teams

Request that they do not call or bring the police.

<http://www.acbhcs.org/>

Animal Help Now

<https://ahnow.org>

Homeless Outreach Team

For houseless individuals in distress call 415-355-7401

Oakland Power Projects Health Resources - Critical Resistance

<http://criticalresistance.org/opphealthresources/>

People's Community Medics

<http://www.peoplescommunitymedics.org/>

San Francisco Mobile Crisis Team

Psychiatric crisis intervention services for adults call 415-970-4000

San Francisco Night Ministry

<http://www.sfnightministry.org/>

Housing

Artaud Artist Cooperative

<http://www.projectartaud.org/history>

Bay Area Cooperative Association

<http://www.bayareaca.org/housing>

Emeryville Artists' Coop

<http://www.emeryvilleartistscoop.org/index.html>

Homeless Prenatal Project: housing support

<http://www.homelessprenatal.org/services/housing>

Human Hotel: alternative to Airbnb

<http://humanhotel.com>

Mission Economic Development Agency

<https://medasf.org/programs/housing-opportunities/>

Oakland Community Land Trust

<https://oakclt.org/>

Oakland Warehouse Coalition

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/OaktownWarehouseCoalition>

Safer DIY Spaces

<https://saferdiyspaces.org>

San Francisco Community Land Trust

<https://sfclt.org/>

San Francisco Tenants Union

<https://www.sftu.org>

Tenant and Neighborhood Councils

<https://baytanc.com/>

Health Care

Bay Area Doula Project: full spectrum doula support including abortion

<http://bayareadoulaproject.org/>

Berkeley Acupuncture Project: low-fee + sliding scale

<http://berkeleyacupunctureproject.com/>

Berkeley Free Clinic

<http://www.berkeleyfreeclinic.org/>

Circle Community Acupuncture (SF): low-fee + sliding scale

<https://www.circleca.com/>

HealthRight 360

<https://www.healthright360.org>

Homeless Prenatal Project: prenatal and parenting support

<http://www.homelessprenatal.org/services/parenting>

Lyon-Martin Health Services: healthcare for women and transgender people

<http://lyon-martin.org/>

Oakland Acupuncture Project: low-fee + sliding scale

<http://www.oaklandacupunctureproject.com/>

People's Community Medics

<http://www.peoplescommunitymedics.org>

Planned Parenthood

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-northern-california>

San Francisco Free Clinic

<https://www.sfccc.org/san-francisco-free-clinic/>

St. James Infirmary: peer-based clinic for sex workers and their families

<https://stjamesinfirmary.org/>

Tom Waddell Urban Health Clinic: healthcare for SF's Tenderloin community

<https://www.sfhealthnetwork.org/primary-care-3/tom-waddell-urban-health-clinic/>

Women's Community Clinic SF

<http://womenscommunityclinic.org/>

Mental Health

Bay Area Community Counseling

<http://www.sf-bacc.org/>

Golden Gate Integral Counseling Center

<https://www.ciis.edu/counseling-and-acupuncture-clinics/golden-gate-integral-counseling-center>

Open Path Collective

<https://openpathcollective.org>

Women's Therapy Center (Berkeley)

<http://www.womenstherapy.org/>

Food and Drink

Arizmendi Bakery Cooperatives

<http://arizmendi.coop/>

Berkeley Food Collective: affordable food for UC Berkeley & broader community
<http://www.foodcollective.org/>

The Cheese Board Collective
<http://cheeseboardcollective.coop/>

Community Gardens: free food
<https://freefarmstand.org/about/>

Curry Without Worry: free on Tuesdays
<https://www.currywithoutworry.org/>

Dandelion Chocolate: free samples
740 Valencia St., SF

East Bay Food Not Bombs: free
<http://ebfnb.org/eat-with-us/>

Glide Memorial: free
<https://www.glide.org/>

Mandela Foods Cooperative
<https://www.mandelafoods.com/>

Martin de Porres House of Hospitality: free
<http://www.martindeporres.org/>

Other Avenues
<https://www.otheravenues.coop/>

Rainbow Grocery Cooperative
<http://www.rainbow.coop>

SF Food Not Bombs: free
<https://sffnb.org/>

The Stud: worker-owned bar/club
<https://www.studsf.com/home/>

Tamarack: cooperative cafe, opening soon
<http://tamarackoakland.com/>

Thai Brunch at a Temple: low-cost, Sundays

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/wat-mongkolratanaram-berkeley>

