

# The Co-operative Horizon

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## Collapsing the Housing Market



1st 75  
minutes

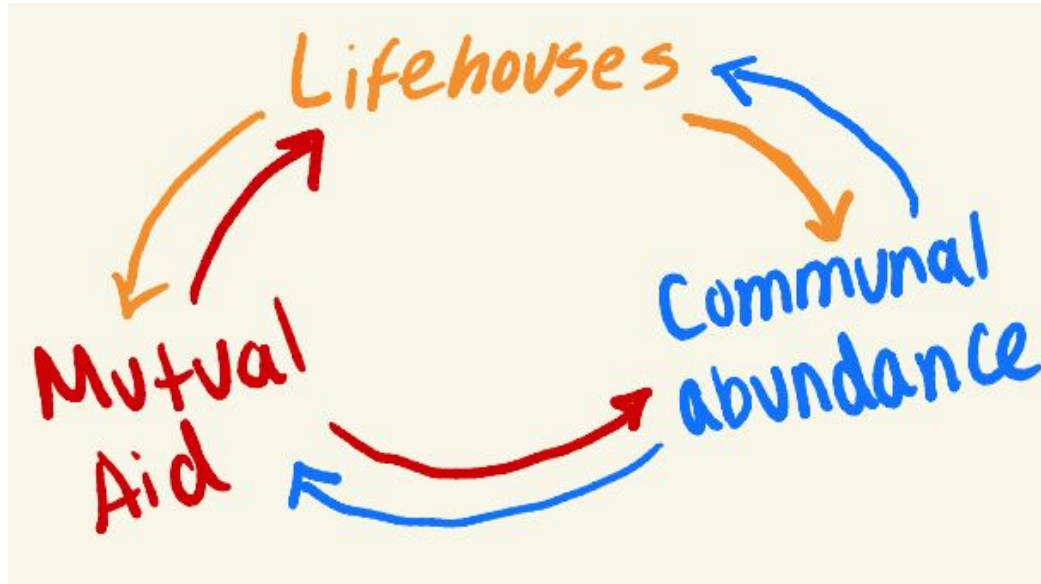
Horizons + composition

Political strength: Building and fighting

Moral strength: Community and generosity

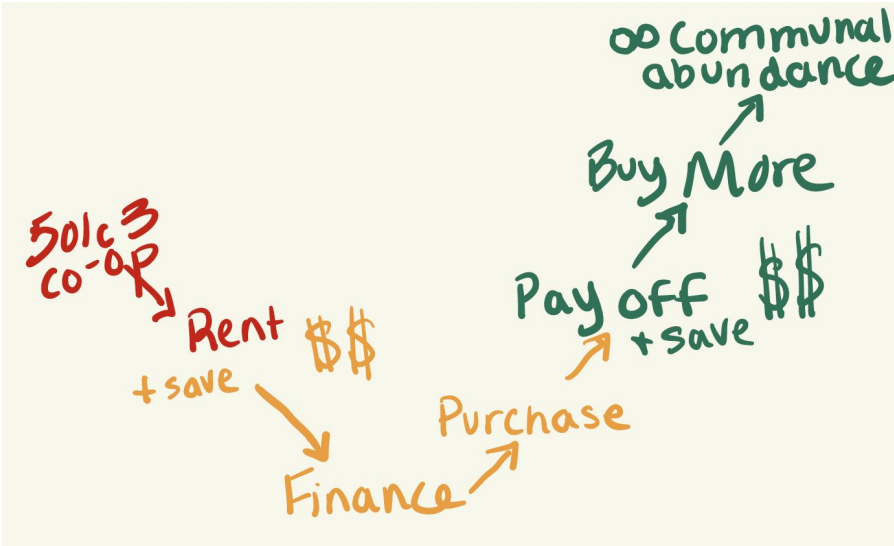
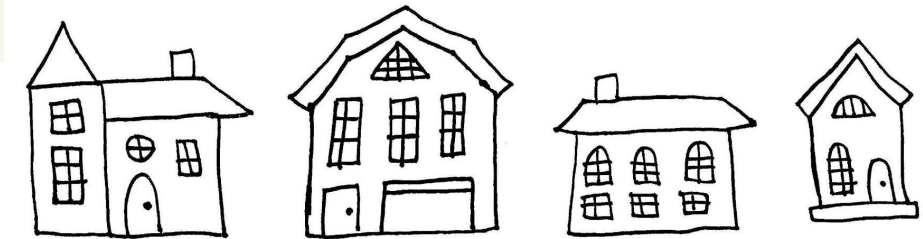
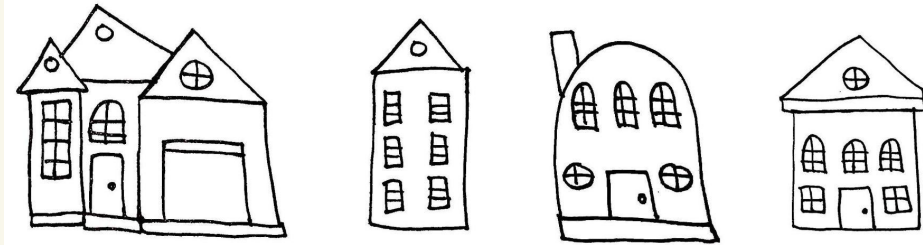
*Relationship building*

