2013-02-15 NPC Transcript: Lyre Calliope: Hackathons

[08:34] Rhiannon Chatnoir: so let's start things off :)
[08:34] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Welcome everyone to this week's Nonprofit Commons Weekly Meeting!
[08:34] InKenzo at Amoration (in.kenzo): hiya, good to see you all!
[08:35] Groucho Max (groucho11375): Wish i could say the same
[08:35] Rhiannon Chatnoir: The Nonprofit Commons in Second Life is sponsored by TechSoup Global and is a program of the TechSoup Global Community & Social Media team
[08:35] jacmacaire Humby: Hi everyone..
[08:35] Rhiannon Chatnoir: TODAY'S AGENDA
 • 8:30 am Introductions
 • 8:40 am TechSoup Announcements
 • 8:45 am Mentors Central
 • 8:55 am Lyre Calliope: Community Partnership Development Through Hackathons
 • 9:30 am Open Mic / Announcements
[08:35] Buffy Beale: lol Groucho and hi Jac
[08:35] Rhiannon Chatnoir: First a few links to start off the meeting.

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[08:35] jacmacaire Humby: Hi Buffy
[08:35] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Hello everyone, let's start off with Introductions!

Please state your real name, location, org, and the ways we can find you online.
[08:36] Buffy Beale: Buffy Bye, Bridges for Women, Victoria BC Canada, http://www.bridgesforwomen.ca @bridges4women
[08:36] Groucho Max (groucho11375): Andy Mallon, First Opinions Panel in SL & Social Research Foundation, NYC. www.socialresearchfoundation.org
[08:36] Rhiannon Chatnoir: And if you are new to NonProfit Commons, how you found about

today's meeting.

[08:36] Chayenn: Monique Richert, Protect Yourself1, Inc., Baltimore Maryland, protectyourself1.org, facebook.com/PY1US , @PY1US

[08:36] Dancers Yao: Kara Bennett, Elder Voices, Los Angeles, CA. Human Rights and Health Care

[08:36] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Buffy you are so quick on the draw ;)

[08:36] Jen (jenelle.levenque): Bruce Hestley, Transgender American Veterans Association, Akron, OH, http://www.tavausa.org, http://www.facebook.com/#!/TAVAUS

[08:36] Loren Alunaia (reeveskd): Loren Alunaia, Washington D.C.. distanSLab Ed Tech Resource Center, www.distanslab.org.

[08:36] Vixus Snowpaw: I'm Jesse, from the Netherlands. none, SL.

[08:36] Zinnia Zauber: Renne Emiko Brock-Richmond, Sequim Humanities and Arts Alliance and Peninsula College, Sequim, Olympic Peninsula, Washington. http://www.sequimartsalliance.org http://www.facebook.com/sequimartsalliance @renneemiko

[08:36] Ethelred Weatherwax: Davd Dexter, Museum Collective, currently in Oklahoma USA

[08:36] Gentle Heron: Virtual Ability, Inc. www.virtualability.org

[08:36] Frans Charming: Jeroen Frans, Amsterdam (though in mass for a few more days), The Vesuvius Group .com . @Frans

[08:36] Buffy Beale: too bad HB isn't here today he's quick too

[08:36] alebez: Ale Bezdikian, TechSoup Online Community Coordinator, San Francisco, Ca. @TechSoup, @alebez

[08:36] Don (donineducation): Don Elliott, Community College of Baltimore County, MD

[08:36] bulaklak: Michael DeLong, TechSoup, @mmdelong @TechSoup, www.techsoup.org, San Francisco, CA US

[08:36] Chad Mikado: Chad Gobert; National Service Inclusion Project (NSIP); UMass Boston; www.serviceandinclusion.org

[08:36] Beth Ghostraven: Beth O'Connell, middle school librarian in RL and owner of the Book and Tankard Pub in Victoria City, Caledon in SL; @booklady9

[08:36] Tank Thibedeau (liltank.thibedeau): Ricky Davis, San Antonio, www.urbanskribbles.net www.protectyourself1.org online DJ and peer health support @urbanskribbles

[08:37] InKenzo at Amoration (in.kenzo): Evonne Heyning today in San Francisco.... @amoration

[08:37] Delenn Daines: Judy Kelly, Henry Ford community college, MIchigan

[08:37] Rhiannon Chatnoir is Joyce Bettencourt, Boston MA area, community manager here for NonProfit Commons, creative/tech at-large elsewhere, http://joycebettencourt.com, @RhiannonSL

[08:37] bulaklak: Hi, InKenzo, good to see you

[08:37] Rhiannon Chatnoir: welcome Glitter, we are in midst of introductions

[08:37] InKenzo at Amoration (in.kenzo): Thanks :) Glad my computer is running SL and sorry I can't stay all morning. Excited for Lyre!

[08:38] X-Flight, flight assist: All Go

[08:38] Buffy Beale: great to see Lyre again for sure

[08:38] Lyre Calliope: Lyre Calliope, Boston, Lettuce Create (new project I'm starting), found out

about nonprofit commons when it started!

