UP-ENDING THE NON-PROFIT INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX:

WILL FOUNDATIONS FUND THE REVOLUTION?

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WHAT IS THE NON PROFIT INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
A SYSTEM THAT FORCES NONPROFITS TO PROFESSIONALIZE, WHEREIN THEY MUST FOCUS ON MAINTAINING THEIR FUNDING RATHER THAN FULFILLING THEIR MISSION
FUNDING VS SOCIAL JUSTICE
ONE WAY TO SEE THE PROBLEM: FOOD PANTRIES VERSUS ADDRESSING WHY PEOPLE NEED TO GO TO A FOOD PANTRY IN THE FIRST PLACE? ARE WE WORKING TO END DEPENDENCY COMPLEXES IN OUR COMMUNITIES OR REINFORCE THEM?
WHAT IS MISSION DRIFT?

MISSION DRIFT IS A TERM USED TO DESCRIBE INSTANCES WHERE AN ORGANIZATION MOVES AWAY FROM ITS MISSION TO CATER TO FUNDERS.
PAUL KIVEL’S BUFFER ZONE
The buffer zone is not an economic position indicating income or wealth; it is a role that some people perform through their work that helps the system run smoothly and without change.
HOW DO YOU UPSET THE SET UP
ENTREPRENEURIAL NON-PROFITS WHO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REVENUE GENERATION (AKA SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP) USE FOUNDATION FUNDING TO BUILD SUSTAINABILITY NECESSARY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS VERSUS TRYING TO STAY IN BUSINESS
“WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR OUR ORGANIZATION TO NO LONGER NEED TO EXIST?”

THINK PLANNED OBSOLESCENCE

WHEN AT THEIR BEST NON-PROFITS MAKE THEMSELVES IRRELEVANT
THE CORE OF OUR WORK IN URBAN AGRICULTURE PARTICULARLY IS TO NOT BE NEEDED BY ATTACKING ROOT CAUSES SO THAT WHATEVER DISPARITY WE ARE ADDRESSING IS NO LONGER AN ISSUE AND IF THE PROBLEM IS SOLVED WE DON'T EXIST
WELL WHAT ABOUT THE FOUNDATIONS?
WILL THEY FUND THE REVOLUTION? PROBABLY NOT. YOUR JOB IS TO SECURE THE RESOURCES YOU CAN AND AT EVERY STEP BE THINKING WHAT WILL THIS RESOURCE DO (FUNDING) TO MAKE ME AND MY ORGANIZATION OBSOLETE