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# Community Summit DrupalCon Atlanta 2025



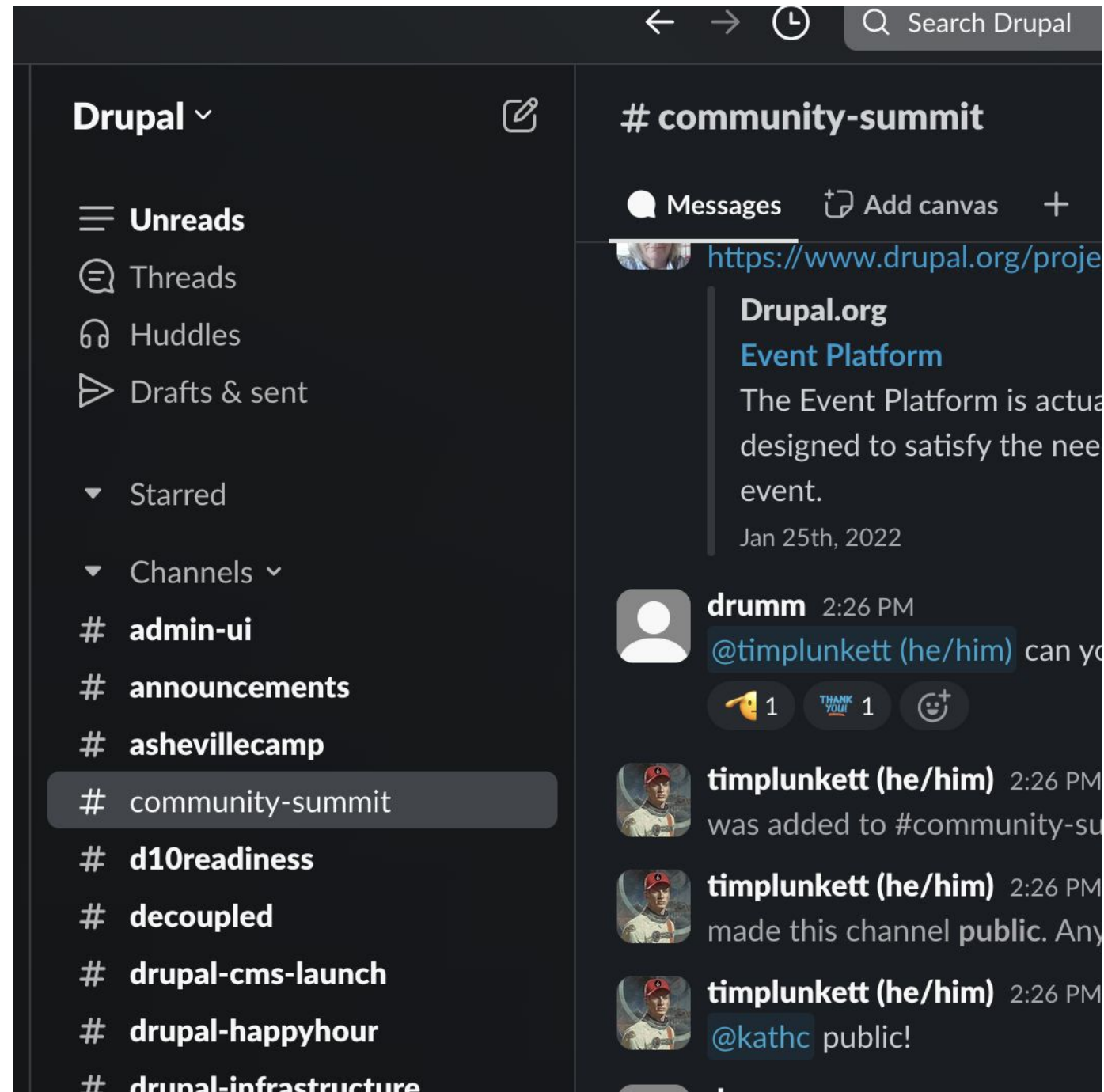
# Welcome to the Community Summit

## Today's Agenda

- 9am - 9:30am - Welcome
- 9:30am - 10:00am - New to Drupal Initiative
- 10:00am - 10:15am - Break
- 10:15am - 11:15am - Event Organizers Ask Me Anything
- 11:15am - 12:00pm - Lightning Talks
  - IXP Fellowship with Carlos Ospina
  - Event Platform with Martin Anderson Clutz
  - Member Platform with JD Leonard
  - Drupal Open University with Lenny Moskalyk
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm - Lunch
- 1:15pm - 2:15pm - Fireside Chat with DA CEO Tim Doyle
- 2:15pm - 2:30pm - Break
- 2:30pm - 3:15pm - Everyone's voice matters: Empower Stakeholders with Sociocracy
- 3:15pm - 4:00pm - Round Table Discussions



# Drupal Slack - Ask Questions



- Drupal Slack Channel:
  - **#community-summit**
- Post Questions for...
  - Drupal Event Organizers AMA - Start with “**AMA Question:**”
  - Fireside Chat with Tim Doyle - Start with “**Fireside Chat Question:**”
- Post Roundtable Topics
  - Start with “**RoundTable Topic:**”
  - Feel free to upvote topics with emojis!!