[08:38] Glitteractica Cookie: Hiya! Susan Tenby here, Online Community and social media, Caravan Studios & TechSoup, SF CA USA @suzboop @caravanstudios @npsl @techsoup

[08:38] Rhiannon Chatnoir: woo hoo

[08:38] Rhiannon Chatnoir: if you just joined us feel free to introduce yourself

[08:38] Beth Ghostraven whispers: I'll be copying the transcript to a

[08:39] InKenzo at Amoration (in.kenzo): Lyre's an old avatar friend....it's been a long time.

[08:39] Beth Ghostraven shouts: I'll be copying the transcript to a Google Doc, so remember that this is public. It will be available later.

[08:40] Beth Ghostraven: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bz1prn2Z3cNwSg7MsCm5prsKJjZflj6ZNL5WXF2fFDY/edit?usp=sharing

[08:40] Rhiannon Chatnoir: great, let's move on to TechSoup Announcements!

[08:41] bulaklak: Howdy!

[08:41] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and feel free to introduce yourself if you havent during the meeting

[08:41] bulaklak: Great to be back and see everyone.

[08:41] Buffy Beale: yay bulaklak nice to see you

[08:41] Adalace Jewell: Sorry, i'm late. @adalace RoSa Documentation Centre Brussels - Belgium http://www.rosadoc.be @rosadoc

[08:41] Zinnia Zauber: Rah bulaklak!

[08:42] Buffy Beale: just in time Ada :)

[08:42] Adalace Jewell: oh thx

[08:42] Wisdomseeker (lissena): will this be in voice at all?

[08:42] Gentle Heron: No Lissena, all text.

[08:42] Wisdomseeker (lissena): ty

[08:42] Vixus Snowpaw: (This is why I use a text-to-speech tool)

[08:42] Wisdomseeker (lissena): take off my headset!

[08:43] bulaklak: As you know, we've been helping out Microsoft and NetSquared with the Windows 8 Apps for Social Good contest

[08:43] Glitteractica Cookie: yes, go on....

[08:43] Glitteractica Cookie: :-)

[08:44] Glitteractica Cookie: did he crash?

[08:44] Glitteractica Cookie: Did I crash?

[08:45] Vixus Snowpaw shakes her head

[08:45] Buffy Beale: lol you're still here

[08:45] alebez: :)

[08:45] Vixus Snowpaw: No you didn't. ♥

[08:45] bulaklak: sorry

[08:45] bulaklak: having some major lag and rez issues!

[08:45] Glitteractica Cookie: no prob

[08:45] bulaklak: i think i'm back in biz

[08:45] Rhiannon Chatnoir: great

[08:45] bulaklak: The Windows 8 Apps for Social Good contest deadline is fast approaching!

Submit by February 28 and win the prize to hatch your bright idea. If the notion of using technology to help others – and win some cash in the process – excites you, this is your contest. Your creativity plus the capabilities of Windows 8 equals a world of inspired solutions to real world problems.

Read more about the contest: http://bit.ly/U6ZSYW
See what makes an ideal submission: http://bit.ly/TSmeid
Check out all the submissions to date in the Project Gallery: http://bit.ly/UjuIO7
[08:45] Vixus Snowpaw: ((Bulaklak you may want to dump your draw distance down))
[08:46] bulaklak: thanks vixus. i don't know what that means
[08:46] bulaklak: =)
[08:46] Beth Ghostraven: We all could do that: Ctrl-P, then Graphics tab
[08:46] Vixus Snowpaw: the distance at which stuff is rendered. The further this is, the more it will bog down your system generally.
[08:46] Buffy Beale: the mentors can help you after the meeting bulaklak :)
[08:46] Rhiannon Chatnoir: nod
[08:46] Glitteractica Cookie: The prizes total $40,000 USD, in increments of $15k, $15k and 10k
[08:47] bulaklak: Okay don't want to take all day here so let me just plug an upcoming webinar
[08:47] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Microsoft even visited TechSoup's offices this week, yes?
[08:47] Beth Ghostraven: Ctrl-P, then Graphics tab, then on the top right is Draw Distance; pull it to the left so the numbers go down (draw distance affects everyone's lag in the vicinity)
[08:47] bulaklak: Feb 21 and it's perfect for anyone who provides public computing
[08:47] bulaklak: http://bit.ly/Y9oZw8
[08:48] bulaklak: Yes, they did and it was a nice visit. Jane is very funny.
[08:49] bulaklak: Okay I am going to wrap things up and play with my graphics setting!
[08:50] bulaklak: Have a great meeting everyone!
[08:50] Rhiannon Chatnoir: thanks bulaklak - hopefully that helps
[08:50] Rhiannon Chatnoir: do we have someone for Mentor's Central today?
[08:50] Zinnia Zauber: Me
[08:50] Rhiannon Chatnoir: thanks Zinnia
[08:51] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Let's welcome Zinnia up then for Mentor's Central
[08:51] Gentle Heron sees colors descending... it must be Zinnia!
[08:51] Zinnia Zauber: lol
[08:51] Zinnia Zauber: Thank you!
[08:52] Zinnia Zauber: So I wanted us to think about ourselves and how we are parts of a team today.
[08:52] Zinnia Zauber: We often look at personality tests to better understand who we are and what role we fill on a team. It also helps us to understand other's perspective.
[08:52] Buffy Beale: yay Z
[08:52] Zinnia Zauber: Because people think of virtual worlds to be game like, we can talk about the game users types as well.
[08:53] Zinnia Zauber: What kind of user type are you? Typically there are four types that are identified they are the killer, achiever, explorer, and socializer.

