



# Onwards & Upwards

## The Vibrant Future of Joomla



#JoomlaDayES2023

# ¡Hola, I'm Crystal!

- I make websites for non-profits
- I'm from the US, and currently live in Greece
- I've been involved in Joomla since 2014
- I am currently President of Open Source Matters/Joomla





What do *you* do  
when it rains?



**Hint:** we're not always  
looking for a "silver lining"







**Passive**





**Reactive**





**Proactive**



# Becoming a **Proactive Community**



#jProactive ?





# Community & Inclusion



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# Transparency & Accountability





# Fundraising & Sustainability





# Leadership Development





# Legal Compliance



**Making It Happen**



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creativity are the  
key to innovation.”

— George Takei





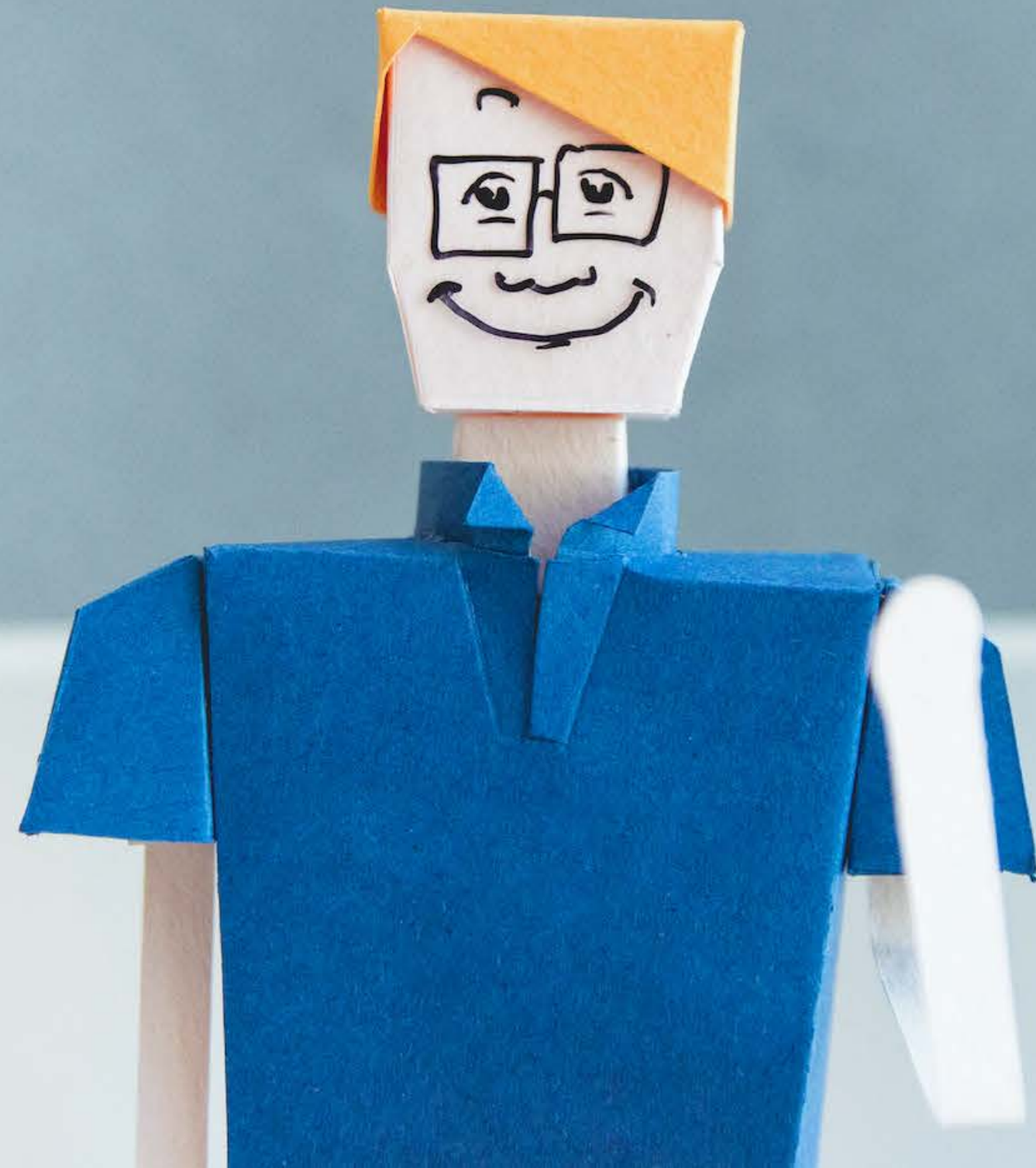
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Approach new ideas  
with **curiosity** and  
**gratitude**.