# Ice Breaker Bingo



Scan the QR code or visit this link to play bingo:  
<https://bingobaker.com#67dc6de764f12a86>

Go make some friends that might describe themselves with the words on your bingo card. Only mark one box per person per round of bingo.



# New to Drupal Initiative



## New Community Members

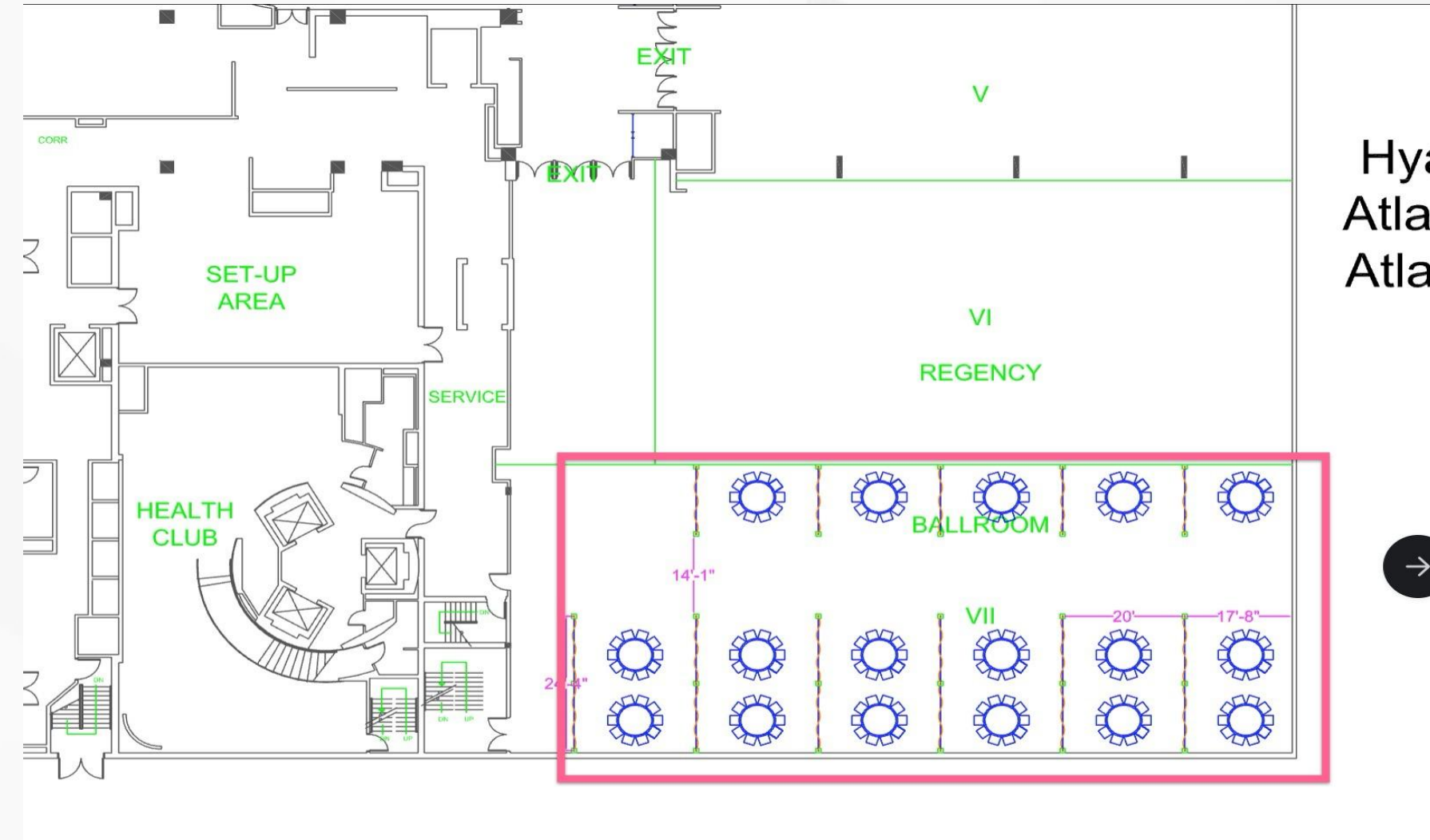
1. Lean on our Local Drupal Communities (Camps, User Groups, etc.)
2. Connect attendees to their Local Drupal Community
3. Elevate Local Drupal Community leaders (Ambassadors)
4. Celebrate each community's uniqueness

