

PHA – feedback on co-operative (corporate structure) and paid membership

Money contaminates everything it touches. Money is the method by which we are controlled.

When I first got involved with the PHA Enfield/Edmonton Hub, I wrote the following which was posted on Telegram:

These localised initiatives can learn a lot and benefit from Frederic Laloux's case studies of self-organisation. One organisation Frederic studied is Buurtzorg, a community health resource that started in the Netherlands and now employs over 10,000 health professionals across 25 countries in small interdisciplinary teams (no bigger than 12).

<https://www.outersite.org/protocols-of-power/>

The problem that you face is two-fold:

1. You are attempting to centralise “control”
2. You are soliciting donations (money)

As Helen explained, once registered as a corporation, PHA will no longer be people powered but money powered, irrespective of the integrity of the individuals in control.

If PHA wants to remain true to its ethos and relevant through the current transition, it needs to embrace the *opensource* model. The internet, smart phones and all the related technologies that have actively decentralised power are all products of opensource methodology, i.e. free software with NO Central Control.

Apple, Microsoft, Google, Amazon etc. have colonised this technology but they didn't and couldn't originate it. And they colonised it because of exchange money.

We need to trust ourselves and each other to “do the right thing”. This is only achievable within a distributed, autonomous but interdependent, self-organising structure. As soon as money and centralised control are introduced into the equation, any well intentioned initiative is subverted, co-opted or sabotaged. We've seen this throughout history.

<https://www.outersite.org/representative-democracy-is-kakistocracy/>

Structural changes, driven by technology, are changing the way we handle value. These changes will eliminate the need for exchange money. Work on theoretical and practical implementations to do this are underway.

For more than a decade, we've been involved in self-organising research, analysis and development without financial support or soliciting donations by applying principles and a process that is documented and could easily be adapted by the PHA to encourage localised hubs to thrive autonomously but interdependently (mutually supporting and reinforcing):

<https://cocreativelearning.org/>

People at a PHA Enfield/Edmonton meeting yesterday agreed that we don't want centralised control or funding but are very happy to operate under the PHA “umbrella”.

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