[08:53] Zinnia Zauber: The killer type just uses what tools are provided and wants to kill other users or enemy bots.
[08:53] Zinnia Zauber: The achiever type makes their focus to raise their level, gather points, or learn how to create.
[08:54] Zinnia Zauber: The explorer type's goal is to discover interesting things about where they are and share what they found.
[08:54] Zinnia Zauber: The socializer type is interested in building relationships between other users.
[08:54] Zinnia Zauber: There can be an evolution of a user or you can have several traits of the types. What kind of user type are you?
[08:54] Gentle Heron is definitely "socializer"
[08:54] Zinnia Zauber: yes
[08:55] Zinnia Zauber: Buffy you are an explorer I think.
[08:55] Tank Thibedeau (liltank.thibedeau): I am an acheiver with socializer tendencies
[08:55] Zinnia Zauber: yes yes
[08:55] Zinnia Zauber: It is an interesting way of looking at yourself.
[08:55] Zinnia Zauber: Because you are here to create awareness that hopefully will change or improve perspectives, motivation is an interesting aspect.
[08:55] Gentle Heron knows that to be a good socializer, though, she has to be somewhat of an explorer, or team up with explorers
[08:56] Beth Ghostraven: <-- definitely socializer
[08:56] Zinnia Zauber: My observation has been people fit into my system of how they want to engage in the world.
[08:56] Zinnia Zauber: Some of you have seen these slides before.
[08:56] Chad Mikado: I socialize, but prefer to tag along with explorers
[08:56] Zinnia Zauber: These are illustrations from my book, "Action-Packed Superheroes". Looking at these mission types may be a way of simplifying how you want to express or participate in shared experiences.
[08:56] Buffy Beale: I'm with Chad
[08:57] Zinnia Zauber: How do you want to engage with the world?
[08:57] Lyre Calliope: I <3 that title! Speaks to me on.. levels.
[08:57] Zinnia Zauber: Thank you, Lyre!
[08:57] Zinnia Zauber: Affect. Exchange. Observe. Analyze.
[08:57] Beth Ghostraven: Zinnia, can we get these slides for later, too?
[08:57] Zinnia Zauber: I will give you the URL for the whole set.
[08:58] Zinnia Zauber: thank you for asking
[08:58] Beth Ghostraven: thanks!
[08:58] Zinnia Zauber: Do. Express. Think. Feel.
[08:58] Zinnia Zauber: Are you drawn to one verb over the other?
[08:58] Zinnia Zauber: Do = Produce
[08:58] Zinnia Zauber: Express = Promote
[08:59] Zinnia Zauber: Think = Plan
[08:59] Zinnia Zauber: Feel = Imprint

[08:59] Zinnia Zauber: These are your possible superpowers!

[08:59] Beth Ghostraven: where is "buy" and "shop" in there?

[08:59] Zinnia Zauber: lol Beth

[08:59] Gentle Heron laughs with Beth

[08:59] Wisdomseeker (lissena): They look like a series of steps in a process to me--connected

[08:59] Zinnia Zauber: now that is a killer mind set...

[08:59] Zinnia Zauber: yes, they are

[09:00] Zinnia Zauber: they are a way to fill in a whole balance team of superfriends.

[09:00] Zinnia Zauber: It is important that you know what you are good at - your superpowers and your weaknesses.

[09:00] Lyre Calliope: Things we all do, but we specialize a bit when we form social organizms. Voltron anyone? :D

[09:00] Zinnia Zauber: You can make amazing things happen!

[09:01] Zinnia Zauber: hehe Voltron!

[09:01] CarmenLittleFawn: nobs head

[09:01] Zinnia Zauber: Do you find bits of you in several areas?

[09:01] CarmenLittleFawn: giggles to many of them

[09:01] Beth Ghostraven: yes

[09:01] Zinnia Zauber: I want to encourage you to express who you are when working with a group.

[09:02] Zinnia Zauber: Share what you can bring to the table.

[09:02] CarmenLittleFawn: nods

[09:02] Zinnia Zauber: Can you guess where I am in this?

[09:03] Zinnia Zauber: and yes, color matters. lol

[09:03] Beth Ghostraven: express

[09:03] Gentle Heron assumes she chose colors that match herself and her friends.

[09:03] CarmenLittleFawn: um all over but maybe more responsible and collaborate

[09:03] Zinnia Zauber: ah

[09:04] CarmenLittleFawn: cute

[09:04] Zinnia Zauber: you guys are doing great! See you can share your superpowers!

[09:04] Ozma Malibu: hmm you know, I think it depends on the time of year for me.

[09:04] Zinnia Zauber: Ozma, yes! That can be so.

