

Community Meeting Notes (16 March 2016) - Onboarding into the Fluid Community

Mailing List thread: [fluid-work](#)
Original captured on [Viking Pad](#)

- Examples of communities that have a good process
 - <http://hood.ie>
 - well designed site, specifically contribution page
 - dashboard of recent work
 - code of conduct
 - <http://code4lib.org/>
 - well organized
 - concise about page
 - code of conduct
 - Indoctrination document: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m-9VtL7L_fUxl2hTF_YZSdFRfucaLtmHvLSzom6XPVM/edit?pli=1#heading=h.99orczg96qj5
 - inside jokes
 - <https://www.adafruit.com/about>
 - jquery.com
 - single contribute page that collects all the necessary information in one simple location
 - <http://contribute.jquery.org>
 - <https://github.com/blog/2128-creating-a-new-contributor-on-ramp>
- How do we do things now?
 - <http://idrc.ocadu.ca/about-the-idrc/getinvolved>
- How did you get involved?
 - word-of-mouth
 - attending community meetings
 - mailing lists
 - hired
- What we could do better
 - distinction / overlap of our various projects
 - so many links to lots of projects can be overwhelming
 - easier if have a single project to start with
 - fluid wiki doesn't provide enough information
 - could have wiki page that links all the info for GSoC students (e.g. related to development)
 - could use an introductory level tutorial to infusion and etc.
 - lots of web sites, not sure where to look for what
 - not sure what type of contributions are needed for the various projects (e.g. development, design, research, etc.)
- Who is in our community/Who isn't?
- GSoC Specific
 - having time to code review
 - need wiki gardening for resources that are useful
 - need to have clear language for how to do things, may have language barriers
 - should students use the fluid-work mailing list for introductions or stick to the IRC channel
 - keeping track of CLAs
 - Ask past students to provide feedback on their experience, and to provide information about how they learned to use the various tools and etc.
- Possible solutions
 - Think of Fluid as the umbrella community, and other things like FLOE as projects that are contributed to by it
 - Can have getting involved guides that are specific to the various levels, IDRC, Fluid, etc. and interlink as needed
- Concrete next steps
 - Getting started page specific to GSoC, expectations.
 - if this is more generic it can be used for interns and other volunteers
 - Looking to Get Involved pages for IDRC, Fluid, etc
 - Wiki gardening
 - Glossary of community specific terminology (e.g. inside jokes, inside knowledge, etc.)
 - Timeline of projects