

Kutenai Sovereign Collective

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INTRODUCTION:

The ***Kutenai Sovereign Collective*** is a collaborative effort by the Kootenay community aimed at promoting a vision and set of values that prioritize local interests in an era increasingly dominated by pervasive interests of globalization and centralization. The idea to establish a community collective emerged during the pandemic, serving both as a response to the crisis and a strategy to enhance local community resilience, empowerment, independence, and self-sufficiency. Similar to the Kootenay Lightweb, the Kutenai Sovereign Collective can be described as a technology-supported platform for social media and messaging that prioritizes privacy in communication and fosters an organic, non-hierarchical organizational framework. The vision and intent are centered on upholding the sovereignty of individuals and the community, with a significant emphasis on privacy and a censorship-free zone that encourages creative liberty, expression, and honors the emergence of collective wisdom, free from the constraints of control. Since 2020, the forum topics have dynamically evolved through numerous meetings and councils, reflecting the organic growth and specific needs of the local community. The term "Kutenai" is frequently used in place of "Kootenay" to signify a deeper connection to the region's original name, paying homage to the sacredness of the Kootenay area and the confluence of the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers, known as kp'íł̓ els.

The Forums, Spaces, and Directories mentioned here are integral to the digital communication framework of the Kutenai Sovereign Collective. Some areas are designated "invite-only" to preserve their intended purpose. Rooms and Spaces adapt and evolve according to community requirements, enabling popular discussion topics to develop into their own dedicated areas.

A quick note on the Kootenay Lightweb and its relation to *Kutenai Sovereign Collective*:

[Kootenay Lightweb](#) functions as a community-owned cooperative offering cloud, communication, and IT educational services within the Kootenays, aiming to deliver decentralized, privacy-centric internet options as alternatives to "Big Data." Its goal is to empower local communities by giving them control over their digital existence using open-source, privacy-respecting technologies. This supports community sovereignty by keeping server control local, providing educational resources, and advocating for a framework where communities manage their digital infrastructure free from corporate sway. The "Lightweb" organization supports, educates, and consults local groups on data privacy and cybersecurity, while also initiating and nurturing key community projects such as the "Kutenai Sovereign Collective."

Kutenai Economy: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) 118 Members: [Lightweb Room](#)

The Kutenai Economy & Currency forum is a dynamic hub for reimagining economic systems that empower community resilience and ecological harmony. This space connects entrepreneurs, activists, and visionaries to explore and build hyper-local financial tools—think community-driven currencies like Sarafu Network, regenerative systems like SEEDS and Regen Network, or tokenized trade models like AgroToken. We dive into discussions on overcoming adoption challenges (blockchain complexity, onboarding bottlenecks), scaling bioregional economies, and adapting global innovations to keep wealth circulating in the Kutenai region. From reviving past efforts like Kootenay Bucks with modern twists (e.g., online credit exchanges) to brainstorming decentralized trading apps with crypto bridges, we're here to align economic activity with social and environmental values. Join us to collaborate on practical, scalable projects that make economics work for people, planet, and local prosperity.

Participants highlighted several existing initiatives:

AgroToken (Argentina & Brazil): Farmers tokenize crops (e.g., soy, wheat, corn) and trade them as digital assets, enabling decentralized trade and fair pricing.

SEEDS (Global, with Local Nodes): A regenerative financial system supporting sustainability-focused communities, emphasizing eco-incentives.

Regen Network (Global, with Local Nodes): Rewards farmers for ecological and regenerative agriculture practices, aligning with eco-incentives and resilient economies.

Sarafu Network (Kenya): A community-driven system allowing trade of goods and services without traditional cash, noted as particularly relevant by Elvin and Skye Miller. It's managed by Grassroots Economics and seen as a model for local resilience.

Challenges of Adoption and Scaling

Dre Miller raised the issue of attracting decision-makers and power holders to adopt these systems, suggesting a lack of understanding (e.g., blockchain complexity) keeps many out.

John Alton and Stephan Martineau reflected on past local currency efforts like Kootenay Bucks and Kootenay Barter, which thrived but faced scalability and onboarding challenges. Stephan noted bottlenecks in bioregional economies and the difficulty of onboarding people to new systems, especially as cash usage declines.

Skye Miller suggested leveraging existing platforms like Sarafu rather than reinventing the wheel, proposing it could complement systems like Kootenay Bucks.

Proposed Solutions and Projects

John Alton suggested an online service exchange system with credits, replacing paper-based systems like Kootenay Barter, to make it more efficient and current.

