

One year chair of the Moodle Users Association

– insights and thoughts

# What do we do ?





#### Improve UI/UX Student Activity Completion - 3.11

#### Problem:

- What are the requirements for students to complete each activity.
- What are the important dates for a specific activity.

https://tracker.moodle.org/browse/MDL-70469





#### Look and feel...

#### Automatic completion

Immerse yourself in permaculture for an intensive living, learning experience with Fleetwood School for our PDC. Gain the knowledge and skills to design your property, build resilient community and bring practical sustainability into your personal life, profession and workplace.



#### Assignment activity

Submissions open: Friday, 1 April 2021 17:00

Submissions close: Wednesday, 14 April 2021 17:00

To do: Make a submission



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#### **Previous projects**

•	Pre 3.5	Recycle bin, New Course Overview Block in Dashboa	rd
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Moodle 3.5 Expanded question bank

Moodle 3.6
 Fix analytical tools for random quiz questions

Moodle 3.7 Course overview (implemented in 3.6 with HQ)

Moodle 3.8 Advanced Forum

Moodle 3.9 Course copy & Participants filter

Moodle 3.10 Download all functions

to be Moodle 4.0 make Atto Editor more accessible

Core projects that would have been too difficult for a single institution to code.

# What exactly are we

MUA is a non-profit organization, independent of Moodle HQ and Moodle partners.

#### What is MUA?

The MUA is run by a committee

( https://moodleassociation.org/committee/ ):

- Elected
- Volunteer
- Committed to the user base

- The MUA has a statute and processes:
  - www.moodleassociation.org/rules

























#### **Distribution of MUA members**

- MUA currently has members all around the world:
   in Africa, America, Asia, Europe, and Oceania.
- Current committee members are from Canada, the USA, Germany,
   Portugal, Switzerland, Ireland, and Japan.

# Insights

...after 3 years in the committee and 1 year as chair



### Insights.

- Community rocks!
  - but takes time!
- The connection to HQ is a valuable benefit!
  - but they put their pants on one leg at a time too!
- Leading a world wide organisation is a fulfilling job!
  - but the volunteering structure is challenging!



#### Insights..

- Made projects possible, which weren't even imaginable...
  - SEB Deeper integration, Quiz 4.0
- Non-for-profit is a challenging field
  - convincing people to do "a good thing"
- Learning is diverse and challenges in teaching too
  - especially when it comes to other continents and cultures
- Growing is important (project size and influence)
  - but very difficult

## Membership





## Why become a member?



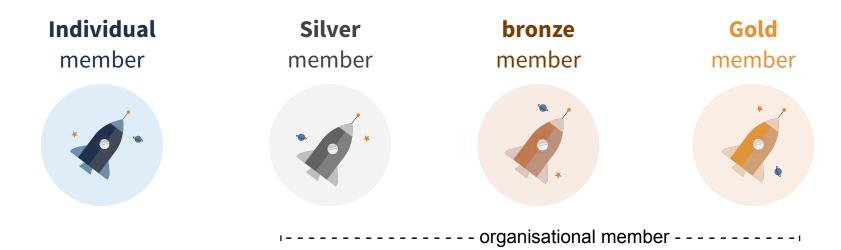


### What do members get?

- Project proposal and voting rights in project cycles
- Monthly online Town Hall meetings with exclusive presentations from and direct discussions with Moodle HQ.
- Candidate rights and voting rights for Committee selection.
- Visibility worldwide.
- One badge per member per year.



## What does the membership cost?



65 CHF/y ------ 6500 CHF/y



## Switzerland - 8 organisational member (+ individuals)

Silver member	2017	Switzerland
Silver member	2020	Switzerland
Silver member	2016	Switzerland
Bronze member	2017	Switzerland
Silver member	2016	Switzerland
Silver member	2017	Switzerland
Bronze member	2019	Switzerland
Bronze member	2018	Switzerland
	Silver member  Silver member  Bronze member  Silver member  Silver member	Silver member 2016  Bronze member 2017  Silver member 2016  Silver member 2017  Bronze member 2019

# **Thoughts**

...as a representative of an University (and as individual)



#### Thoughts.

- Institutional membership is for ETH a no-brainer (ROI).
- Committee member means investment in time, but gives back more
- Ideal field for personal development, incl. language skill & cross-cultural communication
- Worth investing? Yes, with no hesitation!



#### Questions.

The MUA increases our impact with every single member. Only a strong voice and project capacity gives us the chance to be heard as Universities, as Europeans, as Education professionals

- What would be the one thing, we should focus on for you?
- What prevents your institution from joining? What would help you join?



#### Thank you!

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