

Women in Libre software communities



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- Volunteer : Debian-Women, Ubuntu, Ubuntu-Women, Linuxchix, Indichix, KDE-women.
- Ubuntu wiki : <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/Svaksha>
- Email : vid@svaksha.com
- IRC : [svaksha @irc.freenode.net](irc://irc.freenode.net)
- Blog : <http://www.svaksha.com>

EC study/census

- EC funded study in 2006 shows that women form only 1.5 % of the Libre software community members, compared with 28% in proprietary software.
- The Ubuntu Census Survey (June 2006) also reflects a similar female ratio with 2.4% women actively volunteering in the Ubuntu community and its increasing.

Communities

- DW, <http://women.debian.org>
- UW, <http://ubuntu-women.org>
- FW, <http://fedoraproject.org/wiki/Women>
- AW,
http://mail-archives.apache.org/mod_mbox/www
- LC, <http://www.linuxchix.org/>
- LCIN, <http://linuxchix.org.in>

Aim

- To groom women contributors to upstream projects like Ubuntu, Debian, etc...
- To increase the visibility of women within these projects.
- To provide community support often (including mentoring)

Activities

- Encouraging women to participate, for example, to learn to create new Libre software (and/or revamp existing software).
- Not limit it to using GNU/Linux software, but to help them integrate backwards and learn more about it by organising hack-fests, lab/bar camps for women at Linux conferences.

Activities#2

- Providing opportunities by sponsoring women who wish to give technical presentations, or talk about their Ubuntu experience at International conferences and seminars.
- Increasing the number of women using Ubuntu-Linux in a country-specific manner by providing a platform for talks at local universities, LUGs and schools, which will encourage others to join.

Activities#3

- Discussing issues facing women and their involvement in Linux and how to address them.
- Mentoring women in specific areas (such as technical, documentation, translation and communication) so they have the information and support necessary to take these new steps, to get through barriers or difficulties, and to keep learning and growing in the Linux world.

Linuxchix links

<http://www.linuxchix.org>

- Mailing list :
<http://www.linuxchix.org/linuxchix-email-lists.htm>
- IRC: #linuxchix at server irc.linuxchix.org

Indian chapter : <http://www.linuxchix.org.in/>

- IRC: #indichix at server irc.linuxchix.org
- Mailing list :
<http://mailman.linuxchix.org/mailman/listinfo/indichix>

Q-A

Thank You

Q & A