Stephan Martineau shared an upcoming project: a v1 app launching in the South American Amazon for indigenous nations to enable decentralized trading. Version 2 will include a crypto bridge to overcome bioregional bottlenecks, with potential for broader application if successful.

Dre Miller proposed a parallel value exchange system (e.g., Kootenay Cash) but acknowledged its limitation in external trade (e.g., importing goods).

Community Engagement and Resilience

The group emphasized the importance of these systems for community resiliency. Stephan Martineau highlighted simplicity, ease of onboarding, and adaptability as key to success.

Skye Miller and John Alton expressed interest in reviving past efforts (e.g., Kootenay initiatives) using modern blockchain technology, potentially involving businesses and individuals from previous attempts.

Kutenai Education: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) **88 Members:** [Lightweb Room](#)

Kutenai Education & Homeschooling is a vibrant forum dedicated to reimagining learning through homeschooling, community-driven educational events, and the transformative power of intergenerational wisdom. Here, parents, educators, elders, and learners unite to explore innovative models like 'New Earth Schools,' which weave holistic, creative, and nature-based philosophies into education. Our platform serves as a collaborative hub—offering curriculum resources, sharing cutting-edge homeschooling strategies, and sparking projects that ignite curiosity and growth for all ages. We foster a thriving community where learning is a shared journey, rooted in the unique spirit of the Kootenay region, its indigenous heritage, and the diverse ways of knowing embodied by new souls—particularly those with neurodivergent and non-neurotypical perspectives.

We draw inspiration from a rich tapestry of alternative education models: the self-directed freedom of the Sudbury Model, the outdoor immersion of Forest Schools, the artistic rhythm of Waldorf, the hands-on independence of Montessori, the micro-community focus of Wildflower, the place-specific depth of Place-Based Education, and the musical universality of Suzuki Schools. Beyond these, we envision Kootenay-specific possibilities that honor our land and people:

Kootenay Earth Song School: A Waldorf-inspired haven where Ktunaxa and Sinixt teachings guide storytelling and drumming circles. Neurodivergent learners find their rhythm in sensory-friendly spaces—crafting drums or weaving in cedar nooks—blending indigenous wisdom with personal expression.

Wild Kootenay Inquiry Hub: A network of Montessori-Wildflower hybrid microschools where students explore Kootenay watersheds or local crafts at their own pace, supported by teacher-entrepreneurs. A 'Learning Canoe' takes them on the river, merging indigenous paddling with inquiry tailored to diverse minds.

Suzuki Harmony Haven: Music becomes a bridge—Ktunaxa songs and fiddling taught Suzuki-style, offering neurodivergent students a non-verbal outlet. Picture a child finding confidence through a flute's notes, their 'Soundscape Labs' recording nature's voice.

Kootenay Spirit Path Academy: A Sudbury-style democratic space with indigenous consensus councils, where students apprentice with herbalists or map stars under elder guidance. Flexible pacing lets neurodivergent learners thrive—building a bow drill or resting in tipi retreats.

Regen Kootenay Learning Collective: A Reggio Emilia-Forest School fusion where kids co-research the whispering pines, creating art and stories with Sinixt plant lore. Sensory-rich and unhurried, it celebrates neurodivergent brilliance through a 'Living Gallery' of community-shared works.

In this forum, we not only discuss these models but connect to bring them to life—sharing resources, hosting workshops with indigenous knowledge keepers, and designing events that reflect our bioregional identity. We aim to nurture resilient, interconnected learners who honor the land, embrace neurodiversity, and grow alongside the Kootenay Community's past, present, and future. Join us to co-create an education that serves people, planet, and the unique souls shaping tomorrow.

Kutenai Energy Solutions: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) **85 Members:** [Lightweb Room](#)

Welcome to the Kootenay Energy Solutions Forum—a dynamic community dedicated to breaking free from monopolistic energy systems and forging a path to true energy independence. This is a space for renewable energy enthusiasts, off-grid trailblazers, and visionaries hungry for sustainable solutions like microhydro, wind turbines, solar arrays, syngas from firewood, and passive solar design. We dive deep into Nikola Tesla's legacy—from the Sandon generator debate and his ingenious turbines to futuristic concepts like Maxwell Chikumbutso's no-charge EV and Mehran Keshe's plasma devices—celebrating both historical brilliance and fringe innovations suppressed by the powers that be.

Here, we confront the capitalist suppression of free energy tech head-on, dissecting what it means for researchers—silenced inventors, buried patents, and the courage it takes to defy the system. Energy independence isn't just practical; it's a revolutionary act, a reclaiming of sovereignty from corporate gatekeepers. Share your off-grid experiences—whether it's a microhydro setup powering a homestead or a wood gasifier keeping the lights on—and connect with others who've walked the path. We see a hunger for suppressed technologies, and this forum explicitly welcomes those bold ideas, from aether converters to over-unity devices.

