# About DPEF

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Demand Progress Education Fund (DPEF)

Description:
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New Venture Fund

Demand Progress:
Our sister 501(c)(4) organization is Demand Progress.

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David Moon:
Operations Coordinator — David Moon is a Washington-based policy attorney and political consultant. The former Chief Operating Officer of the election reform group, FairVote, Moon has coordinated numerous advocacy efforts to make our electoral process more fair and accessible. In recent years, he has managed and assisted successful campaigns for progressive Democrats, political action committees and ballot initiatives around the country. His issue portfolio has included work on smart growth and transit issues, criminal justice reform, LGBT rights, women’s rights, civil liberties, and more. He is a

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Values

**Democracy**: Democracy and Open Government -- An open and accountable government is essential for a well-functioning democracy — and smart use of technology is key to making our modern democracy work.

**Openness**

**Accountability**

**Technology**
1. Education

Educate our more than two million members and the general public about matters pertaining to the democratic nature of our nation’s communications infrastructure and governance structures, and the impacts of corporate power over our economy and democracy.

1.1. Internet

Protect an internet that affords the public the ability to communicate freely online

Internet Freedom — We work to protect an internet that affords the public the ability to communicate freely online, without unjust interference from corporations or governments.

1.2. Corporate Power

Reduce corporate power

Corporate Power — We work to eliminate the corrupting influence of big money in politics and reform the financial system in order to ensure our democracy is for everyone, not a tool for wealthy interests to rig the game.

Stakeholder(s):
Corporations

1.2.1. Politics

Eliminate the influence of big money in politics

1.2.2. Financial System

Reform the financial system
2. Mobilization

Mobilize our members and the public to engage with executive branch agencies with jurisdiction over these matters, and to confront corporate bad actors.

2.1. Rights

Protect human and civil rights

Human and Civil Rights — We strive to protect human and civil rights, online and off, in the United States and throughout the world.
3. Engagement

Engage in research, outreach to the media, educational programming, and occasional litigation related to these areas of concern.

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