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What are we trying to save with these understandings?

besides humanity

besides the software commons

organizational intelligence

What are commons?

* shared resources

* shared responsibility

* mutual benefit

•What is in the software or digital commons?

- code
- infrastructure
- standards
- human labor & commitment
- knowledge & culture
- tools for accessing world resources
- The job of governing shared projects
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The job of governing shared projects

- removed enough from the action
- volunteer as in voluntary
- mutual decisions on how to move forward
- moving forward on heterogeneous goals
- real (enough) consensus
- committed to resolving conflict with good argument, not power plays
- using reasoning all affected people could accept if they heard and understood it.

enhance group intelligence

- Create and protect safe places for conflict.

What is deliberation? It is communicative actions for building new understandings.

- actions: statements, challenges, validations
- topics: fact, trust, appropriateness

- The good news is that communication for reaching shared understandings is normal to the human condition.

What we love about the free software commons

- Please contribute some “popcorn participation”.
- Raise your hand.
- Name it with 5 words or less.
- Next person.

anecdotes

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Theory of Communicative Action

	Statement	**Challenge**	**Validate**
Truth	“True.”	“inaccurate!”	objective verification
Trust	“Honest.”	“insincere!”	history of trustworthiness
Appropriateness	“Appropriate.”	“inapproriate!”	legitimacy

references

Suggestions are based on the Theory of Communicative Rationality, of Jurgen Habermas:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Communicative_rationality

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My own application of Habermasian theories, for example: Evaluating Deliberative Democracy: Comparing Habermas' Discourse Ethic and Evaluations of Consensus Process in Residential Cooperatives

http://www.worldcat.org/title/evaluating-deliberative-democracy-comparing-habermas-discourse-ethic-and-evaluations-of-consensus-process-in-residential-cooperatives/oclc/654707347?referer=di&ht=edition