[09:04] Zinnia Zauber: Thank you all for thinking about this and please be super!

[09:04] Zinnia Zauber: Here is the URL for the whole set

[09:04] Zinnia Zauber: http://www.slideshare.net/renneemiko/authentic-avatar-inspiring-trust-with-your-virtual-identity

[09:05] CarmenLittleFawn: tty Zinnia

[09:05] Wisdomseeker (lissena): How do we find complementary partners for our visions in SL?

[09:05] Beth Ghostraven: What's the link for your book, too, Zinnia?

[09:05] Gentle Heron: Thanks for reminding us Zinnia that it's all about teamwork and collaboration to round out your skills

[09:05] Zinnia Zauber: no, a workshop I did that uses images from my book.

[09:05] CarmenLittleFawn: mmhmmm

[09:05] Zinnia Zauber: Thank you, Gentle!

[09:05] Rhiannon Chatnoir: great, always love your graphics :)

[09:05] Tank Thibedeau (liltank.thibedeau): HOORAH Zinnia

[09:06] Zinnia Zauber: Thank you all for being such great Super Friends!

[09:06] Rhiannon Chatnoir: thank you Zinnia

[09:06] Ozma Malibu: Right now (winter) I am so much in thinking mode, but I can plan for the Spring when I feel like doing, expressing. that's how I can use my superpowers to collaborate :-)

[09:06] Ozma Malibu: very nice, Z

[09:06] Rhiannon Chatnoir: on to today's Featured Presenter

[09:06] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Today we have as our featured presenter Lyre Calliope who will be discussing how hackathons can be used to develop community partnerships and for social good.

[09:06] Dancers Yao: thanks always Zinnia

[09:07] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Bio: Lyre Calliope's mission is to assist in the emergence of a globally collaborative society. His first work experiences came as a volunteer for futures oriented non-profit organizations where he was exposed to cutting edge thought leadership, technology, and had his first experiences as a community organizer. Lyre began applying these experiences in 2006 through work as a social media consultant in an Atlanta-based agency called ConceptHub where he learned how business ecosystems operate and just how challenging they can be when faced with change. In 2010 he cofounded C4 Atlanta, a non-profit organization dedicated to stewarding Atlanta's creative economy by helping arts entrepreneurs build successful careers. Now in Boston, he's turned his efforts toward growing an ecosystem of open innovation practitioners that learn and build in the Commons.

http://twitter.com/lettucecreate
https://www.facebook.com/LettuceCreate
https://plus.google.com/118262067377873673960

[09:07] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Let's welcome up Lyre, please take a seat and start whenever you are ready.

[09:07] Gentle Heron applauds Lyre.

[09:07] Glitteractica Cookie: welcome back to the NPC Lyle!

[09:07] CarmenLittleFawn: Hi Lyre :-)

[09:07] Glitteractica Cookie: Lyre, I meant

[09:07] CarmenLittleFawn: Lyle*

[09:07] Lyre Calliope: Thanks for inviting me back Rhiannon!

[09:08] CarmenLittleFawn: hehehe

[09:08] Lyre Calliope: It's great to jump back inworld. :)

[09:08] Buffy Beale: yay Lyre!

[09:08] CarmenLittleFawn: nice to meet u Lyre

[09:08] Lyre Calliope: For some time I've been worried about how accelerating technological change also accelerates gaps within society: income, literacy, social equity, etc.

[09:08] Lyre Calliope: 'Disruptive innovation' is often seen as the most valuable form of innovation, but there has to be a place for constructive innovation.

[09:09] Vixus Snowpaw: ^

[09:09] Gentle Heron certainly hopes so!

[09:09] Lyre Calliope: There has to be a way in which innovation can occur that doesn't disrupt whole communities, industries, or even economies.

[09:09] Lyre Calliope: How do we approach innovation as an act of renovation?

[09:09] Lyre Calliope: I believe a major piece of this puzzle involves tying technological advancement to learning. This is exactly what happens at hackathons.

[09:09] Lyre Calliope: So, what is a hackathon?

[09:10] Lyre Calliope: A hackathon is an event in which people involved in software development come together to collaborate on projects. They usually last one to two days, but weeklong hackathons are not unknown.

[09:10] Lyre Calliope: The goals of hackathons can vary, but usually the aim is to develop working software. Hackathons usually have a theme such as a specific programming language, a product category, a community, an industry, or a problem space.

[09:10] Lyre Calliope: You can think of a hackathon as a programming marathon.

[09:11] Lyre Calliope: As the number of API (Application Programming Interface) based companies have grown, the number of hackathons has gone up as a means of marketing their developer focused products.

[09:11] Lyre Calliope: Some developers think there are too many hackathons. There's also the problem that good software takes time and few finished products ever come out of them.

[09:11] Lyre Calliope: As a result, hackathons are seen by many people as superficial. This is understandable when finished products are seen as the outcome.

[09:11] Lyre Calliope: The real value from hackathons comes not from software developed, but from learning: the new connections made neurally, socially, and webbily.

[09:12] InKenzo at Amoration (in.kenzo): It's a start but not a finish?

