Learning through Tech Communities:

Everything You Wanted to Know and Were Too Afraid to Ask

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Started off from GDGs & ALC.

Out Look

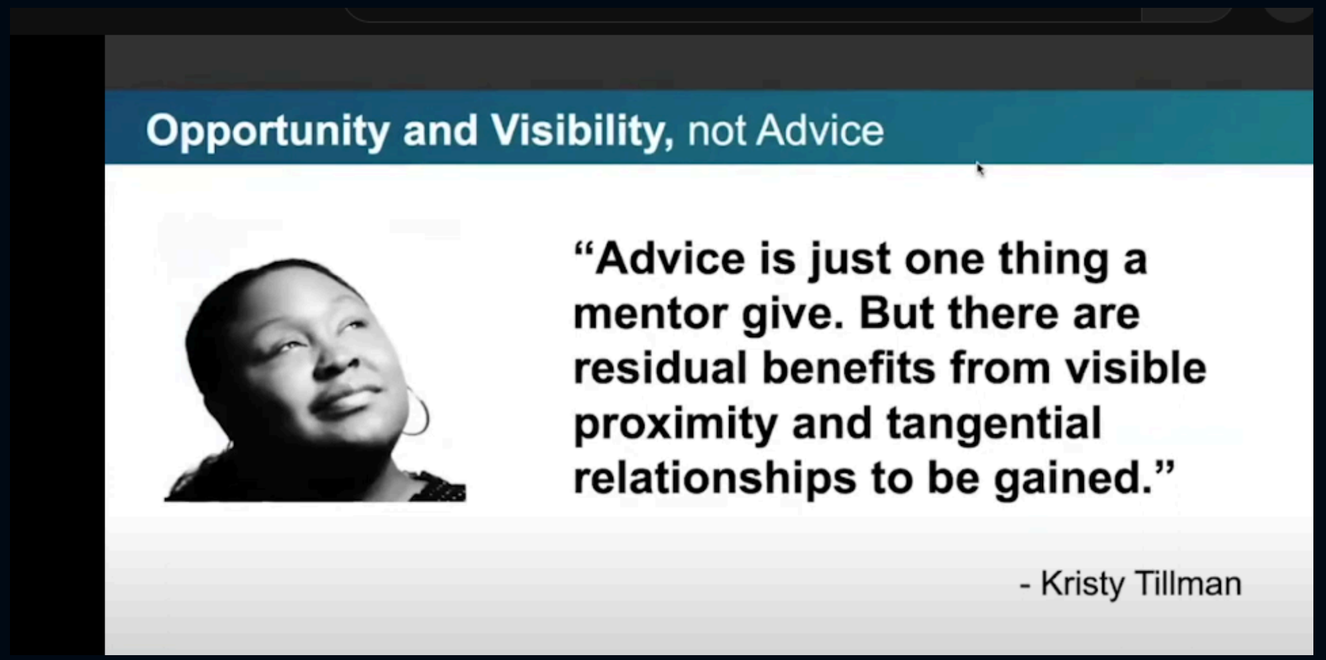
Communities in Kenya :

1. GDGs
2. Angular , Python , R communities (Render con)
3. AWS user group Kenya / Pwani ? Student
4. ALC
5. Git hub students
6. DevOps Community (B sides / Atlassian)

World Wide Communities :

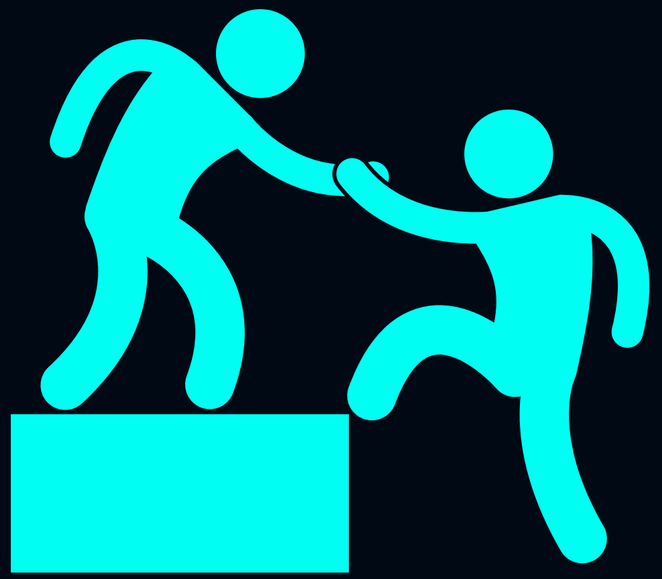
1. The Linux Foundation
2. Free code camp
3. AWS community Builders
4. Medium / dev post
5. 6.Hacker Rank

