DSpace 2015-18 Strategic Plan - Community

Community Goals

These strategic goals revolve around growing and maintaining an active user and developer community around DSpace open source product.

Goal 1: Expand the DSpace governance model to recognize managed, in-kind developer contributions.

Goal 2: Increase participation in membership and governance by the international DSpace community

Goal 3: Coordinate project activity for more managed, predictable results

- **Action 3a**. Develop and maintain a community-driven technical roadmap for the DSpace software platform, detailing high priority development tasks which can be "claimed" or shared by groups of developers, institutions or service providers
- **Action 3b**. Schedule on-going developer sprints with volunteer contributors, led/coordinated by the DSpace Technical Lead
- **Action 3c**. Welcome ad hoc developer contributions that are scheduled for inclusion into a release
- **Action 3d**. Create a policy to avoid project-level support of redundant features when avoidable

Goal 4: Develop partnerships with other organizations and projects in the repository ecosystem

- **Action 4a:** Identify other projects or institutions that DSpace should integrate or function effectively with, for example the Digital Preservation Network, euroCRIS, or ORCID.
    - Survey/scan the environment and establish which projects, institutions, and organizations DSpace should integrate or function effectively with.
    - Evaluate international initiatives for strengthening open access repository interoperability, such as the COAR Roadmap (http://bit.ly /1FlgQ3M)
    - Prioritize the results of the above survey and develop strategies for developing appropriate relationship/partnerships with the most significant organizations.
    - Increase relationships with organizations outside of North America that use or support the use of DSpace. Develop a strategy for cultivating these relationships.
    - Develop closer, mutually beneficial relationships with service providers.