Here's an early version of the open activism, discussion, and social collaboration network that I'm working on. I figured since most of the basic functionality is working I might as well deploy it and see what happens.

Basically it's a forum for free discourse on any topic with people in Ames. It uses tagging and a nested commenting system to facilitate organized discussion on the matters of the day, hoping to spark an increase in positive action.

One of the important ideas with this is to be able to see what the people around you are really thinking about certain sets of topics, and have the opportunity to join in on the discussion. This will hopefully get everyone on the same page so that we can define common values and break out of the old paradigm and realize we can – and must – create a new way of living.

The website itself is also one of the new systems which needs to be implemented. I'm releasing it in this incomplete state so you guys can see what it is so far, understand how to use the basic features, and decide what should happen with it next (which features are most urgent, maybe you want to take it in a whole new direction, etc.). I hope for this to be the launching pad which will propel us into becoming the new government, rather than trying to force the obsolete one to change (the one that has resistance to change built in).

Here is the site (this address is temporary): http://gdev.ddns.net/

What works:
- Posting with tags
- Commenting
- Searching for posts by tag or user
- up/down voting
- public user pages with short autobiography

What is yet to be implemented:
- click on the tag buttons on a post to toggle it being in search query
- polls
- file attachments
- adjust the sorting of posts
- expand/collapse comments
- show related tags and how related they are, adjust threshold in search query
- better text editor
- personal subscription to tags
- much more

Questions I have for you:
- do you think anonymous posting should be allowed?
- Do you think this should be its own service, or integrated within the green umbrella website (http://gdev.ddns.net:8080/), which would mean only people with iastate emails could use it (initially). The upside to this is that all the "green" clubs on campus would know about it and it would be advertised at green umbrella events.

Please let me know of any bugs or layout problems using the feedback form.

Here is the source code: https://github.com/grothedev/actinet