Organising solidarity

"To prepare ourselves to live this other future, to allow ourselves to be moved by what is Real, without losing this sense of piety, this sense of conquest, this sense of destiny."

« il est de se préparer à vivre cet avenir autre, il est de se laisser mouvoir par le Réel, sans perdre ce sens de la piété, ce sens de la conquête, ce sens du destin ».

Suzanne Césaire,
*Le grand camouflage,
Écrits de dissidence,*
1941–1945

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A central intention of the decolonising process is to shift power in the digital rights field so that those most affected by technological harm shape the agenda. While communities and people affected are best placed to understand these harms and to organise, we found that social and racial justice organisations were often less resourced to undertake work on digital issues due to broader challenges in access to funding. We also found that there are limited examples of equal, sustainable, transnational organising partnerships. Often, where partnerships do exist, they may display extractive or unequal dynamics. Finally, there are currently very few spaces in Europe in which racial, transfeminist, social, economic, digital, and environmental justice activists, researchers, and organisations can meet to discuss and organise for digital justice.

We envisage new infrastructures for organising and solidarity to ensure that communities primarily affected by technological harm set the agenda of digital justice work and can build solidarity practices amongst those with a shared interest in collective liberation

The Digital Liberation Retreat

This annual gathering will centre the building of sustainable connections and community building amongst those contesting digital harm. The Digital Liberation Retreat will provide space for collective organising on digital issues from an anti-colonial perspective through workshops, discussions, and skill-sharing on both digital justice priorities and strategies as well as transformative organisational, partnership and funding practices. The retreat will focus on racial, social, transfeminist, economic, and environmental justice organisations. We imagine it as a space to slow down and reflect, connect, and regenerate. As such, healing, joy, and trust-building will be intentionally built in. We imagine a spacious agenda and time to relax and enjoy being together while thinking through heavy and complicated topics. Participants will have the opportunity not only to exchange on thematic points such as tech carceralism, digital austerity, digital feminism, digital labour organising or environmental justice and tech but also to have workshops on organisational structures that foster transformative work and sustainable partnerships and coalitions The retreat will also offer room to talk about philanthropy and funding more generally. The design of this retreat will prioritise accessibility and care, with the intention of making it a space that feels as safe as possible. This will be a space where different vi-

sions and projects of digital justice will have their place and be in dialogue, from a transnational and internationalist perspective.

A Digital Justice Manisfesto

One of the main objectives of the Digital Liberation Retreat will be to seek to answer the following questions: *how can digital rights serve social, racial, transfeminist, economic, and environmental justice? What are the key issues, struggles, and visions that a digital justice movement should prioritise? How do we organise, resist and create solidarity around those issues in the coming years?* Participants at the Digital Liberation Retreat will develop and publish a joint manifesto to outline its positive vision for digital justice. Participants will share their intentions for this vision to avoid co-optation and misuse of the language, terminologies, and ideas. This manifesto will be used to coordinate efforts in policy-making on digital rights issues, engage funders and other stakeholders, and foster coalitions and clarity about the key issues.

Digital Liberation Partnerships Platform

We also identified a need for infrastructure beyond gatherings to facilitate connections and solidarity organising between communities and groups. The Partnerships Platform will collate information and facilitate collaboration, participation in future events, and redistribution of resources. It will offer a space for organisations to connect and organise, share information and look for potential new partners on projects etc. It will also work to inform collectives and individuals, especially from outside the traditional digital rights field, to access opportunities for support or collaboration from the existing field, opening up resources, expertise, and solidarity and informing them about the implementation of the activities set out in this decolonising programme.