Working with Contributor Communities

Debian

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Debian local groups — current status

- plenty of mailing lists
  - debian-$lang
  - debian-devel-$lang
  - debian-l10n-$lang
  - debian-dug-$ccTLD
  - user discussions in $lang
  - devel. discussions in $lang
  - translation coordination
  - country-based local group (quite recent, growing)

- spontaneous local group organization on the wiki
  - wiki.debian.org/LocalGroups
  - largely unknown, underused

- Debian Trusted Organization around the world
  - mostly hold Debian assets
  - some also engage in Debian promotion

Issues

- too ad-hoc, not advertised/encouraged enough
  - consequence: little world coverage

- scattering of resources
  - unofficial web sites, wikis, forums, IRC networks, ...
Let’s fix this!

What are the goals?

- encourage the creation and liveness of local groups
  - reduce the gap among users and developers via F2F interactions
  - ensure Debian presence at local Free Software events
- maintain a directory of local groups to answer questions like:
  “Who should I contact for Debian activities in the $area?”
- light governance model to avoid and resolve conflicts
  - e.g. “who is the Debian local group in the $area?”
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