Libraries and Alternative Collections

David Rumsey Map Collection

<https://www.davidrumsey.com/>

FoundSF.org

<http://www.foundsf.orgwww.foundsf.org>

GLBT Historical Society & Archives

<http://www.glbthistory.org/>

Letterform Archive

<https://letterformarchive.org/>

Prelinger Library

<http://www.prelingerlibrary.org/home/>

Shaping San Francisco

<http://www.shapingsf.org>

Gardens

Aleman Farm (SF)

<http://www.alemanyfarm.org/>

All in Common Garden (Mission)

<https://freefarmstand.org/about/>

Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative

<https://ecologycenter.org/bcgc/>

Oakland Community Gardening

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/government/o/opr/s/cgardening/index.htm>

San Francisco Community Gardens Program

<http://sfrecpark.org/park-improvements/urban-agriculture-program-citywide/community-gardens-program/>

Spiral Gardens Community Food Security Project (Berkeley)

<http://www.spiralgardens.org/>

Childcare

Bay Area Childcare Collective

<https://bayareachildcarecollective.wordpress.com/about/>

Thoughts on Babysitting Coop Structure

<https://www.berkeleyparentsnetwork.org/recommend/groups/coop>

Artist Spaces and Resources

2727 California Street: residency and art space

<https://2727.today/residency>

34 Trinity Arts and News: collectively-owned art space & used bookstore

<https://www.34trinity.com/>

Adobe Books and Art Collective

<http://www.adobebooks.com>

Bay Area Art Grind

<https://bayareaartgrind.com/category/residency-programs/>

Bay Area Performing Arts Spaces: finding and reserving affordable spaces

<https://bayareaspaces.org/>

Bay Improviser: Bay Area new music community resources

<https://www.bayimproviser.com/>

CCA art residency links

<https://www.cca.edu/students/careers/student-resources/residencies>

Ctrl+Shft Collective

<http://www.ctrlshftcollective.com/>

Community Printers

<http://www.comprinters.com>

Dancers' Group

<http://dancersgroup.org/resources/>

East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse

<http://creativereuse.org/>

Graphic Arts Workshop

<http://graphicartsworkshop.org/>

The Growlery: residency program

<http://www.thegrowlery.org/>

Headlands Center for the Arts: residency program

<http://www.headlands.org/program/air/>

Intersection for the Arts: fiscal sponsor

<https://www.theintersection.org/>

Kala Art Institute: residency program

<http://www.kala.org/studio/artist-in-residence-program-air/>

Oakland Stock

<http://oaklandstock.tumblr.com>

Real Time and Space

<http://www.realtimeandspace.org>

Risograph Printing at BAMPFA

<https://bampfa.org/about/art-lab>

Rock Paper Scissors Collective

<https://www.rpscollective.org/>

Root Division: apply for studio space at below market rates

<https://www.rootdivision.org/>

SCRAP (Scrounger's Center for Reusable Art Parts)

<https://www.scrap-sf.org/>

SF Artists Network

<http://www.sfartistnetwork.org/calls-for-artists.html>

SF Center for the Book

<https://sfcbook.org/workshops>

SF Print Collective

<http://www.sfprintcollective.com/>

SOEX Alternative Exposure Grant

<https://soex.org/alternative-exposure>

Urban Ore (Salvage yard)

<http://urbanore.com/>

Time Banks

Bay Area Community Exchange

<http://timebank.sfbace.org/>

Worker Cooperatives

Network of Worker Cooperatives

<http://nobawc.org/member-cooperatives/member-cooperatives-in-the-bay-area/>

Advocacy

Bay Area Anti-Repression Committee

<https://antirepressionbayarea.com/>

California Lawyers for the Arts

<https://www.calawyersforthearts.org/>

Centro Legal de la Raza

<https://centrolegal.org/>

Disability Rights, Education, and Defense Fund

<https://dredf.org/>

Immigration Nonprofits

http://ebclc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/EBCLC_Immigration-Referrals_04.2015.pdf

