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How to Be a Good Corporate Citizen in Open Source

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Agenda

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Resources and Final Thoughts



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Dynamics of collaboration: individuals, companies,

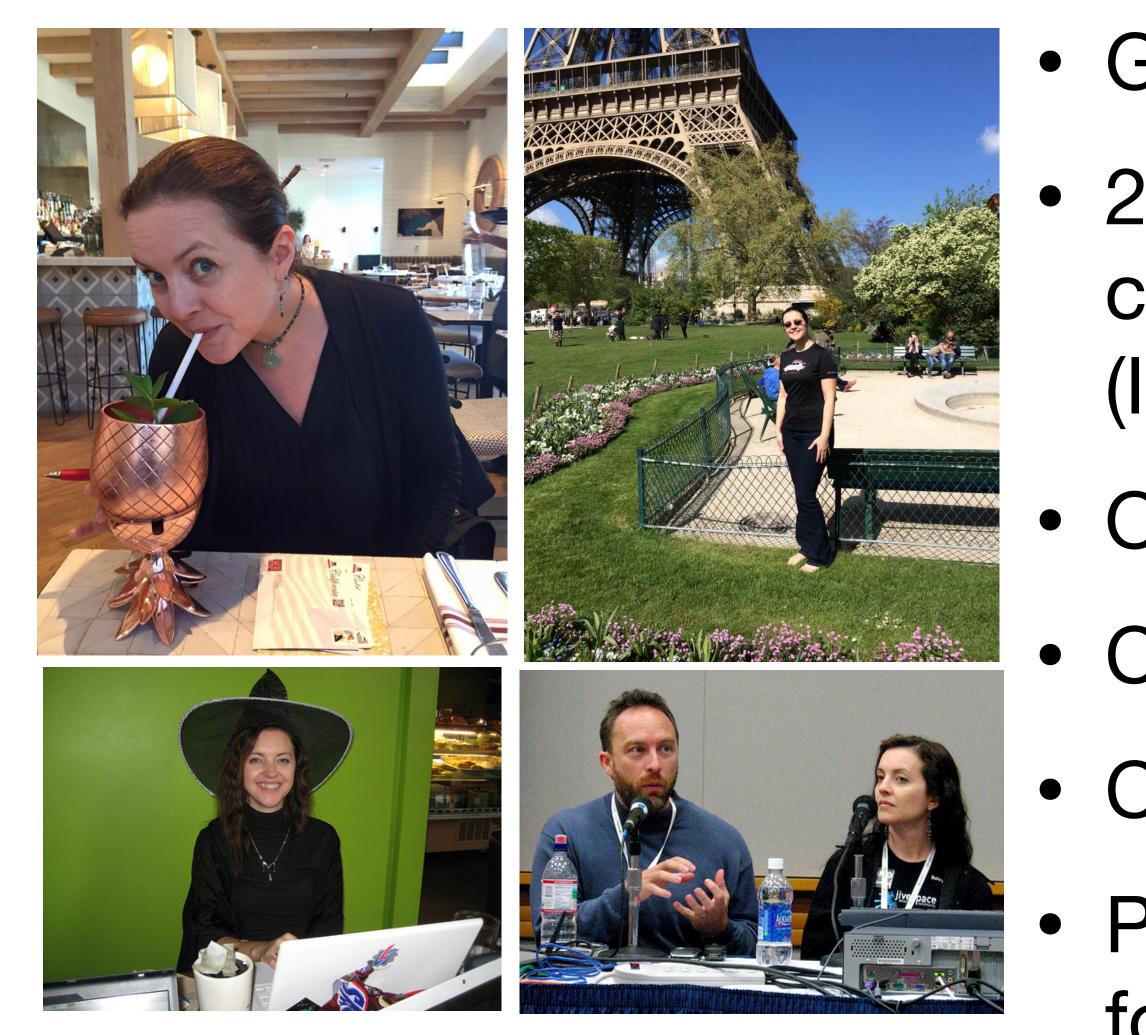
Contribution Strategy and Plans

Tips for being a good corporate citizen in open

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- Geek, traveler, reader
- 20+ yr tech career focused on community & open source (Intel, Puppet, Scale Factory, ...)
- OpenUK Board
- CHAOSS Board and Maintainer
- CNCF TAG Contrib Strategy co-chair
- PhD from the University of Greenwich focused on Linux kernel collaboration





