

Point of Contact Information

Official Community Name: The Quiet Space (Library) with The Diana Initiative

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Social Media accounts:

If you are accepted, do you consent to inviting the primary & secondary contacts to the official DEF CON planning projects on "Basecamp"? We will use the email addresses you included on your application (unless stated otherwise):

Yes

Anyone else vital to your team we should CC & add to Basecamp?

Disha

Sponsorship

Does your community have Sponsors?

Not yet, but we have put a request out

If applicable, who are they?

TBD

If applicable, what have you agreed as a concession for their sponsorship?

TBD but in our Call for Sponsorship we said "We are planning to have a meetup and activities at DEF CON to support our members (neurodivergent, women, transgender, non binary, gender non conforming and underrepresented minorities). Your logo will be on our signs, website, and

social media.” Meaning we’d want to work out a way to do one sign inside the community area noting our sponsors that conforms to DEF CON and LVCC standards

Community Details

Is this a new or returning Community?

New

What is your Community’s twitter/X Handle?

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DianaInitiative>

Please provide the official web address/URL for your Community if available:

<https://www.dianainitiative.org/>

Are you planning to have talks or contests? [1]

No

WHY YOUR COMMUNITY? [2]

The Diana Initiative’s mission is to create a more inclusive information security industry.

Welcome! We are committed to helping all underrepresented people in Information Security, we are known for being a good way to ease your way into hacker summer camp or find your place in the community. Many neurodivergent hackers can get overstimulated in the large LVCC DEF CON space. We want to bring a quiet “library” environment which is neurodivergent friendly for people to retreat to. We plan to stock the area with items to help recenter yourself such as fidgets, coloring supplies, and more! After a break we hope you will be ready to go back out and take full advantage of the breadth of options available at DEF CON.

Much like a library helps you find resources, we want to help you find resources! We would love you to find out more about what is available at DEF CON as well as read about our network of community partners and resources that may be great year round support networks for you. We also hope you can contribute and help build the resource list!

Anything else we should know in consideration of accepting your Community?

Ideally could we be on the 2nd or 3rd floor as away from noise as possible? Could we have dim lighting? I plan to reach out to as many other groups as possible to make it a collaborative space (mental health hackers, other neurodivergent infosec groups) where we can share

resources for people as well as information about other groups that may be supportive (n00b Village, Lonely Hackers, Women's CyberJutsu, WISP, BIC, and more). We might even setup a lending library / little library situation to enhance the library vibe.

What can attendees expect to experience? (Yes, we even want you to state the obvious.)

We want to accomplish a few goals

Quiet space to escape and decompress so you can venture out again! This means dim lights, no noise, fidgets, coloring books, crochet etc.

Resources! As many as we can gather - around a diversity of topics - such as - which villages / contests / events are kid friendly? N00b friendly? What do I need to participate? We specifically hope to work with N00b Village, Lonely Hackers, Mental health hackers and any others which fit this need.

Help people find longer term support networks that fit them by telling them all about our community partners - for example Black Girls Hack, WISP, WiCys, BBWIC, LAIC, VetSec, etc. We are striving really hard to have a very robust list of group information available, including listings which can be found at def con and where. What neurodivergent resources can we offer? What are resources for women, trans people, gender nonconforming people in the space can we offer? We will of course also take submissions.

We might even meet in the hallway to do unofficial tours to villages and contests. Things are less intimidating when you go with someone after you had some time to decompress. We'll have a schedule of times when a tour guide will gather a group and head to visit something together. We will work with the events and villages to make sure they are OK with it and it's done in a collaborative way.

Nicole is starting reaching out and getting "how best to get started participating in your contest/event village" podcast in August 2024 and hopes to have a series of videos as well as documentation for every single village and event and contest at DEF CON that is more about *how* than what. This will be released before DEF CON as many neurodivergent people want to be able to do research and prepare and we're hoping to update Hacker Summer Camp (dot) Guide to help accomplish this better.

I also am trying to reach out to the NFO booth to see what collaboration possibilities are available there.

Could we also allow badge pickups that were purchased before DEF CON?

[1] (This is just FYI for the Community department; it will be used to make sure coordination happens.

[2] Please provide a full description of your community (used for Art, Marketing, Announcements, et al.). We'd like your description to provide attendees with a sense of why they should check you out. How will you or your community contribute to DEFCON? How does it relate to hacking?

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN?

How many defcon Community badges do you **think** you may need?

Depends, 3-6 badges? Ideally we want 1-2 staff and some volunteers there at any given time. We'd try and get un-badged volunteers to assist on top of the lead. If we could arrange pickup of our volunteer human badges and also get 10 student scholar human badges in this pile that would be great otherwise we can do 2 pickups.

