

# Sustainable Consumption and Production: Sharing Productive Capital Project

- Goal: to develop Free/Open Source software to enable small communities to share equipment to diversify local production strategies while increasing the ethical standing of the equipment
- Initial pilot project to take place in town of Craik, Saskatchewan, Canada
  - 5 areas of equipment sharing identified
  - Documentation of existing patterns of sharing
  - Literature review of ethical works in philosophy
  - Possible existing Free Software identified

# Group Discussion

- Project can build good feelings and solidarity while overcoming selfishness dividing communities (solidarity economy)
- Allows participation by those lacking resources and those potentially excluded (e.g., based on gender or status)
- Need for ethical shift to ensure people take care of the shared equipment
- Can help stem decline of rural communities and improve quality of life

# Opportunities

- Need to determine what people in a community have in common (e.g. common needs for sharing)
- Need to document shift from selfish perspective to sharing along with new attitudes towards equipment; how can technology build on local traditions/customs?
- Possibility of pooling costs to build shared energy production in small communities
- Can document the successes and challenges in adopting technology in different settings (especially the range of perceived benefits)

# Range of Possible Settings (both spaces and tools for sharing)

- Sharing of equipment in schools and universities (e.g. Computers, science equipment); influences training of teachers in academic environment
- Sharing of equipment in religious communities (e.g., diverse places of worship) to meet community and neighbourhood needs and apply ethics of sharing found in these traditions
- Sharing of agricultural equipment (both traditional and organic agriculture) (e.g. Brazil)
- Sharing of tools needed by young people trained in urban settings (e.g., Nigeria)

# Interested RCEs

- RCE Creias-Oeste (Portugal), RCE Guatemala, RCE Trang (Thailand), RCE Curitiba-Parana (Brazil), RCE Kano (Nigeria), RCE Saskatchewan (Canada)