Python Study Groups
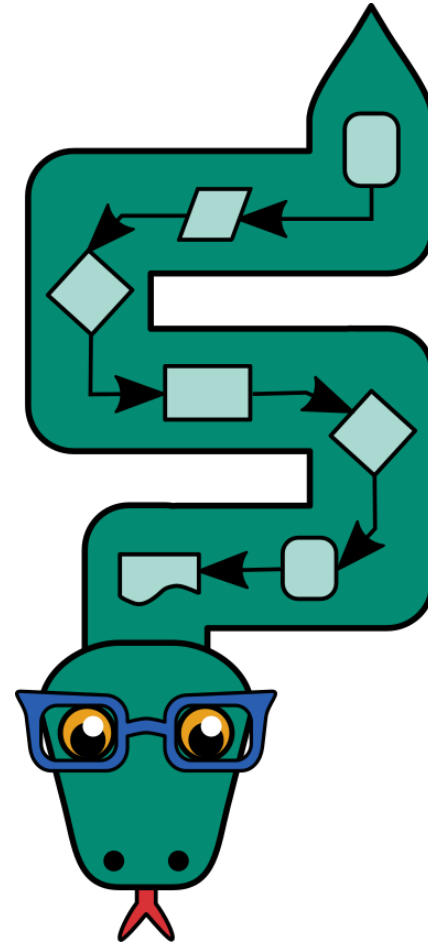
how things will work…

Aims of the Program

- Supporting community
- Skills development
- Building capacity
- Encouraging collaboration

Groups should offer a place for:

- Sharing experiences and knowledge
- Encouragement
- Accountability (!)
- But not a training course....

Session Logistics

- Should have info for full 6 month cycle
  - Same Zoom link
  - Be aware of time change midway
- Meetings hosted by a DPC "Pilot"
  - Sharon McMeekin, Amy Currie, or Ellie O'Leary
  - Message if you have any questions/need help
- Each group will be assigned to their own breakout room
  - Will take a few minutes at the start of each session
- Meetings will last for up to 2 hours
  - Feel free to finish earlier!

In Your Groups

1st Session:
- Follow proposed agenda
  - Introductions and icebreaker
  - Discuss how group will run (e.g. rotate chair and/or note-taking duties, comms method between sessions)
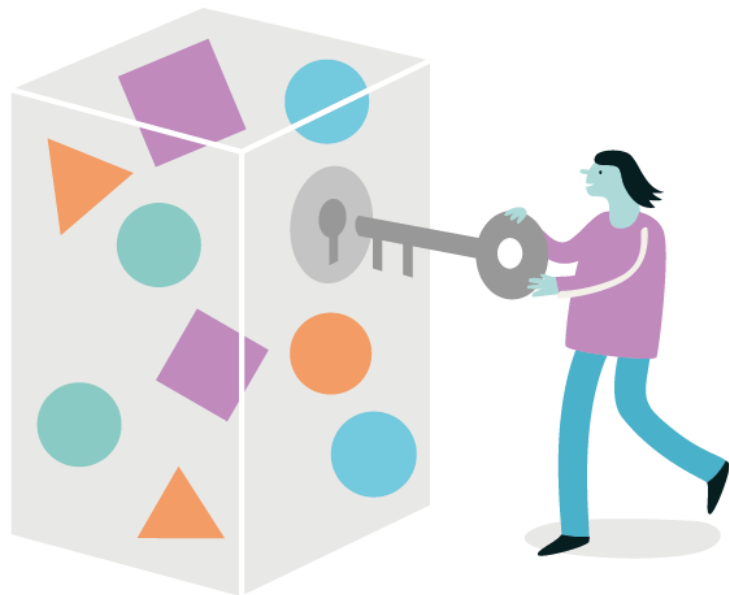 - Pick a first activity

Subsequent sessions:
- It's up to you!
  - Share progress on learning Python
  - Recommend resources
  - Share/demo scripts you're working on
  - Ask for feedback/ideas
  - Discuss issues you're having

GitHub Repository

- Place to find supporting resources
  - Primarily for groups, but open to all
- Primer and "How Tos"
- Discussion forum
  - Ask questions
  - Share code/scripts
  - Discuss issues and ideas
  - Recommend resources
  - Suggest things we could add
  - Get to know each other!
- Hope to expand resources over time
  - Grateful for any help!

Volunteer Mentors

- Will (hopefully) be available at sessions to offer advice
  - Mentor will pop by group at least once a session
  - Can ask for a mentor to join by messaging the Zoom pilot
  - Will offer advice and problem solving where possible
- Will answer questions on the GitHub repo
  - Post to "Questions" section
  - Please allow a few days at least for a reply
  - Participants also very welcome to join in!
- Please remember: not a consultancy service…

And finally…

- Groups should be a positive learning environment that is welcoming, inclusive, and accessible to all
  - Any issues report to DPC Zoom pilot in first instance
  - Contact me: sharon.mcmeekin@dpconline.org
  - Will refer to Governance Group as needed
- Groups for 6 months in first instance
  - Will have option to renew for another cycle
  - Options to try again if your group loses steam
- Feedback
  - Overseen by Governance Group
  - Will ask for feedback at the end of cycle