What, if any, equipment needs do you need to discuss or arrange? [2]

Quiet room on 2nd or 3rd floor

Ability to dim the lights

Tables and chairs for people to sit at and do activities like color

Do you have special signage requests or signage questions?

Would love to put up a few foamboards on easels of links to resources, sponsors, partners, the unofficial tour schedule (whiteboard?). And a few "shh" signs we might even get a decibel meter and project that?

Do you plan to host an event that will need food & drink, privacy, etc?[3]

Not if our meetup gets accepted as the food would be there.

Do you have an event coordinator?

no

If applicable, please provide contact information for your event coordinator to be added to the planning basecamp:

[1] Community badges are granted based on size of your space, scope/depth of content. Community badges should be reserved for those working in your space. Community badges will permit authentication into your reserved area during setup and closing hours when attendees

are not permitted entry. Note: If you will have 6 people working your space or table please request 6 Community badges. Human badges are granted case by case.

[2] Power strips, Tables, mics, speakers, projectors, etc

[3] Food & Beverage, Catering (No outside Food & Drink are allowed)

Floor Plan

DEF CON will make all best efforts to provide your Community with what it needs within reason. Just let us know what you envision and we can start working together to see what is possible, both logistically and economically. Give us a rough sketch/impression of your desired Community layout. It can be included as an attachment with this application or emailed separately to communities@defcon.org.

We'll take what we get! Just put some round and chairs in there and a few rectangular tables and chairs near the entrance for the reception desk.

ART & IMAGES:

If any art, images or logos accompany your Community, please include it with your application. (The latest you can submit an updated logo is May 1, 2024.) The theme for DEFCON 32 will be released on the official DEFCON website, and will include the theme name, fonts, colors palettes, and official logo. Please have them in highest resolution possible (at least 300dpi raster, or vector format), source file is preferred.

Acceptable raster (pixel) formats: .tiff, .jpg, .png, .psd.

Acceptable vector formats: .ai, .eps, .SVG. Images should be clearly named for your Community, example: "communityname.ai".

Please don't send "DefconLogo-v.1".

<https://tdi.mobi/logo>

Our policies, including our privacy policy are located here:

<https://www.defcon.org/html/links/dc-policy.html>

DEF CON will provide our standard signage coverage, door signs, inclusion on directional signs. Hung banners are only permitted in select spaces, and may be subject to cost.

Submission Agreements ****IMPORTANT****

This section at minimum requires agreements in “Submission Agreement Attestation” and “Press.” The “W8/W9 Terms” section may not be applicable.

Submission Agreement Attestation

If accepted, I Nicole Schwartz agree to the full submission agreements in this document, including the notice of copyright use, community commitment, Code of Conduct, deadlines, and remuneration.

PRESS

• I, Nicole Schwartz, understand that DEF CON's official Press Liaison & Staff may contact me. I consent to be contacted in order to arrange interviews with the media. My contact information will not be given to third parties without my consent. •

W8/W9 Terms (if applicable)

I, Nicole Schwartz, In some very rare cases, may be required to complete a W8 (Non-U.S. Citizen) or W9 (U.S. Citizen) before compensated badges are issued. *You would be notified well in advance if this becomes the case and is a very rare occurrence that happens when a person exceeds normal logistical operating Expenditures.

SUBMISSION AGREEMENTS

Failure to read and accept these terms will render your submission incomplete. Please read these carefully.

If your Community is accepted, you consent to inviting the application contacts to the official DEFCON planning project on Basecamp. We will use the email addresses you included on your application (unless stated otherwise).

You agree to the full submission agreements in this document, including the notice of copyright use, community commitment, code of conduct, deadlines, and remuneration.

Grant of Copyright Use

I warrant that the above work has not been previously published elsewhere, or if it has, that I have obtained permission for its publication by DEFCON Communications, Inc. and that I will promptly supply DEFCON Communications, Inc. with wording for crediting the original publication and copyright owner.

Community Commitment

DEF CON is a community event and your applications approval means we are endorsing you as the type of people we want to include, promote, and whom belong within the DEFCON community. When someone at DEFCON behaves poorly they should be held accountable, otherwise we both look bad.

When DEFCON pays for fines or property damages it harms the community by reducing what DEFCON can contribute in support of new ideas, events and activities. I understand that DEFCON reserves the right to invoice an itemized bill, when costs occur due (but not limited to) the following: Damage or destruction of property.

Fines and fees billed to DEFCON for any non-compliance to the requests from the venue staff or contracted rules. Fees for bringing in outside food and drink, damages to the space or property you were assigned, etc.

A logistics document with a general list of what you can't do in the venue will be provided to you by July 1st, 2024 if not sooner.

I understand my Community must be inclusive to all members of the DEFCON community. I have read and agreed to comply with DEF CON's Code of Conduct.

Yes