Image by the <u>CNCF</u> CC BY-NC 2.0 **Collaboration in OSS Projects:** Individuals, companies, and communities

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Individuals

Make contributions and earn leadership positions



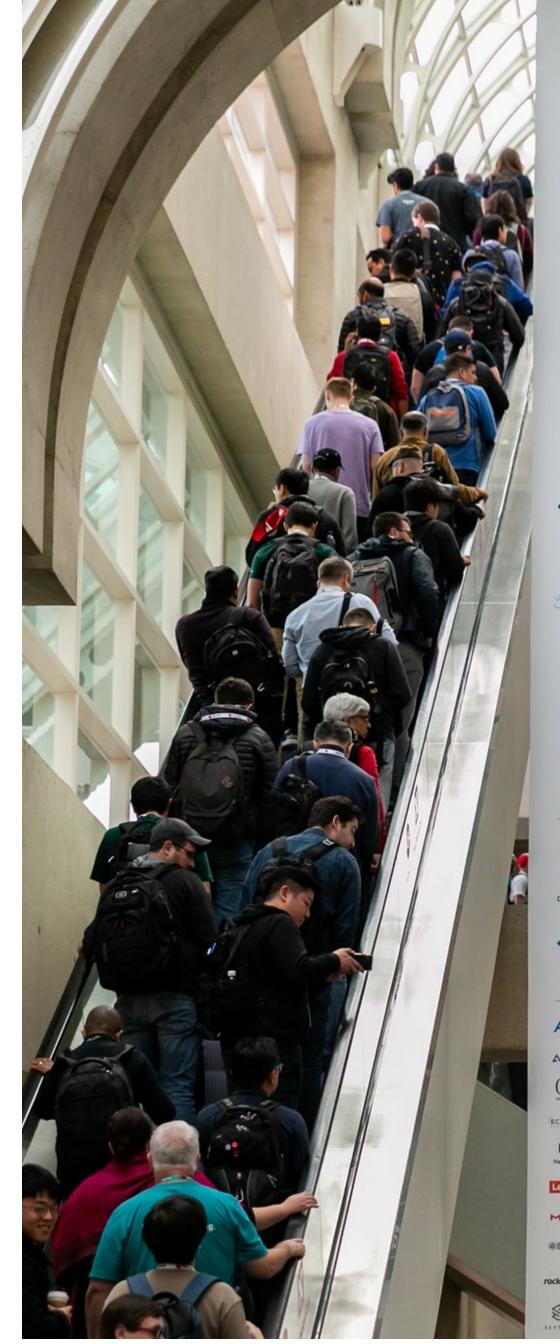
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Companies

Employees contribute as individuals, but on their company's behalf





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Community = People Community comes before company or individual needs





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Your organization needs to balance individual, company, and community needs









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Align with business goals to highlight importance and impact





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Which Projects?

