Tech policies

The role of technology has been, historically, the toolkit human beings have been able to develop by taking control of the environment. A widespread concern is that the growth in power of technology threatens not only our ecosystem, the earth, to favour the human being but also mankind itself. But the exact opposite is true, in fact, **we firmly believe that technology is a powerful weapon to change the status quo: with the intrinsic condition to be free technology.**

However, FairCoop has developed good practice with the aim those could become best practice, based on FairCoop ecosystem principles such as **Integral revolution, peer2peer, fair cryptocurrency, free knowledge, hacker ethics, degrowth, well-being.**

Up from there the attempt made in the past to use an external project management system to *address each area with sufficient criteria to avoid deviating from the critical spirit, etc.* wasn't 100% successful. Nevertheless is possible to recycle a part of that proposal, applying suggested criteria (improved and completed) specific on tools and in the perennial search of the best modus operandi. (more on the mentioned proposal at the end of this page)

Tools developed/used within the ecosystem should meet those criteria:

- Free software to **promote cooperation and share outcomes** (NB still, not open source software is promoted from our main page).
- ICT **tools are a means to an end** and the focus should be on that end: technology serves the purpose to improve living standards.
- Tools **open source condition is mandatory** to be adapted/improved, etc..
- Tools should be **well documented both in code than in how-to-use**.
- **Developing is a team task** and each one of the team components deserves **respect and fair working conditions.**

All above based on the following more specific FairCoop principles/values,such as:

- **Hacker ethics principles**(according to Steven Levy's 1984 book, *Hackers: Heroes of the Computer Revolution*):
    - Access to computers (and anything which might teach you something about the way the world works) should be unlimited and total.
    - All information should be free.
    - Mistrust authority - promote decentralization.
    - Hackers should be judged by their hacking, not bogus criteria such as degrees, age, race, or position.
    - You can create art and beauty on a computer.
    - Computers can change your life for the better.

- **Integral Revolution**:
    - Social transformation from scratch including values such as cooperation and solidarity.
    - Pursuit of the common good.
    - To be honest with yourself before pointing fingers on others.

  - Get rid of materialism, aka **don't fight over fiat money, fight on principles instead.**
  - Transitions start on daily life: do the walk, not only the talk.
  - A personal practice should follow theories and personal actions should substitute the habit of *assign tasks to others*.
  - Inclusion and co-operation with other culture respecting diversity aka don't focus on our own territorial reality only.

Applied to different areas, as detailed:

- In Fair Governance:
  - Political organization based on dialogue
  - Democracy: direct, deliberative, participative.
  - Self-management and decentralization.
  - Transparency cubed, starting from your own
  - Subsidiarity from local to global.
- In Fair Society:
  - Equity and social justice for all groups of persons.
  - Equality in diversity applied to all cultures.
  - Self-realization and strong mutual support.
  - Commitment and self-evaluation.
  - Share our practices with society as a whole.
- In Fair Economy:
  - Focus on attending people's needs above all other interests and each one contributing according to their possibilities.
  - Currency is a system of measuring exchange between people in the community, excluding accumulation as an objective.
  - Other non-monetary forms of exchange are promoted: free economy, direct exchange, community economy.
  - Foster economic relations between producers and consumers.
  - Enhance prosumers practice.
- In Fair Ecology:
  - Foster Organic Farming and Permaculture.
  - Decrease and sustainability.
  - Promote Circular Economy.
  - Avoid all kind of environmental polluting activities

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