Rooted in ecological responsibility, we explore sustainable practices that honor the earth—think waste oil furnaces, thermophilic composting, and cob ovens—while addressing wildlife concerns and embodying the off-grid ethos of living lightly. Join us to exchange DIY know-how, debate the ethics of energy, collaborate on groundbreaking projects, and build a future where power belongs to the people, not the monopolies.

Kutenai Food Farmily: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) : [Lightweb Room](#)

Kutenai Food Farmily, is a forum where the heart of our community beats through the rhythm of self-sustainable, hyper-local food ecosystems. Here, we champion Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), providing a platform for farmers, gardeners, and food enthusiasts to connect, collaborate, and cultivate a resilient food network. Our discussions delve deep into permaculture practices, offering insights into sustainable land use, creating biodiverse landscapes, and fostering ecosystems that are both productive and regenerative. We explore the art of wildcrafting, share expertise on food preservation techniques to extend the bounty of our harvests, and brainstorm innovative greenhouse and garden designs tailored for our unique climate. Whether you're interested in winter gardening strategies to keep our tables full year-round, or looking to join or start garden co-ops, this forum is your gateway to knowledge exchange. By supporting both new and established farmers, we're not just building a network; we're transforming the

Kutenai region into a beacon of food security and sustainability, where every member plays a vital role in nurturing our local food hub.

Kutenai Harmony Circle: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) **12 Members:** [Lightweb Room](#)

Notes: **Admin Approval Required to Join**

Welcome to the Kutenai Harmony Circle, a sacred space designed for the art of conflict resolution and community mediation, where the wisdom of traditional practices meets modern approaches to healing and understanding. Here, we embrace the "Circle of Elders" to guide our discussions, ensuring that age-old wisdom informs our path to peace. We practice Nonviolent Communication to cultivate deep, empathetic listening, allowing every voice to be heard with respect and clarity. The "Talking Stick" tradition ensures that dialogue is orderly and meaningful, giving each participant their moment to speak and be truly heard. At the heart of our work is Restorative Justice, where we focus not just on resolving conflicts but on healing the community fabric, repairing harm, and fostering a culture of accountability and reconciliation. This forum is your haven to engage in constructive dialogue, learn from each other, share insights on conflict resolution, and collaboratively weave stronger, more harmonious community bonds. Whether you're here to resolve personal disputes, contribute to community healing, or learn new ways to interact ethically and holistically, the Kutenai Harmony Circle is where transformation begins.

Kutenai Homesteading: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) **78 Members:** [Lightweb Room](#)

Kutenai Homesteading is a community forum dedicated to exploring and implementing innovative solutions for affordable living, Sustainable Building Techniques, sovereign living, and the creation of land cooperatives. Here, we discuss and share knowledge on various models like Cooperative Living with Land Use Agreements, where members collectively manage and own land, reducing costs and fostering communal bonds. We delve into Strata Title for Community Living, subdividing properties to make housing more accessible, and exploring less regulated areas for unique, cost-effective housing solutions like tiny homes or earthships. The forum also covers the formation of Private Membership Associations and Trusts, the concept of Sovereign Nation Communities for self-governance, and the benefits of Extended Family or Church Communities for shared resource living. Additionally, we explore practical models like Year-Round Recreation Parks for low-cost living, Private Community Services Cooperatives for affordable utilities, and Hybrid Non-Profit Land Share Societies for community-driven housing development. Inspired by global examples like Auroville, discussions include experimental townships with a focus on governance to prevent internal corruption. From living on boats to understanding squatters' rights.

Kutenai Lightweb & Tech Alternatives: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) **148 Members:** [Lightweb Room](#)

Step into the Kutenai Lightweb & Tech Alternatives Forum, where the digital world is reimagined with community ownership at its core. Here, we are committed to fostering Digital Literacy and harnessing the

power of Open Source Technologies, ensuring our tech ecosystem reflects our sovereign-community-first values. As a cooperative, we empower the Kutenais' local community by giving them the reins to govern and shape digital services. We prioritize data sovereignty and privacy, advocating for systems where your personal data remains yours, safeguarded by encryption and hosted locally in Kaslo and Nelson. This forum isn't merely a dialogue space; it's a movement dedicated to crafting a digital landscape where technology is a tool for community empowerment, not a means for corporate gain.