Result: **20 communities, 31 ambassadors** volunteered



**Network with Fellow Attendees:** DrupalCon is an excellent opportunity to meet others in the community. Use the event to introduce yourself, exchange ideas, and build lasting relationships. The easiest way to do that is find your local Drupal community in the New Member + Local Drupal Community Meeting Space. The best times to meetup are:

- **Monday evening:** Right before the welcome reception and walk over together
- **Tuesday morning:** Before the first sessions and keynote to plan for the day
- **Tuesday afternoon:** Right before lunch to sit and eat together
- **Tuesday + Wednesday evening:** Right before each social activity to travel together



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Let's Take a Break!





# Event Organizers Ask Me Anything (AMA)



**April Sides (weekbeforenext)**

Principal Software Engineer - Red Hat  
Organizer Drupal Camp Asheville



**Mike Richardson (richo\_au)**

Managing Director - Ironstar  
Event Organizers Working Group  
DrupalCon APAC Organizer



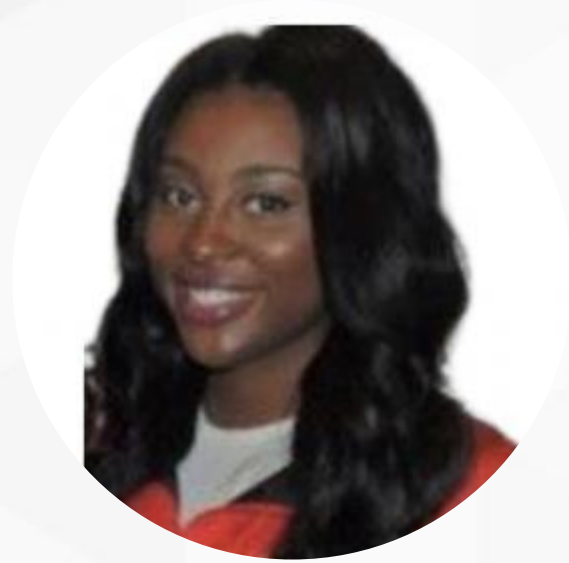
**Avi Schwab (froboy)**

Technical Product Consultant - ImageX  
Secretary - Midwest Open Source Alliance (MOSA)  
Former MidCamp Organizer



**Kaleem Clarkson (kclarkson)**

Chief Operating Officer - Blend Me  
Former Drupal Camp Atlanta Organizer



**Joi Garrett (joigarrett)**

Programs Manager - Drupal Association  
Community Summit Organizer



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What are you most  
looking forward to at this  
year's DrupalCon?

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Question 1



“

How many DrupalCons have you attended? Any tips for first timers?

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Question 2



“

How does DrupalCon  
compare to other events  
you have attended?

”

Question 3



“ Recently Mike Anello took to social media commenting on the lack of beginner sessions at Drupal events. Do you agree we should have more sessions for beginners at Drupal events? ”

## Question 5



**Michael Anello** · 1st  
Co-owner at DrupalEasy  
5h · 🌐

I was talking with some folks at DrupalCamp New Jersey about the lack of truly beginner-level sessions at most [#drupal](#) events.

I think there is a perception that any session proposed must be about something new and/or novel. I disagree.

If we want to grow the community, all [#drupal](#) events should actively recruit known speakers to present on beginner topics.



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Let's take some audience /  
Slack questions

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Ask a Question



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What's your favorite food?

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Lightning Round





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What's your favorite Drupal  
module?

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Lightning Round



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What was your favorite  
DrupalCon location?

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Lightning Round



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What is your favorite  
Drupal event?

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Lightning Round



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Why are Drupal events so important to the future of Drupal?

”

Last Question



# Lightning Talks



Ripple Makers with The Drupal Association





## Ripple Makers with The Drupal Association

Ripple Makers is a community of passionate individuals committed to supporting the Drupal Association's mission of driving innovation and adoption of **Drupal as a high-impact digital public good** by making recurring financial contributions.

The goal of Ripple Makers is to foster a sustainable ecosystem for Drupal by **harnessing the collective generosity and commitment** of our supporters, thereby empowering the Drupal Association to continue its vital work in advancing our common goals, and to facilitate interactive communication to, from, and within the Drupal community.



