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Welcome to National Day of Civic Hacking! - Hackathon

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Hi Hailey,

Thank you so much for expressing your interest in running a [National Day of Civic Hacking](#) (NDoCH) event. **I am writing to confirm your status as an official event location for National Day of Civic Hacking.** Your interest and enthusiasm is what will drive the success of NDoCH and demonstrate how we can improve our country and our communities through open data, civic hacking and technology. The response we have received has been incredible and overwhelming so we appreciate your patience as we prepare to work with so many amazing and motivated people throughout the country on this project.

I'd like to introduce myself - my name is Ali Llewellyn and I am part of the team responsible for the operational leadership of National Day of Civic Hacking on behalf of SecondMuse. You will be interacting with myself, Nicholas Skytland, and other members from our team.

You registered interest in running a **Hackathon**. There are a number of great models for a hackathon (some are listed [here](#)) and we would love to know what you are planning and whether your event is affiliated with a local Code for America organization. If you would like to reconsider having a hackathon, please let me know what event model you would like to work with instead. You are also welcome to suggest an alternate event model.

What happens now?

1. You will be added to the official NDoCH event organizers Google Group. This is a place to converse with other event leads, seek advice, collaborate, and generally discuss how to make both your local event AND the national initiative a success.
2. You will be added to the official NDoCH event organizers distribution list. It is through this that you will receive regular updates from me and the NDoCH organizing team about the initiative, access to the upcoming website redesign, and other important information.
3. You will be invited to a bi-weekly event organizers call. The first one is on **Wednesday, April 16**.
4. Soon you will be connected to other local leads in your area so you can collaborate on your events, or combine your efforts into one event.

What are the requirements to officially be part of NDoCH? What does my event get for meeting them?

Having an official NDoCH means a number of things:

- Publication of all your event info on hackforchange.org, some information about yourself (if desired), and the chance to feature your event on the front page of the site.
- The chance for national participating government agencies and sponsors to attend and support your event.
- The option to submit stories from your location to be featured at the post-NDoCH event in DC this summer.
- A place to communicate and discuss NDoCH with the local lead community.
- Support from the NDoCH organizing team in the form of planning advice, relationships, and general communication to ensure your event goes well.

For this all to work, however, we ask that you adhere to a few things as well:

- Be open to collaboration and new ideas! This event is what allows us all to do things larger than ourselves and our own communities.
- Participate in planning calls every other week with myself and the NDoCH organizers.
- Stick to one of the event models on the site and follow the guidelines for that event model, or propose your own that must be approved by the NDoCH organizing team.
- When you get a hack box at your event with SWAG and other stuff, hang up the banner or posters that come with it at your event.
- Keep the organizing team informed of your event plans and pass on NDoCH information to your event

attendees as requested.

What are the next steps?

Have more questions? Simply email me and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Can't wait to work with you further and do something amazing together.

Ad astra,

Ali

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