[09:12] Lyre Calliope: That's a real word btw, I checked in my head. ;)

[09:12] Glitteractica Cookie: in my new work with caravan studios, we will be looking into making more value out of what comes out of hackathons

[09:12] Glitteractica Cookie: more on that to come

[09:13] Lyre Calliope: Done right, hackathons enable communities of practice to form. Communities of open innovation practitioners.

[09:13] Lyre Calliope: Arthur C. Clarke famously said: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

[09:13] Lyre Calliope: Well, hackthons are like the new Hogwarts. They're where you go to learn new magic.

[09:14] Lyre Calliope: So let's talk about purpose driven hackathons.

[09:14] Lyre Calliope: After Hurricane Sandy, I began volunteering for CrisisCommons, a non-profit organization that stewards the CrisisCamp hackathons it grew from.

[09:14] Lyre Calliope: CrisisCamps convene globally whenever there is a natural disaster to apply open source and open data capacities to disaster recovery efforts. More than just software developers, people of all stripes are invited to participate in data management tasks, communications, etc.

[09:15] Lyre Calliope: One of the lessons I've learned over the past few months is that unlike

traditional hackathons in which developers start working on projects from the very beginning, CrisisCamps require something of an R&D process.

[09:15] Lyre Calliope: The problems faced by crisis responders are unique, and often happen in real time. A successful CrisisCamp invites subject matter experts to share their knowledge and help guide the discovery process that informs the design and development of solutions.

[09:15] Lyre Calliope: At the end of a hackathon, it's customary for groups to demo the projects that they have been working on.. even if their projects are only prototypes or mockups.

[09:16] Lyre Calliope: During these demos, there's often an a-ha moment that comes when subject matter experts see what is technologically possible. This can open doors to new opportunities for change within the organizations these subject matter experts operate in.

[09:16] Lyre Calliope: The division of labor for a team at the typical hackathon falls between designers working on the user interface systems and developers working on the back-end logic systems.

[09:16] Lyre Calliope: For the purpose-driven hackathon, I'd like to add a third category of team participant: Storytellers facilitating problem discovery and solution documentation.

[09:17] Lyre Calliope: I imagine many of you hear actively identify as storytellers. :)

[09:17] Rhiannon Chatnoir nods

[09:17] Vixus Snowpaw: More like a multiplayer novel writer.

[09:17] Vixus Snowpaw smirks.

[09:17] Lyre Calliope: By introducing the storytelling role into the mix, hackathons can become a learning opportunity open to a much wider group of people.

[09:18] Lyre Calliope: There's a lot more that I'd love to say about the importance of storytelling in purpose-driven hackathons, but I should talk a bit about the role of data.

[09:18] Lyre Calliope: Innovation during the past decade can be largely attributed to the Open Source movement.

[09:18] CarmenLittleFawn: oh yes

[09:18] Lyre Calliope: Innovation during the next decade will be all about Open Data.

[09:19] Lyre Calliope: At the center of hackathon culture is the use of APIs: Application Programming Interfaces.

[09:19] Lyre Calliope: APIs enable the flow of data between Apps and organizational infrastructures in a secure, structured, and accessible way.

[09:20] Lyre Calliope: You may or may not realize it, but all of us are constantly using APIs every day. They are kind of like the web, but for all our apps.

[09:20] Lyre Calliope: 21st century organizational partnerships are built through the exchange of data via APIs.

[09:20] Lyre Calliope: I could easily have spent this entire time just talking about the role of APIs play in facilitating powerful partnerships between organizations, but then the community learning piece would have been lost!

[09:21] Lyre Calliope: One of the best ways to really understand APIs if you're not a techie is to go to a hackathon and help put them into action!

[09:21] Lyre Calliope: Making is learning, and we learn best when we make together.

[09:21] Lyre Calliope: The last thing the world needs is more Instagrams and Pinterests. Unfortunately, software developers are too often isolated from communities with real problems

to solve.

[09:22] CarmenLittleFawn: mmhmm

[09:22] Lyre Calliope: Hackathons are the forums where bridges can be built to engage software developers in civic and purpose-driven problem solving.

[09:22] Lyre Calliope: Hackathons are the place where communities can come together to not only learn where information technology is going, but actually direct its advancement toward solving the real-world problems they face.

[09:22] CarmenLittleFawn: I am loving this

[09:23] Lyre Calliope: That's all I have prepared, but I can go into more detail and fish out some relevant links if ya'll are interested. :)

[09:23] Gentle Heron always appreciates links to read.

[09:24] CarmenLittleFawn: yes

[09:24] Lyre Calliope: Unfortunately, SL and my browser don't get along, so the links will probably have to be a followup.

[09:24] Rhiannon Chatnoir: links are good and any details or questions that anyone has?

[09:24] Lyre Calliope: So, questions? :)

[09:25] CarmenLittleFawn: how can a story teller get involved?

[09:25] Jen (jenelle.levenque): QUESTION: How do we find out about hackathons and what their focus is?

[09:26] Lyre Calliope: First thing that brings real value: documentation. Most software developers hate creating documentation, but it's really important for encoding knowledge as well as engaging others in building forward.

