We are working with citizens, IT professionals, consumers, policymakers, designers, and cooperatives to pioneer more equitable and sustainable approaches to developing the digital economy. It’s about a People’s Internet that is owned by all who most depend on it.

The kit addresses:
- Rising economic inequality,
- Concentration of platform ownership,
- Shift away from direct employment,
- Gig economy is expanding,
- Stalled worker rights,
- Stagnating wages.

What is funded
- Learning Commons foundation
- Basic technical infrastructure (platform components, open API, customizable entry points)
- Initial iterative pilot in care sector in Australia, Ireland, Italy, Canada, and the UK, as well as child care co-ops and home services co-ops in India, Brazil, and the United States

What requires further support
- Prospective Platform Co-ops:
  - Full-cycle implementation of platform co-op model in a broader range of territories, communities, and sectors (e.g., elder care, formerly incarcerated populations, fair accessibility crowd work) with a focus on gender inclusivity
  - Platform co-ops to aid job training, job sharing, mentoring
  - Platform cooperatives for adjunct professors or tutors
  - Establish decent work and portable skills with people in migration, as well as low-income, elderly, and disabled immigrants
- Institute for the Cooperative Digital Economy at The New School (PCC/IDRC)
  - Research, policy work, advocacy, community building, programming
  - A cooperative university as a way to scale connected learning
  - Prevention of social alienation
  - Allocation of investment capital for platform co-ops
  - Build out cooperative data ownership and publicly-owned Internet services