Quote


Opportunity and Visibility, not Advice
“Advice is just one thing a mentor give. But there are residual benefits from visible proximity and tangential relationships to be gained.”
- Kristy Tillman

Quote

Helping is a culture



Why does it matter?

Differentiator

Public speaking skills

Organizational skills

Eye-opener & Exposure

Mentor-ship

Team work & coordination

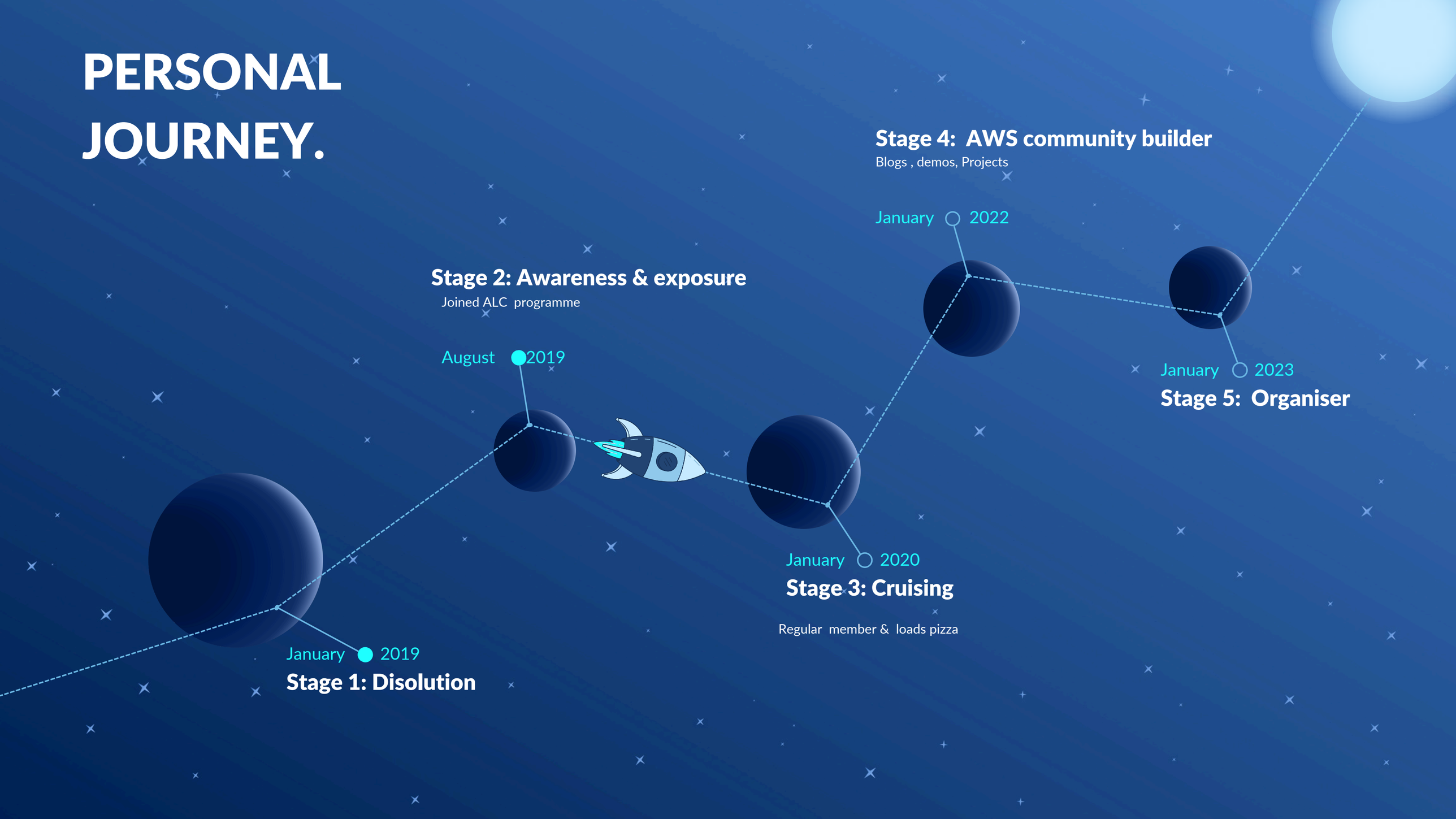
Up skill!!