[09:26] Gentle Heron wonders if there is somewhere a master list of upcoming hackathons and topics?

[09:26] Jen (jenelle.levenque): Made my living as translator between engineering and users

[09:27] Lyre Calliope: Second, facilitating conversation and understanding with subject matter experts and helping developers think through application logic.

[09:27] Glitteractica Cookie: there are thoursands of hackathons going on, so I doubt there is one master list

[09:27] Ozma Malibu: so the storyteller can interpret the problems to the designers and developers, and the storyteller can have the vision of a solution that holds everything together (yes Jen - I made my living similarly as translator but in education)

[09:27] Lyre Calliope: Btw, when I say subject matter experts, I mean people with pain points within communities.

[09:28] Glitteractica Cookie: my new work with Carvansyudios will be largely focused on hackthons and apps that come out of them

[09:28] CarmenLittleFawn: yes I know Lyre

[09:28] Glitteractica Cookie: Lyre and the rest of you... you may be interested in this hacker helper wiki: http://hackerhelper.wikispaces.com which identifies the probelms and gives corresponding data to hackers who build apps to help solve civis problems

[09:28] Lyre Calliope: As for where to find out about hackathons, there are community calendars you can find. A friend of mine is trying to compile a semi-master list and I'll share that link.

[09:29] Lyre Calliope: Honestly, I'd try Meetup.com!

[09:29] Glitteractica Cookie: @caravanstudios is our twitter handle

[09:29] Ozma Malibu: pain points! I had not heard that expression. very useful way to see the problem.

[09:29] CarmenLittleFawn: that is good Glitter

[09:29] CarmenLittleFawn: and understandable Ozma

[09:29] Lyre Calliope: Enter the social stream where developers reside and ask them where the hackathon calanders are. :)

[09:29] Lyre Calliope: Glitter: that sounds exciting. :)

[09:30] Rhiannon Chatnoir: I have a question, how could you seem something like a Hackathon being carried out within a virtual space such as Second Life or otherwise, and within communities like NPC

[09:30] Glitteractica Cookie: we are hoping ppl add to the hacker helper wiki and edit it if they see fit

[09:31] Lyre Calliope: So, the great thing about open source tools is that they allow for productive time and space displacement.

[09:31] Glitteractica Cookie: I've talked to Courghran Mayo about that idea Rhiannon

[09:31] Lyre Calliope: Which makes them even more powerful when you get people together at the same time.

[09:32] Lyre Calliope: As long as you get people together within the same headspace and have effective communication channels in place, you're good to go.

[09:32] Lyre Calliope: Horror story:

[09:33] Rhiannon Chatnoir: so collaborative presence is key - even if virtual

[09:33] Lyre Calliope: After Hurricane Sandy, I was at the MIT Media Lab at the local CrisisCamp while at least a dozen other hackathons were ongoing around the world.

[09:33] Lyre Calliope: All sharing waaaaayyyyy too many communications channels.

[09:33] Lyre Calliope: It didn't just disrupt our ability to work with other events, it disrupted our room.

[09:33] Frans Charming: You know some the relief fundraising we did and do in SL can be viewed as a hackaton. Thinking back on the once I was involved in, though less about providing data/program

[09:34] Lyre Calliope: The physical space was disrupted by too much virtual distraction.

[09:34] Jen (jenelle.levenque): The key word with communications was EFFECTIVE

[09:35] Lyre Calliope: So yes. Collaborative presence. :)

[09:35] Lyre Calliope: And by past experience, hacking in second life is second only to actual physical presence.

[09:36] Jen (jenelle.levenque): And a lot cheaper

[09:36] Gentle Heron: Ironically, the latest Quick Tips from Second Life is about connecting with communities:
http://community.secondlife.com/t5/Featured-News/QuickTips-Connecting-with-Second-Life-Communities/ba-p/1890223

[09:36] Zinnia Zauber: Interesting

[09:36] Buffy Beale: good one Gentle

[09:36] Glitteractica Cookie: and even more ironically, community support is the last thing they

care about (did I just say that aloud?)

[09:37] CarmenLittleFawn: yes

[09:37] Zinnia Zauber: That is why communities here need to support each other.

[09:37] Buffy Beale: they shifted their focus for sure

[09:37] Lyre Calliope: Incidentally, hackathons are a great way for organizations to support their communities.

[09:38] Lyre Calliope: The presence enables conversations that wouldn't occur otherwise. Fast looping and iteration.

[09:39] Lyre Calliope: And helps form that core engaged community that supports itself.

[09:39] Lyre Calliope: Kind of like what used to happen in the old days of yore right here.

[09:40] Rhiannon Chatnoir: any other questions for Lyre on Hackathons or how this could fit witing your org/mission

[09:40] CarmenLittleFawn: that would be nice

[09:40] Rhiannon Chatnoir: yes Lyre

[09:40] Lyre Calliope: One other comment!

[09:40] Vixus Snowpaw: I hate to interject, but there seems to be a griefer in my sim.

[09:41] Lyre Calliope: I'm a big fan of inter-organizational collaboration. Communities exist between organizations.