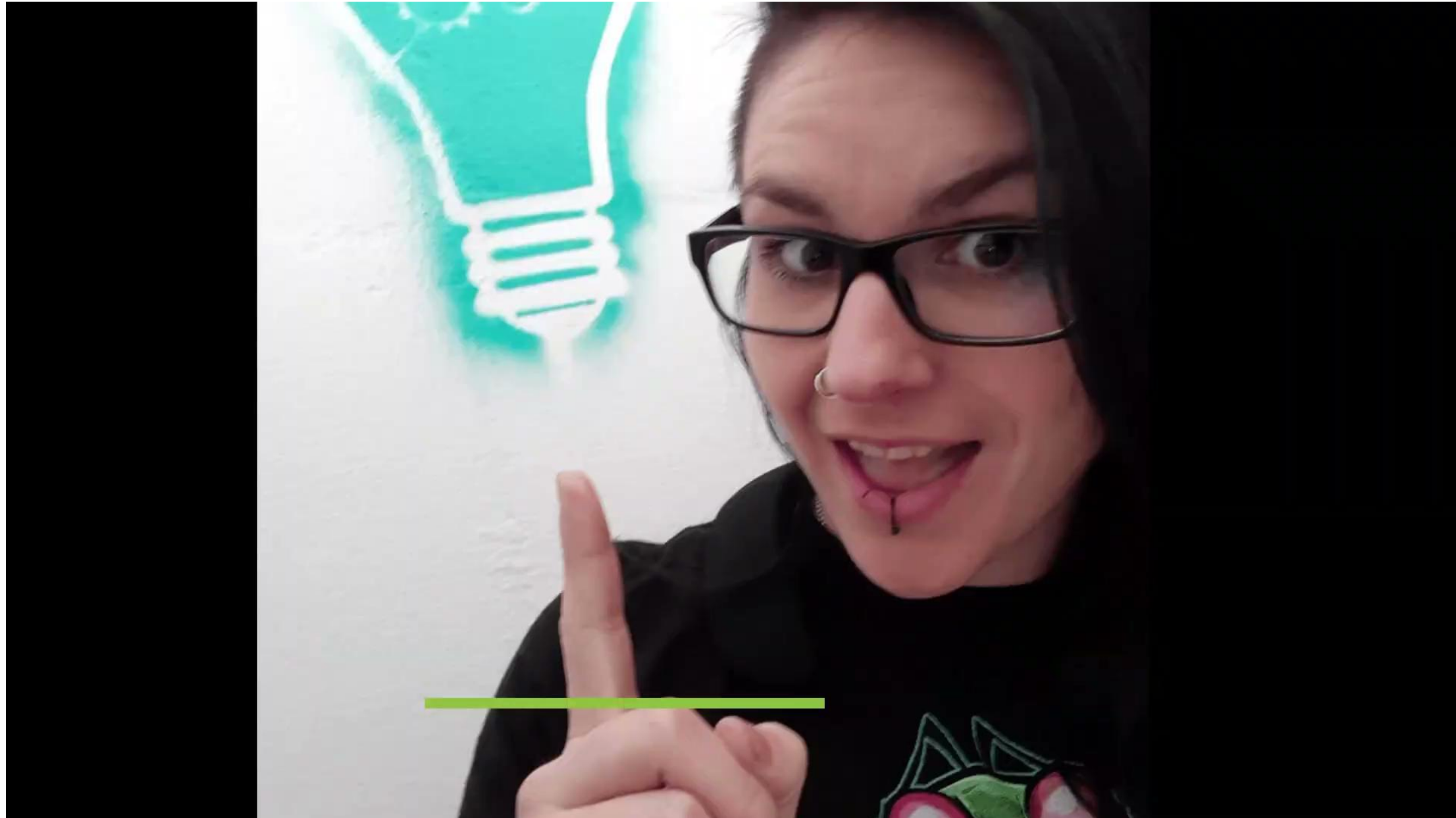
# Ripple Makers with The Drupal Association

- **Engineering**
  - Gitlab migration
  - Server availability
  - Security
  - Issue queue management
- **Advocacy**
  - Open Web Manifesto
  - Digital Public Good registry
  - Cyber Resiliency Act advocacy in Europe
  - Open Website Alliance
- **DrupalCon**
  - Scholarships
  - Ripple Makers Roundtable
  - Ripple Makers Networking
- **Engagement**
  - Social media
  - Events site
  - Local Associations initiative
- **And so much more!**
  - Stay in touch with our Ripple Makers newsletter





# Ripple Makers with The Drupal Association





Ripple Makers with The Drupal Association

**Scan to become a Ripple Maker!**  
[www.drupal.org/association/RippleMakers](http://www.drupal.org/association/RippleMakers)

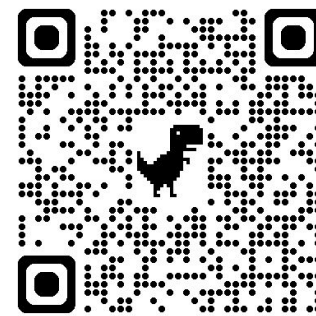




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Not just an initiative  
anymore!

