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"They broke the internet - now we have to build a GNU one"

The future of a free and equal INTERNETwork for everybody is in jeopardy: ISPs are morphing into cheap content providers with specialized deals that prefer certain big players at the cost of neglecting new decentralized services, start-ups and private content. Also, the networks are not accessible or fast enough everywhere and the imbalance between download and upload speed is increasingly becoming a deal-breaker for new cloud services and decentralized syncing.

The Freifunk movement in Germany has been trying for many years to counterbalance this development. By building decentralized citizen-networks we try to get the network infrastructure back into the hands of the users. By developing and using new and modern mesh-protocols and cheap standard wifi hardware, we can build small auto-balancing networks that interconnect with each other and build a free and truly open network for everybody everywhere.

In my talk I will show why free and decentralized networks are important to ensure equal access to the global networks. I will point out, what is happening at the moment to jeopardize this and what we can do to build our own infrastructure - from the people for the people!

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