[09:41] CarmenLittleFawn: oh no

[09:41] Rhiannon Chatnoir: feel free to run off, we will be here still for a bit Vixus

[09:41] Lyre Calliope: Hackathons are a great way to bring multiple organizations together and learning how their communities not only intersect, but can help facilitate organizational partnerships out in the open.

[09:42] CarmenLittleFawn: I would be interested in seeing how it would fit my organization

[09:42] Lyre Calliope: Like I said, it's like Hogwarts!

[09:42] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and, I have a question for all of you... what are your thoughts on somehow organizing a virtual hackathon?

[09:42] Rhiannon Chatnoir: am curious

[09:43] Jen (jenelle.levenque): Been mulling that over

[09:43] Dancers Yao: sounds good....would like to learn more about this

[09:43] Buffy Beale: I think it would be fun and interesting for those non-api savvy types too

[09:43] Rhiannon Chatnoir: food for thought on how this could work here

[09:43] Lyre Calliope: Especially for non-api savvy types.

[09:43] CarmenLittleFawn: I would love it all though I am not a programmer but a storyteller

[09:44] Lyre Calliope: Storytelling is the original programming.

[09:44] Glitteractica Cookie: Are any of you going to build an app or enter an already built app to the win8 apps for social benefit contest?

[09:44] Jen (jenelle.levenque): Someone needs to provide the story that shows the need to be addressed

[09:44] CarmenLittleFawn: I would love too If I knew how I have a idea I would love to implement

[09:44] Rhiannon Chatnoir: yes, the issue/mission/storyline comes first

[09:45] CarmenLittleFawn: I can provide a story that show needs

[09:45] Rhiannon Chatnoir: maybe we can work on that to come

[09:45] Dancers Yao: want to enter...but it is at storytellng level

[09:45] Rhiannon Chatnoir: any final questions for Lyre?

[09:45] CarynTopia Silvercloud: I have an idea but don't know how to get it actualized

[09:45] Lyre Calliope: And just as important as storytelling around need, is storytelling the activity at the hackathon.

[09:45] CarynTopia Silvercloud: I don't have windows to test

[09:46] Glitteractica Cookie: caryn, if you want to post yr idea to the wiki, we could maybe add the data to help a hacker build it

[09:46] Lyre Calliope: Publishing ideas, hypothesis, ideas and hypothesis thrown out for new ones.. code prototypes that didn't pan out.. all valuable stories.

[09:46] Rhiannon Chatnoir: yes

[09:46] Rhiannon Chatnoir: so let's thank Lyre for presenting today

[09:46] Frans Charming applauds

[09:47] Rhiannon Chatnoir: great to see you back in Second Life

[09:47] CarmenLittleFawn: ty Lyre

[09:47] Jen (jenelle.levenque): ********APPPLLLAAAUUUSSSEEE********

[09:47] Lyre Calliope: :)

[09:47] Lyre Calliope: Any time!

[09:47] Zinnia Zauber: Thank you!

[09:47] Loren Alunaia (reeveskd) applauds!

[09:47] Gentle Heron: Thank you Lyre. I learned a new word for "collaborative work" today I think.

[09:47] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and maybe we can drag you back if we can get a hackathon going :)

[09:47] CarynTopia Silvercloud: very interesting presentation

[09:47] Buffy Beale: cheering! thanks Lyre

[09:47] Chayenn: thank you

[09:47] Glitteractica Cookie: Thanks Lyre! You are great

[09:47] Lyre Calliope: I'm totally in!

[09:47] CarmenLittleFawn: claps

[09:47] Beth Ghostraven: yay! Thanks, Lyre!

[09:47] CarynTopia Silvercloud: would love to check out a hackathon

[09:47] Jen (jenelle.levenque): Thank you Lyre, I was totally mystified about hackathons til today

[09:47] Rhiannon Chatnoir: great

[09:47] Dancers Yao: thanks

[09:47] Lyre Calliope: I'm still mystified. ;)

[09:47] Rhiannon Chatnoir: lol

[09:48] Buffy Beale: lol

[09:48] Beth Ghostraven: Wired magazine did something recently on hackathons

[09:48] CarmenLittleFawn: I can imagine

[09:48] Rhiannon Chatnoir: If you took pictures today, please share them on our Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/nonprofitcommons or G+ Community: https://plus.google.com/communities/114212078390326305687, that would be great. Otherwise,

tag them #NPSL

[09:48] Gentle Heron: Sounds like a high tech barn raising to me, but I'm pretty old fashioned.

[09:48] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Let's move on to Open Mic & Announcements!

[09:48] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Does anyone have any announcements today?

[09:48] Zinnia Zauber: me, please

[09:49] Rhiannon Chatnoir: go ahead Zinnia!

[09:49] Zinnia Zauber: Thank you!

[09:49] Zinnia Zauber: TODAY!!!

[09:49] Zinnia Zauber: Feb 15, 11 AM SLT - 12:30 PM SLT with the live drawing at Noon!