Focus on strategic projects with the biggest impact to your company



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Staffing

Find or hire people who want to contribute

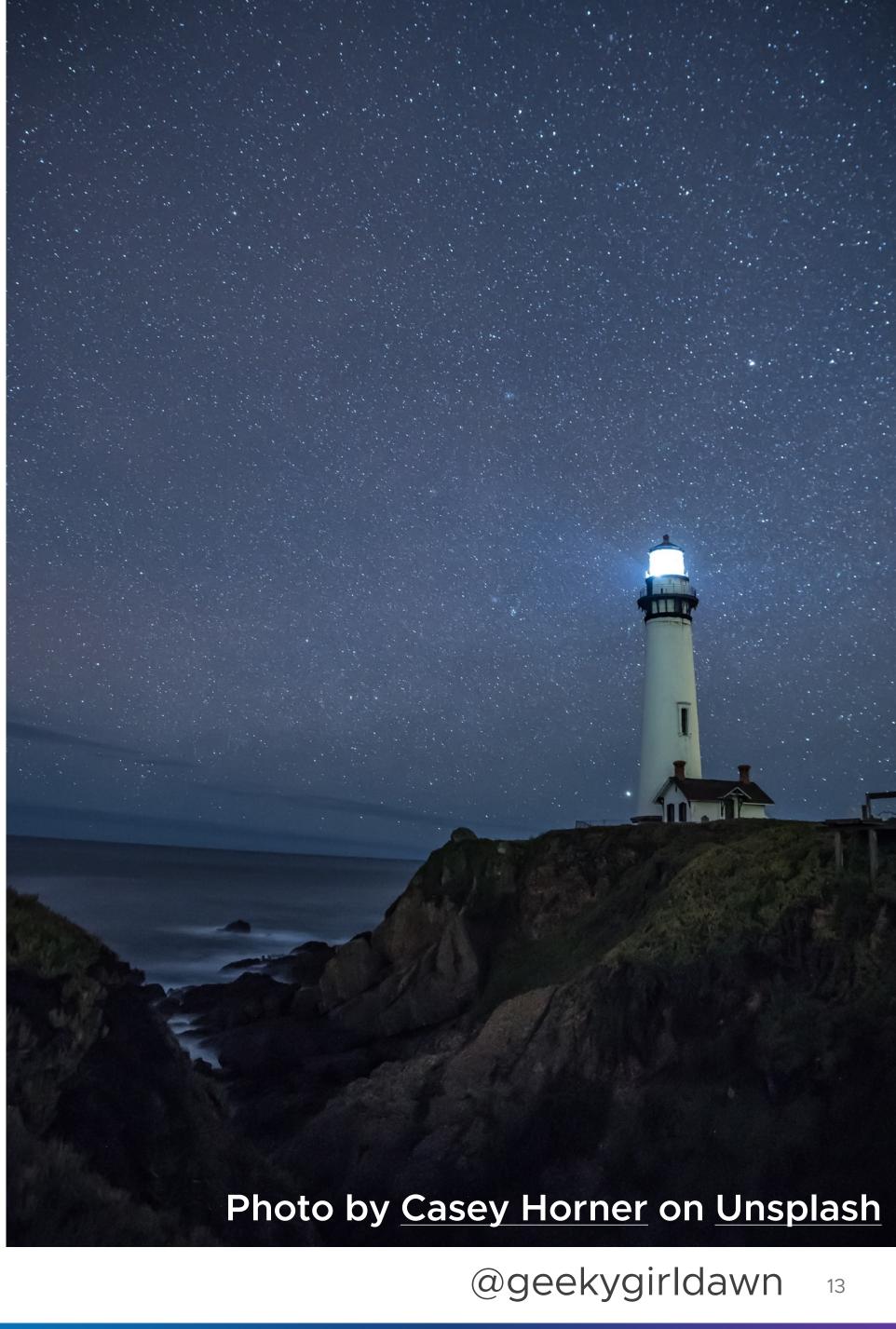




Guidelines

Guidelines and processes should make it easy to contribute





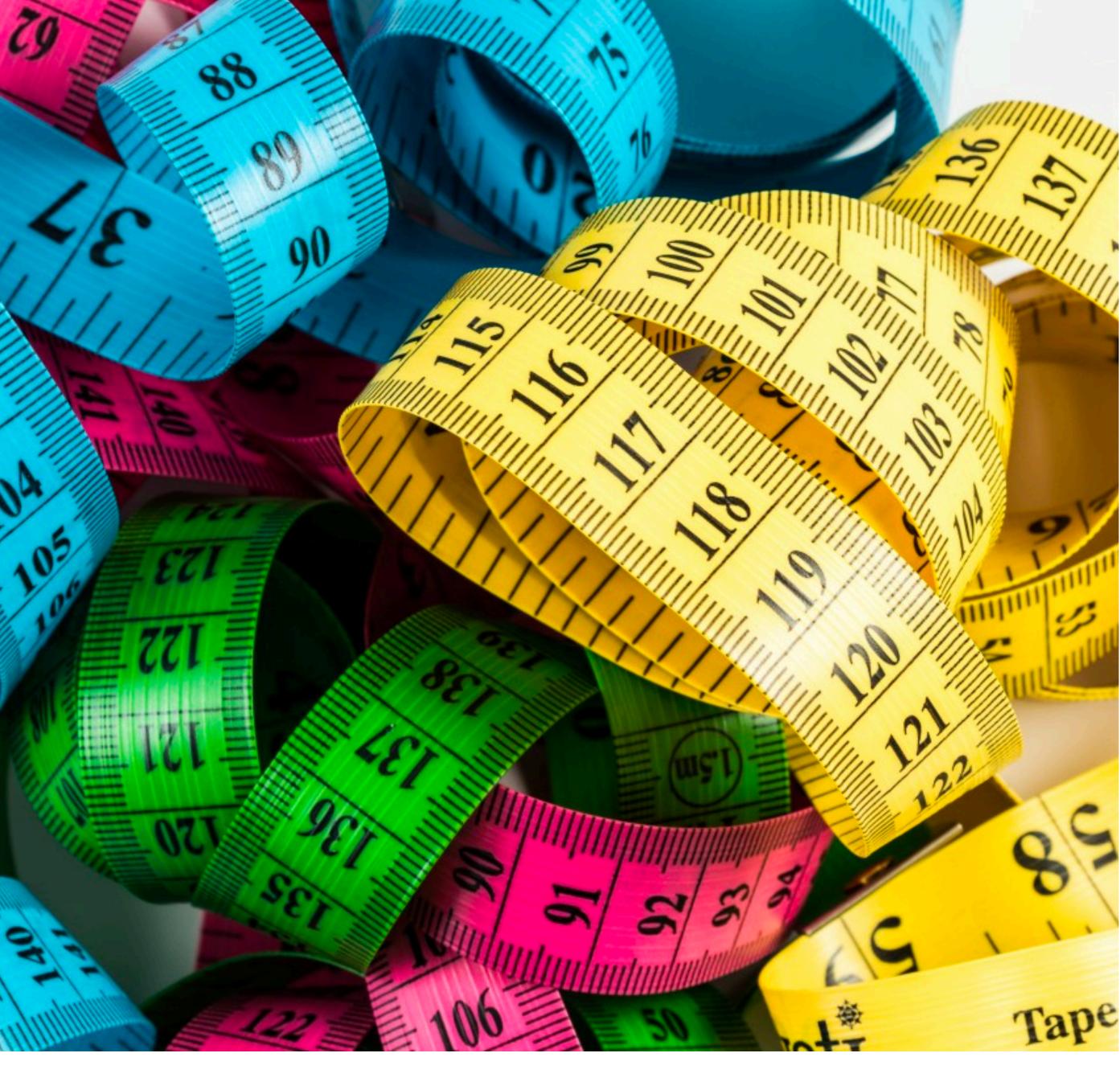
Measure Success

Define success criteria and data required to measure it

https://chaoss.community



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Getting Started

Lurk and understand before starting with a small contribution



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Learn from Feedback

Avoid getting defensive and prepare to iterate on feedback



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Work with the Community

Discuss changes first and break them into smaller contributions



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Relationships

Attend events and get to know people



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Upstream Your Patches

Reduces your work and benefits the community





Maintenance Expectations

Don't expect someone else to maintain a large contribution





Open Sourcing Your Software

Prepare to maintain it over the long-term and build community



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Resources

Linux Foundation's TODO Group https://todogroup.org/guides/

https://github.com/cncf/project-template

The Open Source Way Guidebook https://github.com/theopensourceway/guidebook/



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CNCF Contributor Strategy TAG Docs & Templates https://contribute.cncf.io/maintainers/



Final Thoughts

Participation in OSS communities impacts your organization's brand. Strive to make it a positive impact.







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