Diversity & inspirartion

Knowledge diffusion

Open Source

PERSONAL JOURNEY.



January 2019
Stage 1: Disolution

August 2019
Stage 2: Awareness & exposure
Joined ALC programme

January 2020
Stage 3: Cruising
Regular member & loads pizza

January 2022
Stage 4: AWS community builder
Blogs , demos, Projects

January 2023
Stage 5: Organiser

Myths:

Myth 1

We are paid.

Myth 2

It is hard to join + it is for for certain people it only

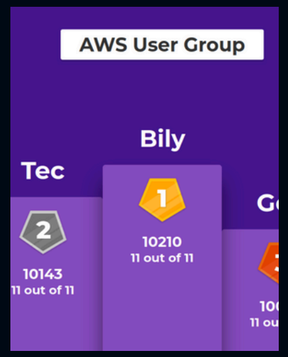
Myth 3

Everyone is a joy rider

Myth 4

There are few communities & they have to be physical

AWS community builders



AWS USER GROUP Kenya

Meetup :aws-user-group-nairobi

: AWS User Group Kenya

: @aws_UGkenya

AWS Community Builders

-Offers:

- technical resources
- education
- networking opportunities

Who ?

AWS technical enthusiasts & emerging thought leaders who are passionate about sharing knowledge and connecting with the technical community.

Benefits:

Amazing Community of experts and learners

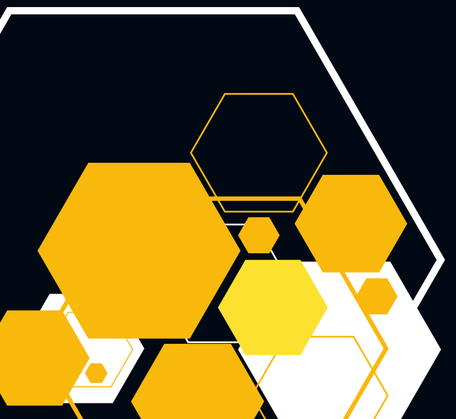
Access to Vouchers for AWS exams.

Access to exclusive aws webinars and walk troughs

Swag.

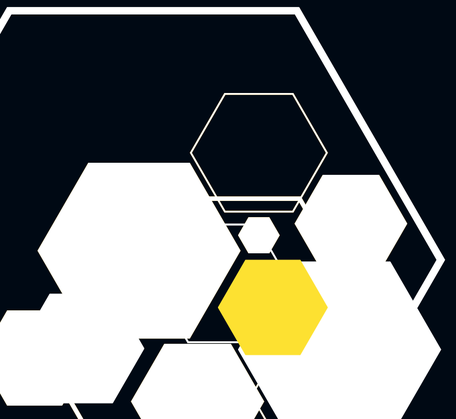
AWS credits

Publish content on dev.to



How do I join ?

AWS Enthusiast & Thought leader:



01	**BLOG**	Write , Video, Podcast , social media insights
02	**Speak or host events**	twitter space ,twitch , tiktok
03	**Contribute to open source**	On github
04	**Projects**	Build stuff on aws

Applications rounds reopen twice a year!

Join a community!

aws-user-group-kenya

Follow Thought leaders !

1. dev.to/aws-builders
2. Veliswa Boya :
3. Jason Dunn :
4. Franklyne Omondi

Other programs:

1. She builds
2. Azubi
3. AWS educate
4. AWS cloud challenges

Thank you, let's talk

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