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# WELCOME TEAM AND CONTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-PACKAGING DEBIAN FANS

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# WELCOME TEAM - THE IDEA

- From occasional contribution to team membership
- Newcomers wanting to contribute to Debian, don't know what to do
- Cross-teams effort, share what is already done

# WELCOME TEAM - HISTORY

- Idea around since 2015 (probably before)
- DebConf15: BoF, Asheesh Laroia, Enrico Zini, Laura Arjona Reina
- Renew an old wiki page <https://wiki.debian.org/Welcome>
- Revitalise the IRC channel #debian-welcome
- We found that there was another welcome team (welcoming Debian users): MagicFab, others
- We decided to share the infrastructure

# WELCOME TEAM - RESOURCES

- <https://wiki.debian.org/Welcome/Users>
- <https://wiki.debian.org/Welcome/Contributors>
- Some brainstorming, some Calls for Help (in the Debian Project News)
- IRC channel #debian-welcome
- No mailing list (good? bad?)
- No dedicated members

# WELCOME TEAM - OVERLAP WITH OTHER TEAMS

- Outreach team
- Debian Women, Debian Diversity
- Debian user support channels
- Debian mentors
- New Member process
- Debian Documentation project

# WELCOME TEAM - CHALLENGES

- We need much more members (in all the other teams mentioned too)
- New Debian developers are the best IMO
- My proposal is that the whole Debian welcomes, not "only" the mentioned teams.

# IS MY TEAM WELCOMING? HOW CAN WE IMPROVE?

- Look at the team members:
  - Occasional contributors, regular contributors, core members, retired members
  - Movements in the past years
  - Diversity (age, geography, gender, culture, skills, tasks...)
- Look at the team communication channels: did people wanting to help contact us? How the team answered that?



# IS MY TEAM WELCOMING? HOW CAN WE IMPROVE?

- Look at the team infrastructure and visible parts: Do we need to improve something? (Publicise/Outreach? Onboarding? Other?)
- Make a team meeting or proposal to discuss
  - Specific tasks
  - Calendar
  - Measure forces

# SHARE YOUR WORK!

- Join #debian-welcome , #debian-outreach
- Gain visibility: use the Debian Publicity channels



# SOME CONTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITIES

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# CONTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITIES

- Lots of different small (boring?) corners to start
- Not so easy to find somebody to guide you (we tend to DIY, welcome team is weak)
- We need to know you better to recommend how to start

# SPAM CLEANING

- Why: it brings you the opportunity to read about Debian
- Kind of invisible work, but very appreciated
- Ideally: the list(s) you know, some other list new for you
- Two steps: mark as spam, actually clean the spam

# MARK AS SPAM

- Review your favourite mailing list archive
- Mark as spam the spam mails
- Edit wiki page to reflect your work
- <https://wiki.debian.org/CategoryListArchiveSpam>



EXAMPLE

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# ACTUALLY CLEAN THE SPAM (FOR DD)

- <https://lists.debian.org/archive-spam-removals/review/>
- Request a password
- Review the mails marked as spam, confirming or fixing





EXAMPLE

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# TESTING THE DEBIAN IMAGES (INSTALLER, LIVE, CLOUD IMAGES)

- <https://wiki.debian.org/Teams/DebianCD/ReleaseTesting>
- Join #debian-welcome, #debian-cd, #debian-live
- Dates: debian-release mailing list or #debian-publicity - point release announcement draft ;-)

# TEST THE IMAGES

- Look at the test matrix, claim a test
- Download the ISO, boot a physical machine or virtual machine and try to use/install/whatever
- Accessibility install (speech, other) - <https://wiki.debian.org/accessibility>
- Prepare for Debian 10 Buster!!

# USER SUPPORT

- If you are there, let us know in #debian-welcome
- If you are there, publicise the Welcome team, or be our ambassador (DPN, bits.d.o)
- If it's too overwhelming, maybe focus in a sub-group: debian-accessibility, debian-laptops, debian-mobile, debian-desktop, your language

# PUBLICITY

- We welcome help in every channel:
  - [bits.debian.org](https://bits.debian.org)
  - [micronews.debian.org](https://micronews.debian.org)
  - social networks
  - Debian Project News
  - announcements

# PUBLICITY

- Creating content
- Transforming ideas (or micronews) into paragraphs for DPN
- Proofread + translations (join #debian-publicity)
- We need people jumping from occasional contributors to regulars
- We need people jumping from regular contributors to core members

# THANKS!

More

- <https://www.debian.org/intro/help>
- <https://wiki.debian.org/Welcome/Contributors>

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