Come for the Language, Stay for the Community

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"Community" is having a hard time these days.

And yet, it all comes down to community. Community work **is** technical work.
"I don't know about the rest of you... I came for the language, but I stayed for the community."

_Brett Cannon, Python Core Dev, Pycon US 2014 Opening remarks_
I'm quite old
Before Python

Univac 1108; line/page editors; Apple //e, //c
BASIC, 6502 ASM, Pascal, C, DBase III+, C++,
VB, Delphi (yeah, Windows 9x), Java (shudder)
I came for the language

Readable, teachable, powerful, even beautiful
(and that was Python 2.1 ;-) )
I still love the language

The closest I get to a religious text is
The Zen of Python
I stayed for the community

PyCon - speaking, open spaces, posters, summits, etc
Teaching and education
PSF fellowship
What is it about the Python community?
Inclusive

Safe, Respectful, Open

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Contributions welcome

We allow/encourage new people to contribute in meaningful ways

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I've tested it

I transitioned from one gender to the other

I spoke openly about it

I even moved to a new country & continent

(and then moved back)
I found a global community

North America & Europe
and growing rapidly in
Latin America, Africa, Asia, Oceania
Many ways to engage

- Mailing lists
- IRC/slack channels
- Meetups
- PyLadies
- DjangoGirls
- Sprints
- PyCons

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Who organises all of that?

you, me, all of us
With a little help from the Python Software Foundation

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PSF Mission

"The mission of the Python Software Foundation is to promote, protect, and advance the Python programming language, and to support and facilitate the growth of a diverse and international community of Python programmers"
Python Software Foundation

Intellectual Property
Members
Money

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Members

Basic (non-voting)
Supporting
Contributing/Managing
Fellows

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Money comes from...

- Donations
- Sponsorships
- PyCon US
Money goes to...

Other Pycons

Workshops, meetup fees & software projects

Infrastructure, employees, etc
The PSF itself is NOT the Python Community

It's the meetups, PyCons, developers, organisers, and communities around the world
Strengths

Community
Education
Data science
Science

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Challenges

Language - embedded/IoT, mobile, the GIL
Perception - Python as a "hard core" language
Community - building wider, more inclusive, better communities
Growth & Management - scaling, distributing

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We need all of you

What can you do to help?

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Think globally; act locally

Join the PSF
Engage with a community (or start one)
Contribute - organise/mentor/code
What's in it for you?

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Community
Thank you!

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