Ox Companion Commons

A proposed public interest portfolio of free specialist AI companions

The concept

The Ox Companion Commons is an early concept for a small portfolio of narrowly focused AI companions. Each companion would help with one defined human need, use bounded sources and authority, explain its limits, and guide people toward human or professional support when needed.

The project responds to the growing volume of low quality and AI generated material online. Its purpose is to help people navigate information more carefully without creating another engagement driven stream of content.

The first possible companion

The Lantern A simple companion that helps people examine online claims by checking source, date, corroboration, uncertainty, incentives, framing and missing evidence. It would support careful judgment rather than declare itself the final authority on truth.

How the companions would be governed

Clear purpose	One defined role, with published limits and a route to human help.
Traceable information	Visible sources, update dates and uncertainty where relevant.
Human sovereignty	No emotional manipulation, covert advertising or pressure to remain engaged.
Accountability	A correction pathway, incident record and regular review of safety and usefulness.

A careful first step

This document introduces the idea. It is not a request for an organization to fund or build a complete platform. We are inviting early expressions of interest from organizations whose work may align with the concept.

What an interested organization could offer

- An introductory conversation about the public need and whether the concept fits existing work.
- Feedback on governance, safety, evaluation or technical feasibility.
- Interest in a future pilot through model access, compute support, research, specialist review or limited funding.
- Independent scrutiny so that corporate assistance never becomes control of the public interest mission.

Proposed roles

Ox Foundation	Intended public interest steward of the companion portfolio.
Onyx Horizon Systems	Concept development, systems architecture and governance design.
Participating organizations	Optional technical, research, evaluation, community or funding contributions agreed for a future pilot.

Current stage

The Commons remains at invitation stage. If organizations express genuine interest, the next step would be a defined pilot brief for The Lantern, followed by a limited feasibility and governance process. No production commitment has been made.

An invitation

If this concept aligns with your work, we would welcome a short introductory conversation. Further background about Pearl Stowers and the thinking behind Onyx Horizon Systems is available through our website and the book The Alchemy and Moral Chemistry of Ethical Governance by Sama Rael, the pen name of Pearl Stowers.

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