Join us for the closing celebration of the ART HOUSE with DJ Lynda Ultsch and Live Drawing with the kids who are benefiting from this wonderful fundraiser! Dress PG Formal, please.

[09:49] Zinnia Zauber: Eastern Spell (12,159,21)

Enter to win this incredible house full of art and decor, while supporting ARTC, a program that helps kids in recovery use art to express themselves positively.

[09:49] Zinnia Zauber: Check out ART HOUSE between now and February 15th and enter to win a whole house full of art and decor by Second Life's leading artists and designers (valued at over $10,000L)! ART HOUSE features artwork and designs donated by more than 20 creators to benefit Preferred Family Healthcare's ARTC (Achieving Recovery Through Creativity), a program in the US which helps kids with addiction issues recover using art and creativity. Every L$ raised through drawing entries will be turned into RL art supplies for these very brave kids!

[09:49] Buffy Beale: ohh nice one Z

[09:49] Zinnia Zauber: Have a stroll through the house and reference the list of contributors and LMs you get when you arrive to find out where to get more art and housewares by these incredibly talented top creators of Second Life: Gwen Carrilon, Trill Zapatero, Luciella Lutrova, Fuschia Nightfire, Nina Camplin, Aruba De Cuir, Nathan Babcock, Samara Furse-Barzane, Rik Zwiers, Alba2 Rossini, Pitsch Parx (For UrbanizeD), Zinnia Zauber, Cat Boccacio, Coughran Mayo, Milly Sharple, Dixmix Source, Eynlight, Winter Nightfire, Timomachos Pegasi Tallulah Winterwolf, Eladon Galsworthy (for PondLife), Dulcis Taurog, Morgana Nagorski, Timomachos Pegasi, Hypatia Pickens, Konrad Jansma, Jessica Belmer, Scottius Polke, and Em Larsson.

[09:50] Gentle Heron: Art therapy has lots of good research supporting its efficacy.

[09:50] Zinnia Zauber: You only pay L$250 to enter to win!

[09:50] Zinnia Zauber: We were showcased! https://secondlife.com/destination/artc-art-house

[09:50] Zinnia Zauber: Learn about ARTC (Achieving Recovery Through Creativity) and ART HOUSE:

ARTC is an amazing RL program run by SL residents which helps children with substance abuse issues use creativity to learn to express themselves in positive ways, building a foundation for a successful life free of drugs and alcohol. ARTC has used the virtual world to showcase the kids' RL artwork, which deals with some very serious topics. You can read more about the program here: http://www.pfh.org/artc/.

[09:50] Zinnia Zauber: Please join us TODAY!

[09:51] Zinnia Zauber: PG Formal because the kids will be watching us via Brena's viewer.
[09:51] Zinnia Zauber: Thank you!
[09:51] Rhiannon Chatnoir: great
[09:51] Rhiannon Chatnoir: any other announcements?
[09:51] Gentle Heron: me
[09:51] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Gentle :)
[09:51] Gentle Heron: Just a few of VAI's (Virtual Ability Island) upcoming events are of general interest:
[09:51] Gentle Heron: Saturday Feb 16 at 8-10am SLT, and repeated Friday Feb 22 12:30-2:30pm SLT
Slatan Dryke reviews the history of Second Life!
[09:52] Gentle Heron: Things you probably never knew.
[09:52] Gentle Heron: And if you plan ahead that far, on Wednesday Feb 27 at 10am SLT, an IRS representative will speak about their Schedule A Recruitment and Hiring Program. They are recruiting in SL!
[09:52] Gentle Heron: You could get hired from SL... if you have the right skills.
[09:52] Gentle Heron: At 11:30am on Feb 27, folks from the US may want to attend an information session on the Affordable Care Act.
[09:52] Gentle Heron: Everything you need to know, and were afraid to ask.
[09:52] Gentle Heron: That's all I've got to announce for today. Thanks.
[09:52] Buffy Beale: thanks Gentle
[09:53] Zinnia Zauber: great!
[09:53] Rhiannon Chatnoir: thanks Gentle
[09:53] Rhiannon Chatnoir: anyone else?
[09:53] CarmenLittleFawn: Ty Gentle
[09:54] Rhiannon Chatnoir: if not we can wrap things up for this week
[09:54] Rhiannon Chatnoir: And again, here are the many ways to can get involved with the Nonprofit Commons in Second Life:

- Nonprofit Commons Blog: http://nonprofitcommons.org
- Wiki: http://npsl.wikispaces.com
- Twitter: http://twitter.com/npsl
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/nonprofitcommons
- G+ Community: https://plus.google.com/communities/114212078390326305687
- Google Group: http://groups.google.com/group/TechSoup-Second-Life
- Google Calendar: http://bit.ly/2tMEYh
- http://flavors.me/nonprofitcommons

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- http://www.techsoup.org/stock/howtousetechsoup.asp
- http://flavors.me/techsoup

Thanks everyone and see you next week!

[09:54] Buffy Beale: thanks Rhi and great to see you Lyre

[09:54] Rhiannon Chatnoir: ... is there a Mentor meeting after this?

[09:54] Glitteractica Cookie: thanks all! Great stuff Lyre