Carlos Ospina

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The IXP Program



# The problem & our solution

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## The Problem

- Entry-level Drupal jobs require experience
- New talent can't break in
- Companies train people who get hired away

## Our Solution: IXP

- Companies hire inexperienced developers
- Provide mentorship (1 hour per 10 worked)
- Organizations earn 250 contribution credits
- Newcomers get real paid experience



# How It Actually Works

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For companies: Post on [jobs.drupal.org/ixp-developer-hub](https://jobs.drupal.org/ixp-developer-hub)

For developers: Apply for IXP-specific positions

- Both track progress on <https://drupal-ixp.site>
- Minimum 160 hours paid work
- Blog post + 3 contributions required



# And now ....

## Current Status

- Job board live
- Management system functioning
- Now seeking participants

## Building Our Future

- For companies: Trained talent and contribution recognition
- For developers: Career path into Drupal
- For our community: Pipeline of new contributors
- Sustainable talent ecosystem for everyone
- Breaking the experience barrier together



# Call to Action

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Hire an IXP at your organization

Apply if you're new to Drupal

Visit [drupal.org/ixp](https://drupal.org/ixp)

Find me after this session



# Event Platform with Martin Anderson-Clutz

## What is the Event Platform?

- A set of modules that simplify the website setup for a Drupalcamp (or similar event)

## Content Architecture Includes

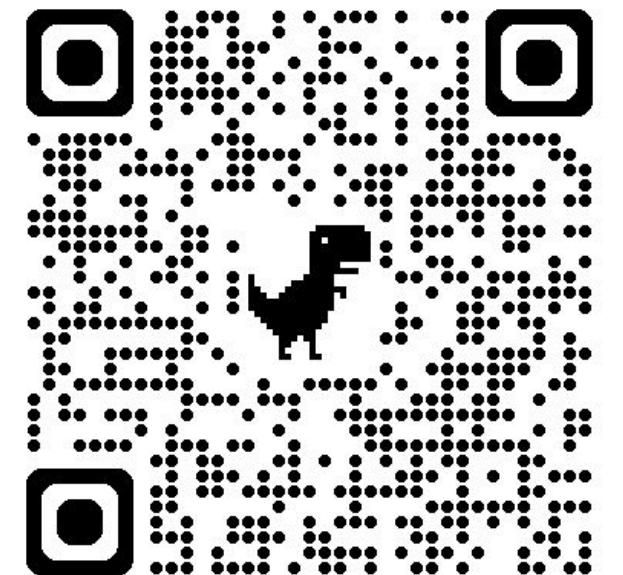
- Sessions and BOFs
- Sponsors
- Job Listings
- Featured Speakers

## Functional Enhancements

- Generate Time Slots
- Drag-and-Drop Scheduler
- Rate Sessions (new!)
- Bulk Moderate Sessions (new!)

The screenshot displays two overlapping interface windows. The top window, titled "Session Evaluation", shows a dropdown menu for "Session \*" with "Supercool Topic (20)" selected. Below this are three rating scales for "Importance of topic", "Originality", and "Authority", each with 10 circular buttons. The "Importance of topic" scale has the 8th button selected, "Originality" has the 9th, and "Authority" has the 6th. The bottom window, titled "Session Moderation", shows a table of session proposals. The table has columns for "Score", "Session", "Moderation state", and "Audien". Five items are selected, indicated by blue checkmarks in the first column. A dropdown menu is open at the bottom of the table, showing options: "Accept sessions" and "Decline sessions".

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Boring Topic by mandclu	Proposed	Begini







