

My name is Dr. Ann Barcomb, and I am an assistant professor at the University of Calgary. I am conducting a study on practices for managing episodic, or occasional, contributors to the Perl/Raku project, in collaboration with The Perl Foundation. I'm contacting you because you have been identified as a community manager or community leader, and are in the position of having an overview of the participation of numerous contributors.

I would like to interview about your experiences working with episodic contributors, and episodic contributions, in the Perl/Raku community. Additionally, I will ask if there is any difference between the current state and what you would like to see, in terms of episodic participation. If you agree to be interviewed, quotations from the interview may be included in reports/papers, although not attributed directly to you. You have the option of having your name included in a list of participants, if you would like to receive recognition for your effort.

The results of the interviews I am conducting will be delivered as part of a report to TPF, along with recommendations on practices (derived from previous research) which might be applied to improve the management of episodic participation. Subsequent research will involve working with interested community managers who participated in interviews, in order to implement the practices described in the proposal.

More information about the research is available in the overview of the proposed research:
[URL linking to research overview for participants.]

Please let me know if you are willing to be interviewed, and if you have any interest in the subsequent research. I really hope that this research will be relevant, and provide benefit to the Perl/Raku community, in addition to furthering understanding of practices for managing episodic participation in free/libre/open source software communities.

The University of Calgary Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board has approved this study (REB20-2135).