

This document contains both the invitation EMAIL, and the invitation TOOT(s).

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Thank you for filling out the survey or otherwise reaching out.

It all started with one toot, asking “would you want to fork with us?”. It turned into #ForkOffTogether, and now it’s time for the next step. Today I have the honor of inviting you all to our first meeting, to figure out where this project is going to go. The point of this meeting is to bootstrap this organization: First we start an association, and then we take on the world. We need to figure out, together, what type of organization best serves our purpose.

It’s been slow and steady going for the past few weeks, and I have made my best effort to not make any decisions without all of you, other than organizing this meeting. As a further cautionary measure, the three people mainly involved in organizing this have decided to reject all formal positions in management, the committee of the #ForkOffTogether initiative and any interim committees formed along the way, for the first full year of the project.

There is going to be a lot of information to digest in this email, but no worries, you have a good 14 days to prepare yourself and your peers for this meeting. This email will also go out as a public invitation to anyone who is interested in joining this effort. You don’t have to have provided your info in the survey; you don’t have to have responded to the survey or even read it. All you have to do is show up and be ready to help out.

We'd greatly appreciate it if you can also help reach out to your friends whom you know are interested in participating in this meeting. We are looking to make this a diverse space, where minority voices get heard and not dismissed as just being a minority acting loud.

Date and Time Of The Meeting

The meeting is scheduled for the 30th of June, 21.00 CEST. To check for times in other timezones follow this link:

https://time.is/2100_30_June_2018_in_CET/EST/PST/GMT-BST?Meeting

And where are we having this meeting?

After this invitation goes out, we (@Lilleteale@dotopia.dk and @maloki@elekk.xyz) are going to translate how to hold a meeting to setting up a Discord server.

<https://discord.gg/T2BeU2Q>

I have also asked Brainblasted for help to set up a bridge with matrix or irc, for people who are uncomfortable with using Discord. We will provide that link when it's ready.

Invitations to the actual discord server will go out during the last 7 days before the actual meeting. However, conversations will be very restricted during that period, with the help of Discord roles. This Discord will be TEMPORARY for the use of this Meeting Only, unless the meeting comes to some other conclusion.

A Constituent What Now? (1)

We explain in more depth what this type of meeting in two documents in the folder you'll get linked to further down in this document, but here's the TL;DR: We're hosting this type of meeting, which is based on Swedish organisation and association-starting because that is what I (maloki) have experience with. This is a starting point, and can change based on the decisions of the group. The full explanation can be found in the two documents labeled 1, see next point about Meeting Documents.

Meeting Documents

This will also involve a lot of other documents, all of which will be provided in WIP (Work in Progress) form, and we do not need formal decisions to edit them at this point in time. Instead, we aim to find a common goal to work towards and make sure our documents align with that. We are all here for an already quite shared vision, and hopefully we can properly convey that both in our documents and our practice in this community.

At the meeting, we will make decisions on whether we can accept the documents in their current form, or as a temporary measure. Usually an organization won't actually accept these until the 2nd meeting, which will be the first real annual meeting of the association, in whatever form it takes.

In the Google Drive folder, the documents are marked by numbers to make it easier to handle and this email will reflect that by numbering headers accordingly:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Bg2086PiXg6aNMPVj556pqSzn-qGahyd?usp=sharing>

Editing the documents:

Sometimes the better option is Editing, while at other times it's better to change to Suggesting mode when you want to start a discussion on something. You can also suggest a full paragraph. We advise that you utilize this at your own discretion.

Meeting Agenda (2)

As this first meeting should not be too extensive, but rather get us started and choose a committee of people who can represent us in the continued work to make the actual organization, we may not want to add too many additional points.

About working on the CoC together until the meeting (3)

We know that a Code of Conduct is vital for a healthy working environment, and that getting a CoC right is not always easy. This is why this meeting invitation comes with a lot of documents, a whole folder actually, because we're going to work on this together. There are two documents for the CoC work, labeled 3 and 3.1. The first one, 3, is the CoC for the meeting in particular, while the second one, 3.1, is for the Association.

About contributing to figuring out what type of organization this association should become (6)

Should we form a co-op? What other governance structures might be appropriate? We want you to suggest possibilities, and to join in researching them!

Working groups

Before the meeting, you can already start thinking about specific working groups to which you would like to contribute. Our basic suggestions for work groups are listed on the agenda. You can volunteer for these, and we welcome you to suggest others. And if you do bring suggestions (like we hope you will!), we can either talk about them at the meeting, or plan follow-up discussions.

Name suggestions—and Taglines (7)

Since the names “ForkOff” and “ForkOffTogether” are a bit too close to a big cry of “Fuck You” from all parties involved, this isn’t the best basis on which to start an organization. So we need to start thinking about new names, and talk about their pros and cons before the meeting.

The same goes for the tagline. I started saying “org first - code later”, which in a few iterations turned into Community Over Code. This may stick, it may not. Start talking among yourselves, and bring some suggestions to the meeting, or use document 7 for it.

Thank you for taking your time to reading all the way down here, and thank you for all the support you’ve showed thus far. The road will continue to be bumpy, but I believe that we can do this together.

Sincerely,

Maloki.

Toots text:

CW: ForkOffTogether/ Public Meeting invite: "There's a Fork in your Future"

Hi everyone! In preparation for the meeting, we've put together a several page document. It covers the meeting time, how we'll be meeting, and what we'll be covering in the meeting. Links are provided to our in-progress CoC and Meeting Agenda.

Please take a look and find out how to provide us with your feedback inside:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YL8iphlc5OU5RosoU4p5LCcE9m8smc20UmCZxpCPPJM/edit?usp=sharing>

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