# Event Platform with Martin Anderson-Clutz

**2.0**  
**Version**

## Multi-Event (e.g. Annual) Architecture **(NEW!)**

- Preserve content from previous years
- Set up new event in seconds

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## Starter Theme **(NEW!)**

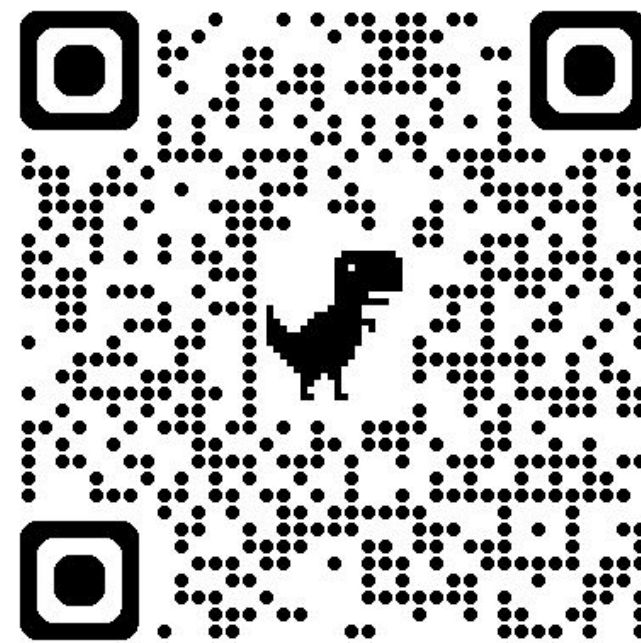
- Based on FLDC Theme

## Template on Drupal Forge **(NEW!)**

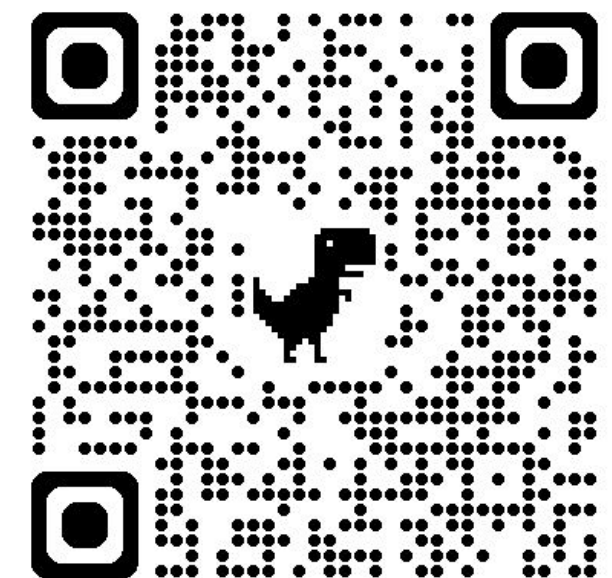
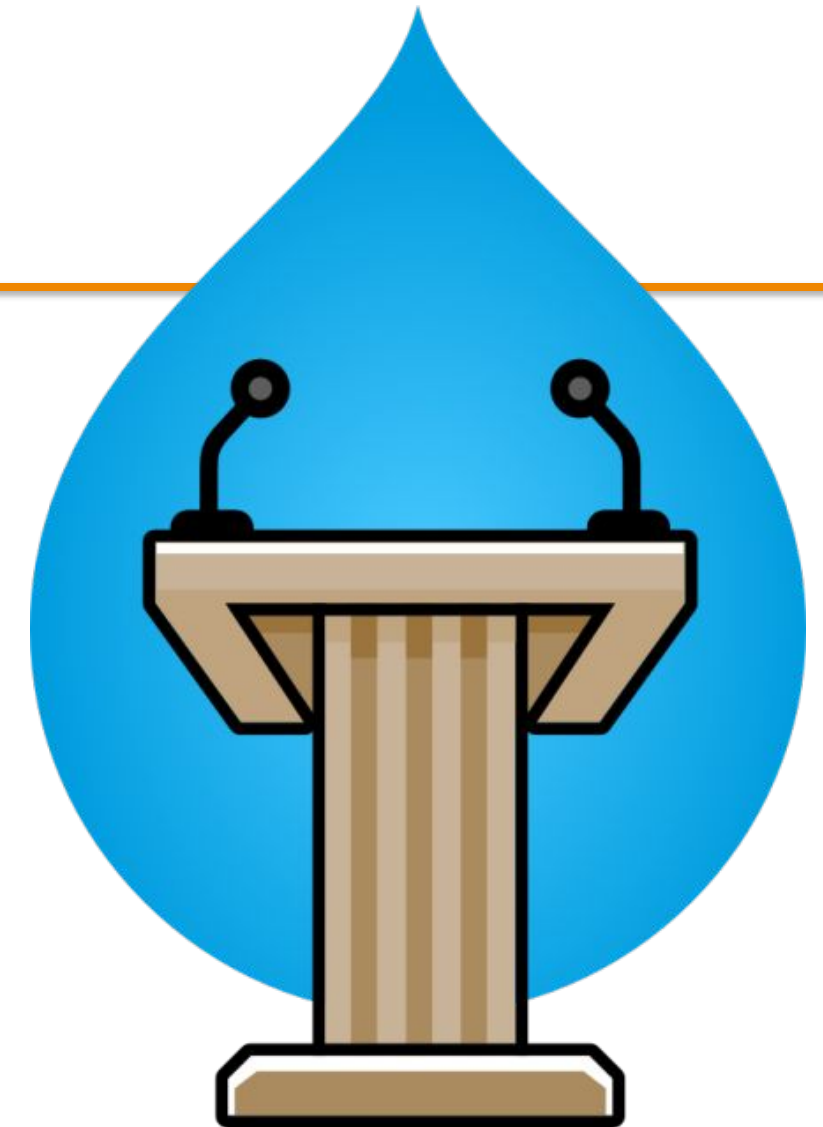
- Create a site in seconds