In our forum, we actively explore and promote Technology Alternatives aimed at sculpting a "Better World" and a more sustainable future. We delve into decentralized technologies like NextCloud for data storage, Matrix for secure communication, and a variety of open-source social platforms that challenge the dominance of mainstream services. Our conversations are centered on adapting these technologies to serve our local needs, encouraging an environment ripe for learning, innovation, and community-driven sustainability. By advocating for and using open-source software, we're working towards a future where technology transparency, community control, and ethical considerations guide our digital evolution. Our aim is to build a connected, equitable, and knowledgeable world where privacy is not just protected but celebrated as a fundamental right of every community member.

Kutenai Lightworkers: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) **85 Members:** [Lightweb Room](#)

Kutenai Lightworkers is a sanctuary for healers and lightworkers dedicated to ushering in a new Earth upgrade. This trauma-informed space is designed for all souls committed to the collective awakening, whether you're drawn to the Kutenais or resonate from afar. Here, we focus on cultivating and extending the lightwork necessary for planetary consciousness shift. Our discussions span shadow work, forgiveness, inspiring words, channeled messages, and every healing modality that activates the Lightbody. As we support a brighter, more enlightened future, this space is accessible to all, fostering a community where healing, remembrance, and collective transformation are nurtured with love and understanding.

Kutenai Marketplace: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) : [Lightweb Room](#)

The Kutenai Marketplace is a community-focused space for buying, selling, and exchanging goods, services, and skills in a more local and personal setting than larger platforms like FB Marketplace. Members can share items such as tools, books, and homemade goods, or offer services like tutoring, gardening, and cooking lessons. This marketplace aims to build community, reduce waste, and promote sustainability by encouraging reuse and direct, trusted interactions among neighbors. Whether trading items you no longer need or looking for something specific, this is the place to foster connections, share knowledge, and support local self-sufficiency.

Kutenai Nature & Adventure: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) **58 Members:** [Lightweb Room](#)

Kutenai Nature & Adventure is a forum for outdoor enthusiasts. Members can learn foraging, attend workshops on traditional plant medicine and modern ecological practices, and join herb gatherings. The

forum also organizes hiking, snowshoeing, and alpine touring events, offering opportunities to explore nature and learn about backcountry safety. Additionally, it hosts educational talks on ecology and forest biodiversity. A community for connecting, sharing knowledge, and deepening your appreciation for the natural world.

Kutenai Medicine Lodge: [Telegram Topic](#) : (NOT ON TELEGRAM) [Signal Group](#) 65 Members: [Lightweb Room](#) **Note: Admin Approval is Required to Join**

The Kutenai Medicine Lodge OR Sanctuary Room, is an expansive forum dedicated to the exploration and understanding of sacred plant medicines, their therapeutic applications, and the profound realms of consciousness they unlock. Here, we delve into a diverse array of practices such as Entheogenic Therapy, where substances like Ayahuasca, San Pedro, and Psilocybin Mushrooms serve as catalysts for deep psychological healing, spiritual awakening, and cosmic insight. We explore Somatic Therapy, which integrates body awareness with the mind-altering effects of psychedelics to heal trauma and promote holistic well-being. Visionary Medicine and Consciousness Exploration are central, offering a space to discuss personal experiences, share visions, and understand the visionary landscapes these plants reveal. The forum also embraces Transcendental Healing, where the journey is not just about healing but also about transcending ordinary states of consciousness to achieve profound personal and collective transformation.

Within this sacred space, we also navigate the rich and varied landscape of ENTHEOSPIRITUALITY. Our discussions cover a broad spectrum of themes, from the direct experience with Entheogens & Psychedelics like DMT, Cannabis, and Iboga, to the nuanced practices of Psychedelic Therapy for mental health. We explore Integrative Ethnoecology, looking at how plant medicines fit into broader ecological systems and human cultures, and we celebrate the living libraries of Ethnobotanical Gardens that preserve and teach about these sacred plants. The forum also addresses Microdosing, the subtle integration of psychedelics into daily life for enhanced creativity and well-being, alongside Shamanism & Shamanic Tools, where ancient and neo-shamanic practices offer pathways to healing, understanding the shadow self, and connecting with spirit animals and guides. Furthermore, we delve into Sustainable Harvesting Practices, ensuring our use of these plants respects and preserves the environment, and we engage in Cross-Cultural Studies of Consciousness, examining how globalization impacts traditional shamanic practices while integrating modern insights like Integral Theory and Polarity Coaching, fostering a community where emotional intelligence, spiritual growth, and ecological wisdom converge.

Kutenai Response: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) : [Lightweb Room](#)

Kutenai Response OR “Emergency Preparedness” is a community forum for emergency preparedness, Community Safety and Security and response, covering floods, forest fires, and other disasters. Members share knowledge, develop plans, discuss exit strategies, and coordinate evacuations. Whether you want to learn, connect with local services, or contribute expertise, join us to build resilience and ensure safety in unpredictable times.