Just Cause / Causa Justa: Tenants Rights Advocacy

<https://cjjc.org/>

National Lawyers Guild

<https://nlgsf.org/>

Start Art Legal

<https://www.startartlegal.com>

Sustainable Economies Law Center

<http://www.theselc.org/>

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

<https://vlany.org/>

W.A.G.E Working Artists and the Greater Economy

<https://wageforwork.com/>

Translation Services

Volunteer Health Interpreters Organization

<https://calvhio.org/request/>

Transportation

The Bike Hut: bike rentals

<http://thebikehut.org/>

Bike Kitchen: bike build/repair-teaching coop
<http://www.bikekitchen.org>

Box Dog Bikes: worker-owned bike shop
<https://www.boxdogbikes.com/>

Casual Carpool: East Bay <-> SF community carpools
<https://sfcasualcarpool.com/>

Changing Gears Bike Shop
<http://changinggearsbikes.org/>

Cycles of Change: Oakland bike non-profit
https://www.cyclesofchange.org/the_bikery

Homobiles: non-profit providing rides to SF Bay Area LGBTIQQ community and allies
<http://www.homobiles.org/>

The Laurel Cyclery
<http://www.laurelcyclery.com/>

Pedal Revolution: SF Bike Non-profit
<http://pedalrevolution.org>

San Francisco Bike Messenger Association
<https://www.sfbma.org>

SF Bike Rescue
<http://sfbikerescue.com/>

WalkSF: safe walking routes
<https://walksf.org/our-work/safe-routes-for-all>

Community Spaces

Eric Quezada Center for Culture and Politics
<http://518valencia.org>

La Raza Community Resource Center
<http://larazacrc.org/>

Omni Commons

<https://omnicommons.org/>

A Safe Place

<https://www.asafeplace.org/>

Safe Space

<https://thesafespaceproject.org/>

SF LGBT Center

<http://www.sfcenter.org/>

SOMArts Cultural Center

<http://www.somarts.org/>

Queer Cultural Center

<https://qcc2.org/>

Youth Programs

Arts Education Alliance

<http://www.artsedalliance.org/>

Art and Film for Teenagers

<https://artandfilm.org/>

Art Seed: intergenerational and multi-disciplinary art education

<http://www.artseed.org/>

Homeless Youth Alliance

<http://www.homelessyouthalliance.org>

Next Gen + Bridges at BAVC: media-making for youth

<https://bavc.org/youth-programs>

Problem Children: art residency for teens

<http://problemchildren.org/>

Radical Monarchs: resources for young girls of color
<http://radicalmonarchs.org/>

Youth Spirit Artworks: youth art job training
<http://youthspiritartworks.org/>

Youth UpRising: youth leadership development
<https://www.youthuprising.org/>

Prisoner Support

Arts in Corrections
<https://www.artsincorrections.org/>

East Bay Prisoner Support
<https://eastbayprisonersupport.wordpress.com/>

Ghost Town Prisoner Support
<https://ghosttownprisonersupport.blackblogs.org/>

Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee
<https://iwocoakland.wordpress.com/>

Insight Prison Project
<http://www.insightprisonproject.org/>

Prison Arts Coalition
<https://theprisonartscoalition.com/>

Project Avary
<http://www.projectavary.org/family-support/>

Prison Literature Project
<http://www.prisonlit.org/>

Prison University Project
<https://prisonuniversityproject.org/>

Women's Prison Book Project
<https://wpbp.org/contact-us/about/>

Alternative Media

48 Hills

<https://48hills.org/>

BFF.FM

<http://bff.fm>

El Tecolote

<http://eltecolote.org/content/en/>

Fault Radio

<https://faultradio.com/>

Lower Grand Radio

<https://www.lowergrandradio.com/>

Mission Local

<https://missionlocal.org/>

Neighborhood Newspapers of San Francisco Historic Archive

<https://archive.org/details/sanfranciscone newspapers>

San Francisco Public Press

<https://sfpublicpress.org/>

Technology

Electric Embers: worker-owned web hosting

<http://www.electricembers.net/>

TechCollective: worker-owned tech support

<http://www.techcollective.com>

Tech Workers Coalition

<https://techworkerscoalition.org/>

Other

Design Action Collective: design for progressive, non-profit, & social change orgs
<http://www.designaction.org>

La Colectiva: worker-run cleaning collective
<http://lacolectivasf.org/>

Lava Mae: free mobile hygiene
<https://lavamae.org/san-francisco/>
<https://lavamae.org/oakland/>