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"Hello World!"  
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## 2.

Greet new people  
and help them feel  
**welcome.**







# 3.

**Take care of yourself;** don't overcommit.





Joomla gets better from  
everyone's success,  
not from everyone's  
self-sacrifice.

***Real life comes first!***



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“...but more volunteers  
would help too.”

— Crystal Dionysopoulos





# 4.

If you do have time,  
join a team and  
**contribute your  
skills.**





## Become a Joomla! contributor



### How Can I Help?

Everyone has a skill, and the Joomla! project would love to discover it! Whether it's answering a simple question in the forum, helping to design a flyer for a Joomla! conference, translating text from one language to another, teaching CSS, HTML, javascript or PHP, and everything in between; there is a place for everyone.

Browse the Joomla! teams to find a group of your interest and get involved!

[➤ Get involved with a team looking for help](#)

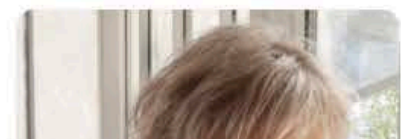
### Why Should I Help?

The Joomla! project is an all volunteer organisation. That is what sets us apart from other large Open Source projects. By volunteering, you join a large, international and diverse group of passionate individuals, looking to empower people and companies to connect, communicate, and be competitive on the world wide web.

See what other Joomla! Volunteers - Joomlaers - are contributing to the Joomla! project.

[➤ Get to know Joomlaers!](#)

### Latest Department & Team Reports



[JCM Meeting Report, August 3d, 2023](#)

By [Amanda Green](#) on 2023-08-10 15:00 in [Community Meeting Team](#)

### A Joomlaer Story



[Laura Gordon](#)

[United States](#)

I have been active in the Joomla User Group Community since 2006. I was a founding member of the Joomla User Group of NYC. I ran Joomla days in 2009, 2011, 2012 in NYC. I have also run Joomla Camp Events in NYC, 2010 - 2017. Currently, I am running the Joomla User group of NJ. JoomlaUsersNJ.com. I have taught Joomla with Joomla Training, presented at at Joomla Day in New England and in Boston and in NY.

[➤ Read full Joomla Story](#)

### Welcome new Joomlaers!



[Cliff Ford](#)

[United Kingdom](#)

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**Town Square** ☆

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Or looking for ways to contribute?

**sharn-sutherland** 3:47 PM

I was thinking about getting more involved at some stage , No I'm not in a Team at the moment but interesting in learning more about how to contribute to the Joomla Project in some way

no & yes 😊

**Luca Marzo** 3:48 PM

there are many opportunities and many ways to contribute depending on your time and wanted level of involvement for example:

- you can start with translations from English to any of the supported languages (you can translate the Joomla software or websites)
- you can contribute to documentation which is always in need of new contributors
- you can contribute to bug squad, replicating bug and testing patches if you are more on the tech side

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**sharn-sutherland** 3:50 PM

cool , I've been quietly lurking to learn more & to see if there was something that was within my skillset or a way to help out

3 replies Follow

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**Info** Town Square

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It's a lot of work...  
but **we** can do it,  
**together.**



# Joomla has a **vibrant future**

I believe in Joomla, because I believe in the community!

**Gracias por todo lo que hacéis.**