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.