## Convert to Recipes **(Coming Soon)**

- More flexible
- Site starter recipe
- More robust starting point



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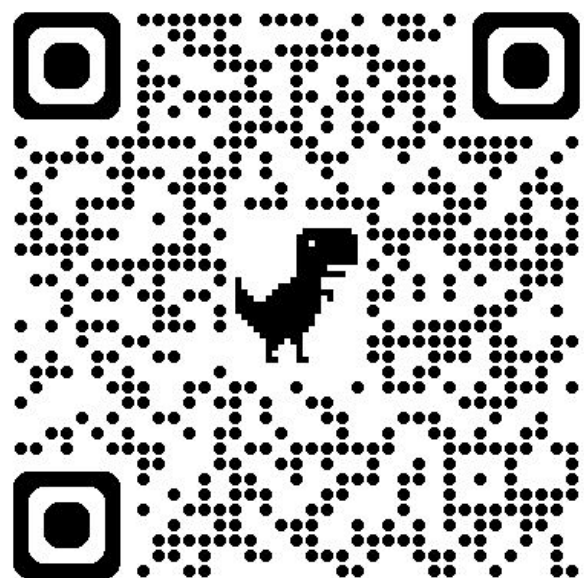




# Member Platform with JD Leonard



## Member Platform



### **Mission:**

To leverage Drupal to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of membership organizations globally, especially those with **low technical or financial resources**, so that they can positively impact their communities and to build an open and welcoming community of individuals united in their passion for serving membership organizations through Drupal.

### **Vision:**

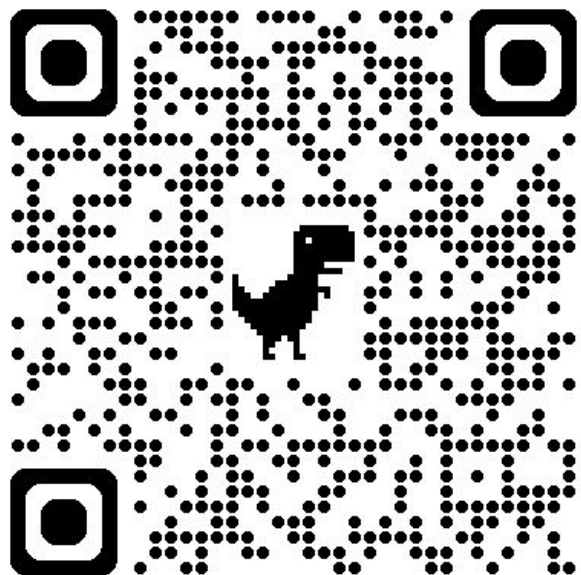
To provide a **Drupal-native ecosystem** of secure, privacy-enhancing, integrated, beautiful, and user-friendly **tools that initially can meet** many of the **operational needs** of at least 80% of **membership organizations globally** that have **zero to five staff members (including all-volunteer organizations)**.



# Member Platform with JD Leonard



## Member Platform



### 1.0 (MVP) Scope:

- Initially targeting Drupal User Groups / local associations
- “Meetup.com light for a single group”
- Join group, RSVP for events, member directory
- Email group members (based on RSVP status)
- Localization into at least one non-English language

