

Discussion points for joint meeting of ICC with Leadership Group Feb 24, 2023

In our planning for 2023, the ICC completed a SOAR analysis to provide us direction on our expected outcomes for this year. As part of our discussion it became clear that a gap exists in terms of information available for a general audience about the software development roadmap. This discussion also raised several questions, like...Where is the software headed now? Are any big technical decisions on the horizon? What are the mechanisms for making major technical decisions? How are we ensuring these roadmap checkpoints are being met?

We know that various groups, committers, and community members are doing a lot of work on this through volunteer efforts– we want to recognize those contributions and ensure that their work is more visible, understandable, and sustainable, by supporting and building out the communications and decision-making frameworks around it. With development of a Roadmap for 2024 as an IF goal for Q2 of 2023, the ICC thought this may be a good opportunity to highlight these various activities and where possible prioritize future plans in consultation with the wider Islandora community.

If the LG agrees that this roadmap is an area where we can include software development, the ICC proposes to contribute to this work in collaboration with other governance groups. The following are some possible activities and ideas for how the ICC envisions our contributions:

- Hold joint meetings with the Leadership Group to find alignment in our goals
- Gather community input to inform software roadmapping as needed
 - Open Meetings could feature a recurring segment where we collect user stories or solicit other ideas, and then help document and organize those into prioritized backlogs, or some other “holding tank” for future platform improvements
 - The ICC could create a mechanism to allow for community prioritization of features/functionality (e.g.: through rounds of voting, etc.)
- Communicate key messaging
- Create wayfinders through community documentation (might be resource lists, summaries for general audience)
- Where there are critical projects underway, work with relevant folks to create a framework for regular updates and communications
 - Those working deep on the technical side often don't have time to synthesize for a general audience. Can the ICC work in partnership here and provide support? What would it look like to implement a complimentary comms strategy when we start doing technical projects?