

EQUITABLE INTERNET INITIATIVE WORKING PRINCIPLES

The Equitable Internet Initiative (EII) is an effort to redistribute power, resources, and connectivity in Detroit through community Internet technologies.

We are working towards a future where neighbors are **authentically connected**, with relationships of **mutual aid** that sustain the **social, economic, and environmental health** of neighborhoods.

We are working towards a future where Detroiters who have been marginalized from political and economic power have the ability to **leverage Internet technologies** to **shape the future of their neighborhoods and city**.

To ensure we reach this future, we work from the following principles to guide us along the way.

- We use and build technology for **collaborative problem solving**, so that we can address the immediate and long-term needs of our communities.
- We use and build technology for **storytelling**, so that we can foster understanding, trust, and empathy within and between our communities.
- We use and build technology for **education**, so that we can cultivate knowledge, talent, ideas, and imagination within our communities.
- We use and build technology for **organizing**, so that we can grow the power of our communities to transform systems of oppression.
- We facilitate **collaborative community ownership and governance** of technology infrastructure.
- We facilitate **long-term, authentic relationships** through our teaching and organizing processes.
- We use **alternative energy** whenever possible and encourage a culture of fixing and recycling tech in order to care for our environment and minimize waste.
- We support a **culture of consent** in media and technology to encourage and establish healthy boundaries, transparency, and mutually-supportive expression for our communities.
- We use technology to ensure the **safety and security of the community** through the growth of healthy and trusting relationships in the digital and Internet ecosystem.
- We elevate and protect the **privacy** of the individual, as well as the community as a whole, through safe and secure digital practices.