### Calls to Action:

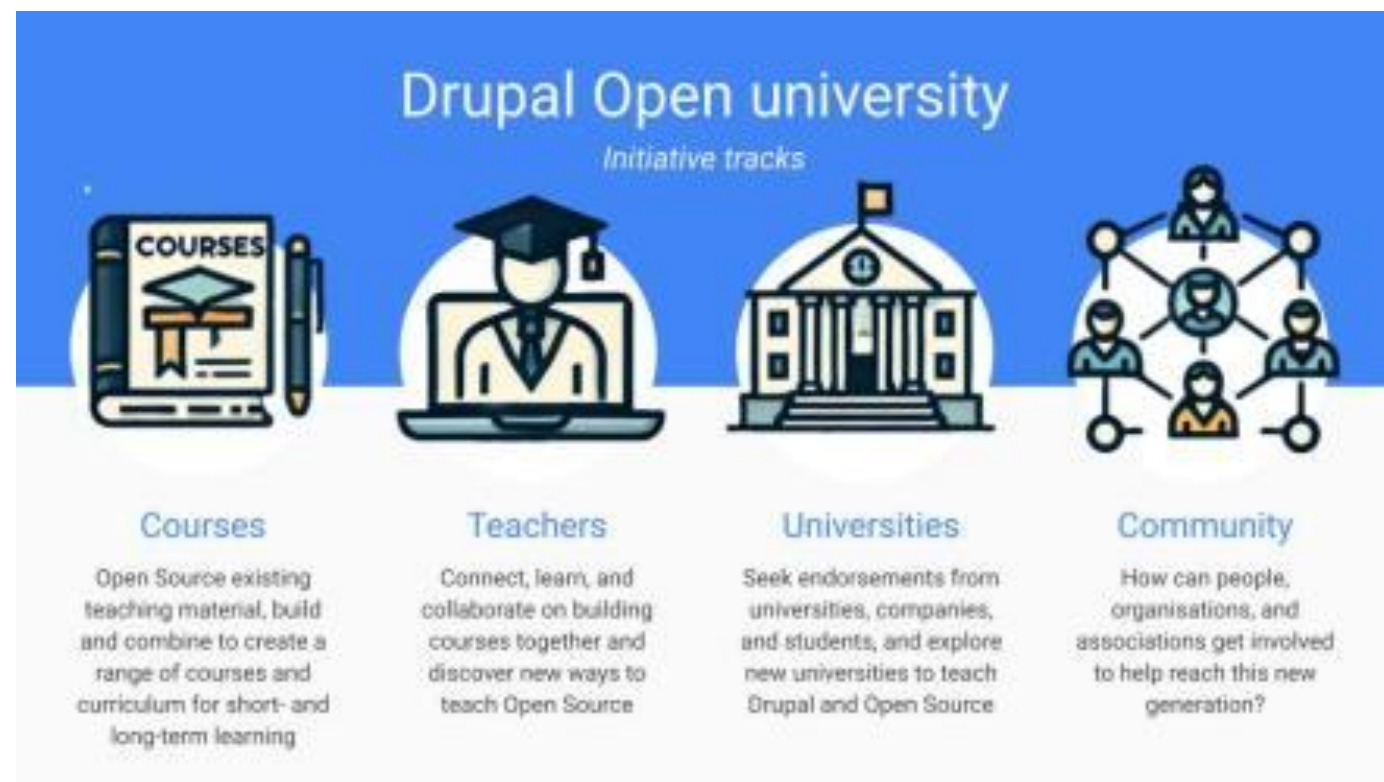
- Join [#member-platform](#) on Drupal Slack
- Declare how you will contribute [[#3508389](#)]
- Declare your user group / meetup’s interest in being an early adopter [[#3514527](#)]
- Attend “[If you Give a Member Platform a Cookie](#)”  
Tuesday 4:10pm in Hanover C (LL2)
- Contribution Day + Thursday [BoFs](#)



# Drupal Open University with Lenny Moskalyk

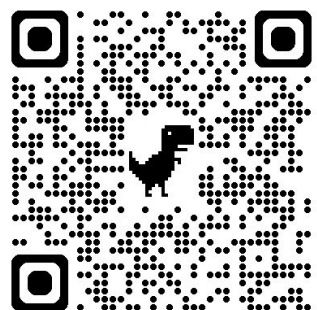
The Drupal Open University initiative is a community-driven project focused on bringing Drupal into the academic world.

Our mission is to introduce students to the power of Drupal and foster the next generation of Drupal developers.



## Challenges:

- We need new talent for Drupal
- PHP is overlooked by students, teachers and Universities
- Open Source is pushed by Governments
- We need attention and love from outside of our Drupal Community
- There are people already teaching Drupal at Universities
- Drupal is at a crossroads with Drupal CMS:  
huge opportunity and momentum is building





Let's Eat!



# Fireside Chat

with Drupal Association CEO Tim Doyle



“ For folks that might be new in the crowd, can you give us a high level overview of what the Drupal Association does? ”

Question 1



“What is your message for first time DrupalCon attendees or folks who are new to Drupal?”

Question 2





“

What is your favorite part  
of DrupalCon?

”

Question 3



“ What do you feel is the most important DA initiative happening right now? ”

Question 4



“ How is the Drupal association working to ensure the future of Drupal? ”

Question 5



“ Can you explain why the Drupal Community is better positioned to avoid issues, such as the current problems within the WordPress community? ”

Question 6



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Lightning Round



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Where is next years  
DrupalCon NA?

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Trick Question



“

What message or feeling do you hope that attendees leave this year's DrupalCon with?”

Last Question



Let's Take a Break!



# Everyone's Voice Matters

Empower Stakeholders with Sociocracy



# Roundtable Discussions



# Roundtable Topics



- Event Platform - Martin
- Midwest Open Source Alliance (MOSA) / Event Support - Avi
- A11y Talks / Accessibility - April
- Non Code Contribution - John
- Member Platform - JD



“ Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. ”

Margaret Mead