# 1. Why?



*What I'm proposing is that the most productive way of addressing each of the intertwined crises that confront us—the fundamental, planetary one of climate-system collapse, yes, but also the dread and the powerlessness and even the inordinate difficulty we so often seem to have now, in communicating across the genuine differences that cleave us—consists in our application of one and the same strategy. And happily, this strategy also happens to be the one most immediately accessible to us. It lies in organizing ourselves to take care of one another, without waiting for anybody to issue that care to us as generic subjects, sell it to us as customers or offer it to us as passive recipients of a charity bestowed from above. In other words: finally doing something about the straits we're in, directly and in our own neighborhoods, in ways that call upon all the resources and capacities the roles we play in everyday life have no need of and place no value upon. Who knows but that we may finally find selves that we recognize, even here in the most difficult and challenging hours of our lives. (Adam Greenfield, *Lifehouses*, p.13)*

# 2. How



### 3. What this does

Collective property → accumulation of Collective resources + Community

- Money
- People
- Machines
- Space
- Time (liberation from the 9-5 grind)

Shelter for movements

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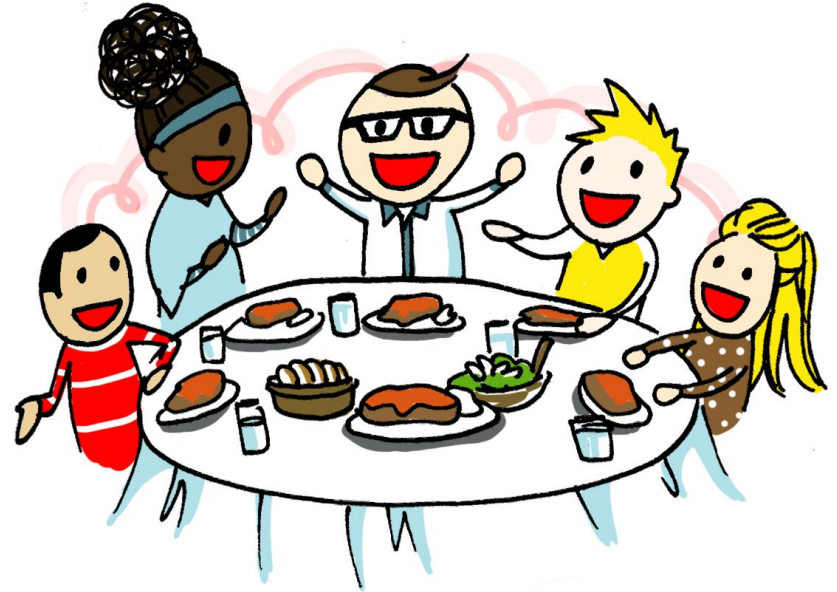
Power for uprisings

# Financing a Co-op generally

2nd 75 min session. 15-20 min spiel on this topic

# 1. Community with a vision

- Not just your friends
- Build Community Support
- Have weekly dinners to find the passionate people in your community to live + support project
- Keep the board in mind
- Who has attitudes and skills to make this happen?



## 2. Be a non-profit



### 3. Rent as a non-profit

Sweeten the deal for your prospective landlord by offering to do more of the labor of managing the property

- Changing air filters
- Coordinating with repair-people yourselves
- Caring for the property through communal agreements and accountability in membership agreements that are often more respected/enforced in a co-op living project than just renting to rando groups of friends

## 5. Find & Finance a property

# Examples from Bloomington's collective scene

Financing BCL's houses

Renting bag end

Renting which house and goodlawn

2013 buying Middle Earth

