

Open up to learn more...

If the status quo is corrosive, then let us form membranes around our communities to protect us from it so that we can have the strength and robustness necessary to challenge it (counter-institutions).

So why wait? If the revolution isn't coming fast enough, then let's make it where we can! If the solutions we propose are complicated, let's start testing them and working out the kinks (propositional politics).

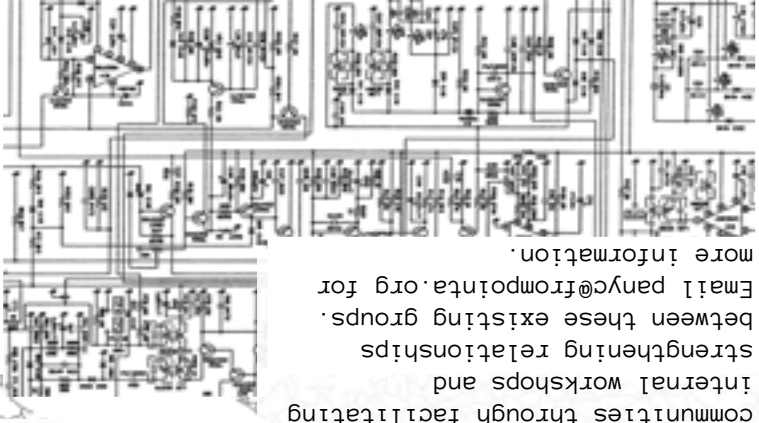
We know that a more humane, satisfying, sustainable world is possible. There are any number of theories and plans for transforming society, many of which would likely be better than what we are doing now. With 7 billion humans and counting, thousands of years of inherited culture, and trillions of acres of intensely varied world, any plan we dream up will inevitably encounter vast realms of complexity in its implementation, no matter how elegant it is in theory. The wait for a cataclysmic revolution might exceed our window of opportunity for saving ourselves, and, given the complexity of the project, is ripe for failure (a lesson history teaches us well).

Point A is a developing network of urban income sharing, egalitarian, ambitious, and engaged intentional communities in the Cities of the American East Coast. Our goal is social transformation on a global scale. Our actions & forms are aimed at achieving that goal as quickly & robustly as possible.

So what's this all about then?



**Ambitious. Engaged. Egalitarian.
Income-sharing. Urban. Commune.**



We are counseling a handful of anarchist collectives as they transition into income sharing.

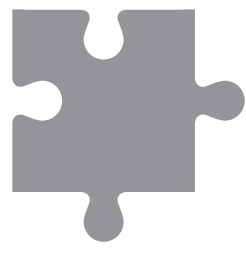
Baltimore & Richmond:



Point A is working to cultivate and instigate a network of egalitarian urban communes on the East Coast.

Website: frompointa.org
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Come Hang!: in DC, NYC, Richmond, & Baltimore

Point A is a project of the **Federation of Egalitarian Communities (FEC)**. The FEC is a union of egalitarian income-sharing communes which have joined together in our common struggle to create a world based on equality, cooperation, and harmony with the earth.



Check out the FEC: thefec.org.

If you'd like to visit some of our member communities check out nearby Twin Oaks and Acorn Communities in central Virginia.

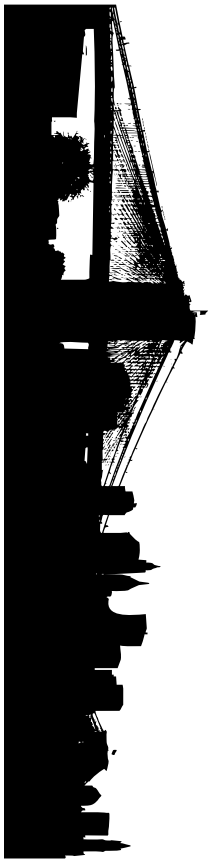
DC: We have a core group of comrades-to-be and are actively looking for more potential members. There are promising spaces in our sights, and we will be hosting lots of upcoming events. E-mail padc@frompointa.org to get involved!

NYC: We are working with existing collectives to help them move toward urban egalitarian, income sharing, ambitious, and engaged communities through facilitating internal workshops and strengthening relationships between these existing groups. Email panyc@frompointa.org for more information.

Where We Stand Now

Urban, Engaged

Our project is social transformation, and that means changing people and how they relate to each other. Currently (and increasingly) the people and their relations are mostly in the city. Besides, the rural commune model is pretty thoroughly explored and proven. Bringing communality to urban settings is the next logical step. The problems we are identifying and confronting are social and often global in nature and so demand social and often global responses. We must be careful in crafting these communes so as not to retreat into our fortress and build a good life for ourselves in isolation, for to do so would be to admit defeat and to abandon our fellow humans and the whole living world.



UNPACKING the ADJECTIVES

A commune in the city? This city? You must be mad! We're taking on a big project here. Not only training ourselves to cooperate well and maintain this protective bubble but transforming all of society to be more egalitarian and cooperative to boot. We need a crack team to establish the first beachheads, and we need to acknowledge the scale of our daring aim.

Ambitious

Egalitarian

From each according to their ability, to each according to their need! Let go of the idea of earning and deserving. We're making it all up anyway. What matters is that we're being taken care of and getting what we want and need and that so is everyone else. Liberty, equality, community! We want the riches of our society to be equally available to all of us to take from as we need. By basing our economy on equal access rather than equal distribution of resources, we celebrate and support difference and eliminate a lot of paperwork on our way to our post-scarcity utopia.



We're all in this together, right?

We can all do valuable work, work that makes the life we want. Not all of that work is valued by the market, and certainly not valued equally. Why, your race, class, and sex might have more to do with what you get than all your blood, sweat, and tears combined. By pooling the products of our labor we are able to support each other, call upon each other, and act with collective strength more easily than we would be able to alone. Trusting and sharing are all that separate us from a better life.

Income Sharing