

Welcome to The Carpentries India Community Call Etherpad!

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For 20 October call:

Join the Zoom call directly at: <https://carpentries.zoom.us/j/88155035424>

Meeting ID: 881 5503 5424

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Mailing List: <https://carpentries.topicbox.com/groups/local-india>

Slack: #local-india

Instructor Training Checkout

If you recently attended Instructor Training and are going through the checkout process, attending one of these calls can count as your community discussion checkout requirement. If you are attending as part of the instructor checkout requirement, please add your e-mail address and the word 'checkout' along with your name.

20 October 2022

Please sign up to attend this community discussion below (name, affiliation).

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3. Shrirang Kulkarni (he/him), shrirang.git.cse@gmail.com
4. Erin Becker (she/her), The Carpentries
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AGENDA and NOTES

- Introductions (name, affiliation, role in The Carpentries community, interest in joining the call) (10 mins)
 - Anand: looking for community to teach data science; do a lot in area of data and data science; when meet customers, want to improve skills and knowledge of their team; came across Carpentries and checked further; took Instructor training; interested in doing more to bring more into the community as well; technology professional
 - Shrirang: 2019 started exploring Software Carpentry; wanted to become Instructor and got certification; wanted to be Instructor of workshops; since most of time in academy, completed PhD in computer science; Carpentries certification and postdoctoral fellowship started at same time; work as Associate Professor; Python language expertise; work in machine learning and deep learning; would like to contribute in this area; since Carpentries moving to India, talked on how can contribute
 - Erin: Associate Director of The Carpentries; work closely with Membership, Instructor Training, Curriculum; have been a Trainer, have taught several workshops; have been a Maintainer of lessons; how can membership program serve community members in India
- Presentation by Erin Becker on Membership in The Carpentries (15 mins)
 - What it means to be a member
 - in addition to being involved as an individual, we also
 - org. is making a commitment to building a local Carpentries community within their org.
 - We support them with workshops and Instructor Training seats
 - Also host membership council meetings in member community
 - We now have ~100 member organisations spread all over the world
 - How membership is structured
 - 5 different levels of membership that are customizable
 - each level comes with a specific number of centrally organized workshops, where we take care of workshop logistics
 - also train a number of Instructors with individual memberships; helps jumpstart a local community at the institution; train cohort of individuals
 - get a number of seats for Instructor training to lead local workshops
 - access to those packages is what membership is about
 - Can also purchase things a la carte
 - Members get a 40% in membership package
 - Also have tiered pricing that reflects different economic conditions in different countries so prices are reflective; India is classified as lower-middle income; also offer financial support for organisations supporting individuals underserved in computer science; comes with 50% reduction on price of membership; award these quarterly
 - once you have purchased a membership, you are eligible for membership pricing for anything additional that what is included in our package; cusomizable throughout membership year; can scale these as your efforts grow

- Member Council meets quarterly and can send up to two representatives; one is to get a concentrated update on what has been going on and what is upcoming; good source of news and updates on opportunities to get involved; also a networking opportunity; will be connected with people who are responsible for building local community at their institutions
- Question: when we talk about members, who are we talking about? always academic
 - vast majority are academic organizations and gov. organisations
 - Pricing scheme increases by four times for corporations
- Question: Are the numbers annual?
 - Yes, for the membership year
- Q: What is criteria for financial support?
 - submit application and would give us information on populations served; involvement that you have had with the carpentries; potential impact (how many you hope to reach); score application with other applications received
- Q: A la carte? what does this mean?
 - available for orgs. or individuals who want to purchase workshops or instructor training seats without purchasing a full membership package
- Q: membership benefits are only extended to the members?
 - an organisation that has a membership and wants to add instructor training seats; would use member column to calculate price; if you want to just purchase individual a la carte, you look at general public prices
- Q: for members, any limits to self organised workshops?
 - these are unlimited; everything open source and open licensed; couple of limitations if you state that it is a Carpentries workshop (have to have one certified Instructor; abide by CoC; follow standard curriculum)
- Q: if you have silver membership
 - Instructor training remains with individual; institution would not get another seat for that institution; encourage
- Q: Consortium
 - Treat consortia in the same way that we treat an org. membership; single signatory and single point of contact for that membership; those orgs. would decide how this is done; will communicate with that person the benefit codes; institution receives code for registering individuals for Instructor training; individual institutions would get information from that point of contact to distribute
- Q: for a silver member, can utilize other instructors for their workshops?
 - Centrally organised workshops, we place instructors and manage event registration; we find them no matter who they are affiliated with; you have access to our full Instructor community which is about 4500 certified Instructors around the world
- Online vs. in person; we are currently running a majority of our workshops online but are starting in person workshops; follow local regulations on COVID protocols; instructor travel is the responsibility of the hosting organisation for in person workshops
- Are they compensated for workshops? All Instructors are volunteering their time; they want to give back to community and network; we encourage individual orgs. to give honoraria if that is feasible
- ACM India chapter; all payments in Indian currency; most of these orgs. allow this; can we have these payment options to be more convenient for host country; there are fees associated with transferring to US dollars; money unnecessarily spent
 - We are definitely interested in pursuing this; when we did our most recent update of our pricing scheme at beginning of last year, we considered including that in scope

of that project; at the moment, we made geographic pricing a priority; very interested in exploring this in our next update; we have to coordinate with our fiscal sponsor who is responsible for all of our financials and legal; will be working with them in the future to develop a possible path forward

