Regional Hydra - Unconference

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Regional Hydra Groups

Overview
- Develop Regional Hydra Meetings
- How to communicate out to the larger Hydra community
- The Hydra community is too large to hold frequent meetings.

Questions:
1. How can we establish a pattern of regional meetings that doesn’t fragment the community?
2. There are separate/regional Fedora meetings. Should those be separate? Should there be a convergence there?
3. What are we looking to get out of regional meetings?
4. What do we want people to share?

Benefits
- Resource Sharing / Regional Development:
  - Easier development of shared solutions, collaborative development
  - Place developer at another institution for a week or two, learn workflow, management, coding. Developer exchange. More of a micro-level development
  - Regional allows focus on potentially local policy/open access issues (relevant for UK)
  - Regional allows for more dedicated time for discussing and walking through problems, code, etc.
  - Opportunity for training
  - Engagement with metadata analysts, other potential adopters and consultants (local Ruby/Rails groups)

References
- Regional Ruby/Rails/Drupal meetings:
  - Bring in luminaries from community and have groups such as ConFreaks film the presentations.
  - Presentations are then posted and spread online
- Drupal organization provides guidelines for hosting meetings, communicating out, etc.

Communication
- A single news channel would be helpful.
- There is a gap between hydra-tech (immediate technical questions) and hydra monthly reports.
  - What are people currently working on?
  - Are we solving the same problems at the same time?
- Would a blog aggregator be more helpful than messages on a list. Just like Ruby 5
- People may feel more comfortable sharing day-to-day progress via an aggregator, as it would be a less ‘official’ channel

Potential Regional Groups
- Ohio
- UK
- West Coast (UCs, Stanford, Oregon)
- Mid-Atlantic
- NE

Action items
- 1 page on organizing a regional meetings (Karen and Richard)
- Identify the regions and partner/adopters within regions (self-identify by asking community)
- Identify a local for Regional Groups on the Wiki (Karen)