Wikipedia „Stammtisch”

A design pattern catalogue?
Real live meetups increase communication and help decreasing conflicts.

Meetups of Wikipedians are incredible popular in Germany

Typical „Stammtisch“ issues and some proven approaches
The location pattern

**QUESTION**

What kind of location?

**APPROACH**

- Cosy pubs always do
- Food and drinks!
- Open Air locations
- Public transport
The location pattern

QUESTION
Who will organize it?

APPROACH
→ Be bold
→ Be bold for 2 years
→ Choose „victim” for the next time
QUESTION
WIFI or not?

APPROACH
→ Talking „voice over air“ is the better communication.
→ This is my POV
The location pattern

**QUESTION**

Playing musical chairs?*

*aka „going to Jerusalem“

**APPROACH**

→ Location should offer opportunity to change seats and dialog partner
The date pattern

**QUESTION**
Which day to choose?

**APPROACH**
- Someone always has an appointment.
- 11.1., 2.2., 3.3., 4.4., 5.5., etc.
- Before weekend is fine
The date pattern

**ANTI-PATTERN**

„wishy-washy event“*

* [[en:Evan Prodromou]]

**DON’T DISCUSS ENDLESSLY**

➡ Just agree on a day with 2-4 people.

➡ People will come

➡ Others will come next time
The people pattern

QUESTION
How to find people?

APPROACH

➡ 4-5 nice people make a start
➡ At least one girl ;-)
➡ Send invitations to newbies in the area
The people pattern

**QUESTION**

How to find more people?

**APPROACH**

➡ Invite special guests
➡ Offer special activities
The people pattern

**QUESTION**

What if too much people?

**APPROACH**

- Increase frequency
- Offer alternatives – more meetups in the area
The people pattern

QUESTION
How to avoid thresholds?

APPROACH
➡ Hug the newbies :-)
➡ Moderate moderately
The people pattern

**QUESTION**
What if real life conflicts?

**APPROACH**
- Don’t take everything so serious
- Drink a beer together
- Build an alternative meetup in your area
The talk&topic pattern

**QUESTION**
Talk about recent changes, vandal fighting and arbcom?

**APPROACH**
- Bring your own topic
- Listen and learn from others
Somebody’s got to start it
People matter most!
Seems as if most popular in Germany. Why?
Please tell me :-)