Kutenai Sovereign: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) **94 Members:** [Lightweb Room](#)

The Kutenai Sovereign forum, a unique community space that merges the pursuit of legal autonomy with spiritual sovereignty. Here, we provide comprehensive support for navigating legal complexities, including Guardianship, Legal Advocacy, and Security. Our focus encompasses understanding and defending your rights through resources on restorative justice, land protection, and the strategic use of Private Membership Associations to maintain personal and property autonomy. Furthermore, we explore the spiritual dimensions of sovereignty, offering insights into natural law, personal empowerment, and the legal frameworks that support living independently with minimal state interference. Inspired by concepts like "Sovereign by Design" and "Freeman on the Land," we aim to foster a community where members can learn, share, and grow in both legal knowledge and spiritual awareness, organizing events that promote self-governance, peace, and profound contentment in the Kutenais.)

Kutenai Stewardship: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) : [Lightweb Room](#)

“Kutenai Stewardship” OR “Kutenai Governance” is a space dedicated to envisioning and advocating for governance that transcends traditional democracy by integrating constitutional wisdom, traditional systems' intelligence, principles from the Renaissance and Enlightenment, and the rule of law. This forum embraces the Indigenous council of elders, talking stick traditions, rotating leadership, and the emergence theory, which explores how complex systems and patterns arise out of simpler interactions. Inspired by Eisenstein's "Story of Interbeing" and Bush's vision of a "New Earth," we emphasize interconnectedness, regeneration, and ethical integration. We cover constitutional principles, traditional practices, modern governance theories, and community values, aiming to create a balanced, sustainable governance model. Engage in discussions, access resources, participate in workshops, and collaborate on projects to promote new governance frameworks that prioritize sustainability, balance, ethical commitments, and the holistic integration of nature and humanity.

Kutenai Trades: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) : [Lightweb Room](#)

Kutenai Trades is a forum for artisans and skilled professionals to collaborate, learn, and grow. Provide support for home renovations or complex projects, engage with artisans, share inspiration, and discussions. Contribute to a thriving network of trades enthusiasts.

Kutenai Bonfire: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) : [Lightweb Room](#)

The "Kutenai Bonfire" for a fiery mix of political rants, therapeutic venting, and “red pill” conspiracy theories where we laugh at the absurdity of both the "Woke Left" and "Woke Right". Here, we mock the grandiose plans of Darth Schwab and his WEF cronies, scoff at the NWO and Davos elitists, and chuckle at the antics of the Illuminati, Archons, Drako Reptiles, and the Cabal, all while exploring psy-ops, sharing jokes, and finding humor in the chaos of divisive politics. This is your place to ignite your thoughts, vent

your frustrations, and celebrate every absurdity with a community that's all about keeping the conversation as hot as the bonfire itself.

Kutenai Wellness: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) : [Lightweb Room](#)

Kutenai Wellness is a forum dedicated to the exploration, support, and discussion around holistic health, Mental Health, and wellness practices. From integrative medicine to the nuanced fields of Nutritional and Trauma Epigenetics, this forum is a hub for those interested in alternative medical support, including veterinary and dental care through a holistic lens. Here, you can delve into topics like Energy Healing, Herbal Medicine, and a wide array of therapies such as Acupuncture, Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, and more. The forum covers Detoxification Methods to cutting-edge practices like Biofeedback, Neurofeedback, and Functional Medicine focused on gut health. Whether you're exploring the healing aspects of sound therapy, the transformative effects of Internal Family Systems, or the physical and emotional benefits of practices like Qigong and Tai Chi, this is a platform for sharing knowledge, seeking advice, and connecting with practitioners and enthusiasts committed to a holistic approach to health and well

Kutenai Outreach: [Telegram Topic](#) : [Signal Group](#) : [Lightweb Room](#)

"Kutenai Outreach" is a community forum in the Kootenays, with a focus on Nelson, BC, dedicated to supporting those experiencing homelessness by uniting community members, service providers, and those with lived experiences to address issues like addiction, mental health, and social exclusion. Through storytelling, resource sharing, housing advocacy, and therapeutic support, we strive to amplify voices, educate, and foster community engagement while advocating for policy changes and cultural sensitivity, especially towards Indigenous populations. Our activities include monthly gatherings, workshops on mental health and harm reduction, story circles for healing and education, resource fairs, and advocacy campaigns aimed at improving the lives of the most vulnerable, turning community empathy into tangible action and change.