- Plans in the future; experience on how Indian organisations have reacted to this?
 - Have not had any orgs. with India at this point; have had several member orgs. in South africa and have had conversations with them; this is why we introduced geographic pricing model; have also given feedback about paying in local currency and needing to have a fine grained division at country level rather than income bracket level; excited to learn from India community to see how we need to adjust our operations to accommodate you all; encourage application for financial support
- In India, lots of students do self learning; are there specific workshops to explore; any geographic specific workshops that address local population?
 - Carpentries mission has always been to reach novice learners; number of novice learners unlimited where org. started; most lessons are very targeted towards novice learners; lots of interest in developing more advanced curricula but this has not yet been something we are able to do at the official side; we do have the Carpentries Incubator; space for community members to develop curricula for any population they are working with; those are not official Carpentries lessons so cannot request a workshop that teaches this curricula; there are two data carpentry curricula that are second level curricula, both Python courses; image processing and astronomy are the two courses
 - Image Processing: <https://datacarpentry.org/image-processing/>
 - Astronomy: <https://datacarpentry.org/astronomy-python/>
- Looking at where we are today, where should we start?
 - There is so much diversity within our community, one size does not fit all
 - Providing guidance through Community Development Program
 - Recommendation to use these calls to identify what seems to be appropriate next steps in your region
- Select date/time for regular calls - Anand (10 mins)
 - Option 1 - 1st Monday, every month
 - Option 2 - 2nd Wednesday every month
 - Option 3 - 3rd Thursday every month
 - Option 4 - 4th Friday, every month
- Time: 6.30 PM to 7.30 PM??
- Announcements (All)
 - New community member welcome sessions: 26 October

8 September 2022

Attending (name, pronouns, affiliation)

- Alycia Crall, she/her/hers, The Carpentries, alycia@carpentries.org
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 - Aman: recent graduate, involved in HSF training working group, developing physics modules, run workshops with The Carpentries and part by us; have been involved in The Carpentries; interested in how to contribute
 - Sandeep: faculty Department of Bioinformatics, School of Life Sciences; teaching profession have interest in workshop/ modules developed in The Carpentries; use them frequently in teaching graduate students; workshops in our school; not affiliated with The Carpentries right now; response quite good for workshops
 - Bhanu: community initiative to produce digital products to reach underserved, underprivileged to enable them in learning; taught one workshop and also a supporting Instructor; not as active would like to be; would like to support The Carpentries India group; strong interest; look forward to coordinating with everyone
 - Anand: technology space for two decades; working in life science/health care/pharmacy; do a lot of work with patient data; work with health care providers; need for technology; students checking in about introductions to data concepts/topics; what is already available? Came across Carpentries; fairly new to the organization; joined Instructor Training program; will be Instructor in couple of weeks; want to know what else is happening in India; that is why connected with India to see who is already part of this community
 - Rintu: Ashoka University; PhD from CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, came across Carpentries here; Bioinformatics and Computational Biology; colleague introduced at in person meeting; current not an Instructor but would like to become an Instructor; have been doing a lot of hands on workshops
- Interest in initiating subcommunity (Anand - 5 mins)
 - Few thoughts was to see if we could connect with small group, organisations where we have contacts to see where there is interest; take opportunity to talk about Carpentries; how can we do that
- Overview of existing activities from Core Team (Alycia - 5 mins)
 - Community Development Program: <https://pad.carpentries.org/community-development-program>
 - Q3 Meeting 1, 27 September, 2pm UTC
 - Find your local time: <https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=CDP+Q3+Meeting+1&iso=20220927T14&p1=1440&ah=1>
 - Q3 Meeting 2, 27 September, 11pm UTC
 - Find your local time: <https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=CDP+Q3+Meeting+2&iso=20220927T23&ah=1>
 - Communications channels
 - Slack channel #community
 - TopicBox mailing list: <https://carpentries.topicbox.com/groups/community-development>
 - Existing communication channels for India subcommunity
 - Slack channel #local-india

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 - Please invite others to join who may be interested
- Next steps for the subcommunity
 - How do we want to engage with each other (e.g., community call)
 - A decision was made to start with monthly community calls
 - The first will be about membership and connecting with Instructor Trainers in the region
 - Interest in institutional membership -> have a call with Core Team members that can answer questions
 - Current members: <https://carpentries.org/members/>
 - Become a member: <https://carpentries.org/membership/>
- Community Discussions
 - Information on leading a community discussion and having attendance count towards Instructor checkout: <https://carpentries.github.io/instructor-training/checkout/>
 - Recording: <https://youtu.be/VrWdzlD2dlE>
 - Slidedeck: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1mal-KCfz5EaPuXXMCRIYxYs>
- New community member welcome sessions
 - 28 September @ 12pm UTC and 9pm UTC; Sign up and log in details on the Community Discussions Etherpad: <https://pad.carpentries.org/community-discussions>