

THE COMMUNITY MANIFESTO

You are the author of this community. The community lives or dies, grows or declines, based on your actions. Nothing grows without hard work. Are you here to take responsibility for this growth? Or leave it to others.

Many in the community are here to see it grow. Some here are skeptical. Others are here simply to make a profit. Ask yourself, why are YOU here? Your motivations will ultimately explain why the community lives or dies. If the community soars into skies of green, or dwindles slowly into a sea of red.

Communities fail or succeed not because of their founders, but because of their participants. You are infinitely more powerful than you can ever imagine. Your choices can change the world.

This community is yours. This journey is yours. Take ownership of it. If you wish for this community to survive and grow, assign a role for yourself.

Advocates

- (1) Promote the vision of the community, and inspire others. Reach out to those you know outside the community so that our vision may be shared. Be creative. Be bold. Consider all channels of communication, not just the ones you are most comfortable with.

Connectors

- (2) Build connections with other similar communities. Encourage and expand shared interests and common values. Build genuine relationships, and encourage other similar communities to learn more about ours.

Protectors

- (3) Protect the community from unethical behaviours and actions. Ensure the community maintains a high standard and code of conduct. Champion the value of patience. Defend the community against the oppression of those who are short-sighted.

Visionaries

- (4) Create and develop new projects. Take the community to new heights with your innovation. Use this community as an opportunity to foster fresh ideas and execute daring plans. Use every tool at your disposal. Push yourself out of your comfort zone and try new things.

The community's survival depends on how accountable you wish to be. Ask not what the community can do for you, but what you can do for the community. And remember, we do it not because it is easy. But *because* it is hard.