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The Free Foundation: 20 years of commitment to connecting possibilities

For twenty years now, the Free Foundation has been taking action to make digital a driver of emancipation and equal opportunities, and has been championing an open, collaborative Internet that is accessible to everyone. To mark its 20th anniversary, the Foundation is looking back at its twenty years of commitment alongside non-profits, open-source software players, young people, volunteers, and stakeholders in the digital economy.

Created in 2006, the Free Foundation has spent two decades supporting people and entities that harness digital technologies to generate opportunities, strengthen communities, and help shape a more open and accessible Internet for everyone.

460 projects funded over 20 years, thousands of people supported, nearly €600,000 worth of infrastructure given to open-source projects, and youth assistance, mentoring, training, and re-use programs set up. These are the Foundation's key figures, but behind the numbers lies a story of journeys, interactions and successes of people.

The Foundation has issued an anniversary booklet called **"Connecting possibilities"** to take a look back at the projects carried out, the partnerships that have been forged, and the individual paths that have shaped its work. The booklet highlights several flagship initiatives supported by the Foundation, including Konexio – a non-profit which provides training in digital skills to help people find work; TUMO, which introduces young people to digital careers; and Ticket for Change, which supports impact-driven entrepreneurship. It also showcases numerous stakeholders in the open-source software and digital commons ecosystem such as VLC, Framasoft, APRIL and Open Food Facts.

To mark its anniversary, the Free Foundation is seeking to share the firm belief that has shaped its actions over the past twenty years, namely that major technological transformations only make sense when they expand the realm of possibility for everyone.

20 years of commitment
20 years of adapting to change
20 years of leveraging digital to help communities

Explore the "Connecting possibilities" anniversary booklet and the projects that have embodied the Free Foundation's commitment over the past twenty years.

About the Free Foundation

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From its very beginnings, the iliad Group – the parent of Free – has been a socially engaged corporation that fights for what it believes in. And it has grown with the objective of being an open, outward-looking group committed to its employees and society at large. Created in 2006, the Free Foundation has been working for 20 years to help bridge the digital divide, in line with the Group's underlying mission of giving everyone, everywhere, equal access to digital technologies.