

# October 2024 Circle Collective Reports

## Focus Group

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**Name of Reporter/Coordinator:** Vanessa Cardui

**Mattermost Handle:** Vani

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### 1. Tommy's illness

**Label:** Challenge ▾

**Notes:** We are, of course, missing Tommy's presence this month. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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### 2. Exploring change management

**Label:** New Insight ▾

**Notes:** This month, we've had several conversations in FG meetings about the changes to DFR5 - both the changes themselves, and the way they are shared and managed.

Back in September, Ubio and Vani noted that many people didn't seem to be fully aware of the changes; even though they had been shared extensively, there was no simple, clear list of them. They also noted that to an extent, the community doesn't seem to be fully aware of its own power, or of the fact it can make changes to proposed solutions. So together with Rafael, we drafted a doc that set out the changes in a really clear, simple list [Main changes to DeepFunding for DFR5](#)

This has led us to thinking about the whole process of change management in DF. We are in favour of creating a proper, empirical change-management process: i.e.

- define the aim of the change (what the change is supposed to achieve)
- publicise this along with the information about what the change is
- collect data to see whether the aim has been achieved (as well as technical data, this might also include qualitative/ experiential data on how people have felt about the change)
- share this, and write up some kind of analysis of the effects of the change.

We've also begun to look at this approach in relation to the use of Photrek's voting algorithms. At the start of DFR4, we said that although Photrek's algorithms would not be used then, we'd look at what

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the results *\*would\** have been in R4 if they had been used. Thanks to analysis from Israel, we're beginning to look at this, with the idea of giving a baseline for using these algorithms in R5 as planned.

In the context of our ongoing thinking about the role of the FG,, this “change management” work feels like something that we want to take further.

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## 3. Providing an “outside eye”

Label: New Initiative ▾

**Notes:** This month and last, we had a couple of meetings with Rafael Cardoso about Town Hall, with the intention of providing an “outside eye” on what the Town Hall circle is doing, and listening and advising from the perspective of the conversations we as a FG had about Town Hall back in August. The process started with us hearing from Rafael and Ayo about how things were going, their plans, and the challenges they were facing; then we went away, thought and discussed a bit, and came back with some suggestions and ideas.

The process worked well, and Rafael tells us it was useful! So in our ongoing discussions about the role of the FG, this feels like something we would want to offer to other Circles as and when needed.

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## 4. The RFP process, ethics, and decentralisation

Label: New Insight ▾

**Notes:** This month, we have had several discussions about the RFP process. Conversations are still ongoing; but one emerging insight is the importance of the ethical element of any RFP, and the idea that it should conform to sNET's core values of advancing *beneficial* and *decentralised* use of AI. We've been exploring whether, and how, the assessment of RFPs should include expert input on these issues.

In terms of the FG's role, we are interested in the core value of decentralisation, and are discussing the idea that our role might include championing it throughout DF - observing and analysing where we are on the path to decentralisation, assessing proposed changes in the light of decentralisation, and suggesting how we can continue to progress towards it.

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## Review Circle

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**Name of Reporter/Coordinator:**

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### Point Title One: Expert Reviewers Selection

**Label:** New Initiative ▾

**Notes:** We successfully held multiple meetings for reviewers for the status of expert reviewers according to round 5.

Current members of the review circle and community expert reviewers from Round 4 were requested to fill a form to express their interest in being an expert reviewer in Round 5 and also to determine their area of expertise. This is to be followed by a selection process.

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### Point Title Two: Milestone Deliverables

**Label:** Milestone ▾

**Notes:** So far in the month of October, we have had 19 audited milestone deliverables which includes 2 rejected milestone deliverables.

Reports from the reviewer showing the status of milestone deliverables whether accepted or rejected, were communicated to the proposers. In the case of rejected milestones, the proposers will work on the deliverables and resubmit them.

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### Point Title Three: Awarded Teams Guidance And Support

**Label:** Challenge ▾

**Notes:** As with every month, Review Circle actively coordinates with the awarded teams guiding them through multiple milestone deliverable submission and also with any other support that is required for the team to progress. It happens every month but this month of October was a more active one in this regard as we received many support requests and also with the coordination of wrong milestone submissions.

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## Operations Circle

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**Name of Reporter/Coordinator:** Rojo, Mayor

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**Point Title One:** New Features Released on the Operations System

**Label:** Milestone ▾

**Notes:** We have worked constantly this month to get the operations system online up and running. Furthermore, we have released a couple of features for the general community and for admins to facilitate access to the data we have.

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**Point Title Two:** New Process for Project information update

**Label:** New Initiative ▾

**Notes:** We are currently finalizing a new process that will allow teams to smoothly request updates of their information while tracking their requests from beginning to end. This includes cases where teams are requesting wallet address changes, main contact change, milestone change,...

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**Point Title Three:** Automations V2.0

**Label:** New Initiative ▾

**Notes:** Since the operation system is live, we will be migrating soon from our legacy database and automations to the new ones that are currently being finalized. This will allow better integration and faster developments of front-end tooling for different types of community members on the operation system.

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## Events Circle

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### Point Title One:

Label: **New Initiative** ▾

Notes: We created a **Metrics Database Sheet/Graph** to understand general community events attendance behaviour to make improvements and better events for the community at large.

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### Point Title Two:

Label: **Milestone** ▾ **Event** ▾

**Notes: Regional TownHalls RFP Framework:** We have been working on RFPs for regional townhall events. The framework covers cases for region decisions, considerations, factors for merit, expectations, deliverables, and metrics. A leap forward following a conversation with interested stakeholders from the channel previously created. We also look forward to delivering the framework to the DF Staff before the end of October.

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### Point Title Three:

Label: **Milestone** ▾ **Update** ▾

**Notes: Circle's Monthly Reports** are published on the website under each circle's page description. Everyone can now access a circle monthly report through the Circle's page on the website. The full month report covering all circles for respective months can be accessed through the DF Staff Community Page.

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## Dev Outreach Circle

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Name of Reporter/Coordinator: Ubio Obu

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Point Title One: Hackathon planning going as plan

Label: **Event** ▾

Notes: We are now moving to having our first internal hackathon, the date is for mid November and we are about releasing our first public statement

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Point Title Two: Title of the Hackathon

Label: **Decision** ▾

Notes: We have decided that we will be going with the Photrek team, who have been willing and supporting us, we tentatively using Risk awareness as our hackathon title

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Point Title Three: Onbaorders to begin

Label: **Milestone** ▾ **New Insight** ▾ **Decision** ▾ **Challenge** ▾ **Decision** ▾ **Decision** ▾

Notes: A call for people who will be learning how to onboard services to our platform, we are still using the \$10 formula and we will be calling on the community to assist us in this.

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