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What are we trying to save with these understandings?

besides humanity
besides the software commons
organizational intelligence
What are commons?

* shared resources
* shared responsibility
* mutual benefit
• What is in the software or digital commons?
  • code
  • infrastructure
  • standards
  • human labor & commitment
  • knowledge & culture
  • tools for accessing world resources
  • The job of governing shared projects
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The job of governing shared projects

- removed enough from the action
- volunteer as in voluntary
- mutual decisions on how to move forward
- moving forward on heterogeneous goals
- real (enough) consensus
- committed to resolving conflict with good argument, not power plays
- using reasoning all affected people could accept if they heard and understood it.
enhance group intelligence

• Create and protect safe places for conflict.
What is deliberation? It is communicative actions for building new understandings.

- actions: statements, challenges, validations
- topics: fact, trust, appropriateness

- The good news is that communication for reaching shared understandings is normal to the human condition.
What we love about the free software commons

- Please contribute some “popcorn participation”.
- Raise your hand.
- Name it with 5 words or less.
- Next person.
anecdotes
## Theory of Communicative Action

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references

Suggestions are based on the Theory of Communicative Rationality, of Jurgen Habermas:


My own application of Habermasian theories, for example: Evaluating Deliberative Democracy: Comparing Habermas' Discourse Ethic and Evaluations of Consensus Process in Residential Cooperatives