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Host: Welcome to Economics for Emancipation, a podcast series produced by the Center for Economic Democracy, CED for short. I am your host, Amethyst Carey, and I am so excited to be your guide through our organization's first podcast!
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This podcast shares its name with our annual popular education workshop, co-hosted by my organization CED, and the Center for Popular Economics, which is based out of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. [00:36]

Economics for Emancipation, THE PODCAST, is a four-part interview series featuring brilliant community organizers and innovators in conversation with each other. They offer really cool and interesting takes on the—sometimes intimidating, sometimes boring—world of economics, grounded in stories from their work in movements for social justice. [00:57]

In each episode, you'll also hear our guests describe some of the transformative, local projects they're helping to build and the lessons they've learned over their years of organizing to improve the quality of life of communities today, while championing the forms of deep democracy that we hope to see in the future.

All of our guests work at an intersection of racial and economic justice that has many names. Some people call it *solidarity economy* others call it *economic democracy*. We also collaborate with folks advocating for a *care economy* and a *regenerative economy*. While each of these frameworks has its own history and emphasis, what they share is a vision for a more just future rooted in reciprocal and non-extractive relationships to each other, to our environment, and to the systems and structures that make our world go round. [01:47]

These frameworks offer alternatives to capitalism, and by that we mean ways to exchange, produce, and meet our needs that are not built on extracting resources from the earth, or profits from workers, but instead based on mutual aid, community, and relationships.

For some context, we're recording this about a year into a pandemic that has changed the way we live, the way we relate to each other, the way families,

neighborhoods and whole regions meet their daily needs around the world.
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In the middle of this pandemic, people have been rising up to demand an end to police brutality, and to all forms of violence against Black people by the state—highlighting how our current political struggles continue a long history of anti-Blackness that must be uprooted.

Meanwhile, right-wing ideas and new forms of facism have shifted into mainstream politics not only in the US but in countries around the world. The folks joining us in this podcast series are working across the country to build local solutions to our shared global struggles. [02:50]

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Host: Economics for Emancipation is an invitation to join us as we work together to imagine and build the future we want. We hope to see you there!

To learn more about our work, visit us at www.economicdemocracy.us And to tune in to conversation about this podcast, hop on Twitter or instagram with the tag #E4EPod, and that is 4 like the number 4. [03:27]