

“SOSWC conducted an online informal session on Google Meet”

The Sahyadri open source Women's community (SOSWC) conducted an online informal session on Google meet on 1st November, 2023. The session aimed to create an interactive environment, where participants could discuss ideas for the growth of SOSWC and how to foster effective engagement within the organization and the community.

The session was characterized by its informal, welcoming atmosphere, encouraging active participation and open communication. The session was intentionally designed to be light, informal, and highly interactive. One notable aspect of the session was that all attendees turned on their video cameras. This not only fostered a more personal connection but also added an element of intimacy to the virtual setting, making interactions more meaningful. The session commenced with each participant introducing themselves.

The primary focus of the session was dedicated to discussing strategies for the growth of SOSWC and enhancing effective engagement within the organization and the wider community. The commitment to ongoing improvement and community involvement was evident throughout the discussion. A highlight of the session was the engaging icebreaker activity. Each participant was asked to write down a word that they believed described 'women' and then hold it up to their cameras. What made this activity particularly special was that each participant then elucidated their thoughts on why they chose the word. This creative exercise not only encouraged active participation but also provided a platform for sharing unique perspectives and insights. It successfully removed any existing barriers or inhibitions, promoting a more open and collaborative environment.

The session concluded on a high note, with attendees sharing their experiences and takeaways. This positive conclusion left participants feeling motivated and enthusiastic about their continued involvement with SOSWC.

