



Your upstream – Metrics WG

<http://TheOpenSourceWay.org>

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A handbook about behavior - Principles of TOSW – what, how, why

THE OPEN SOURCE WAY

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The open source way is a **way of thinking** about **how people collaborate within a community** to achieve common goals and interests.

In the end, it is ...

Enabling people to further their own interests while contributing those interests back to a common good.

The open source way is a practice, and this is its **community of practice**. In this community, we teach and learn the practice of collaborating in open community.

On this website you will find:

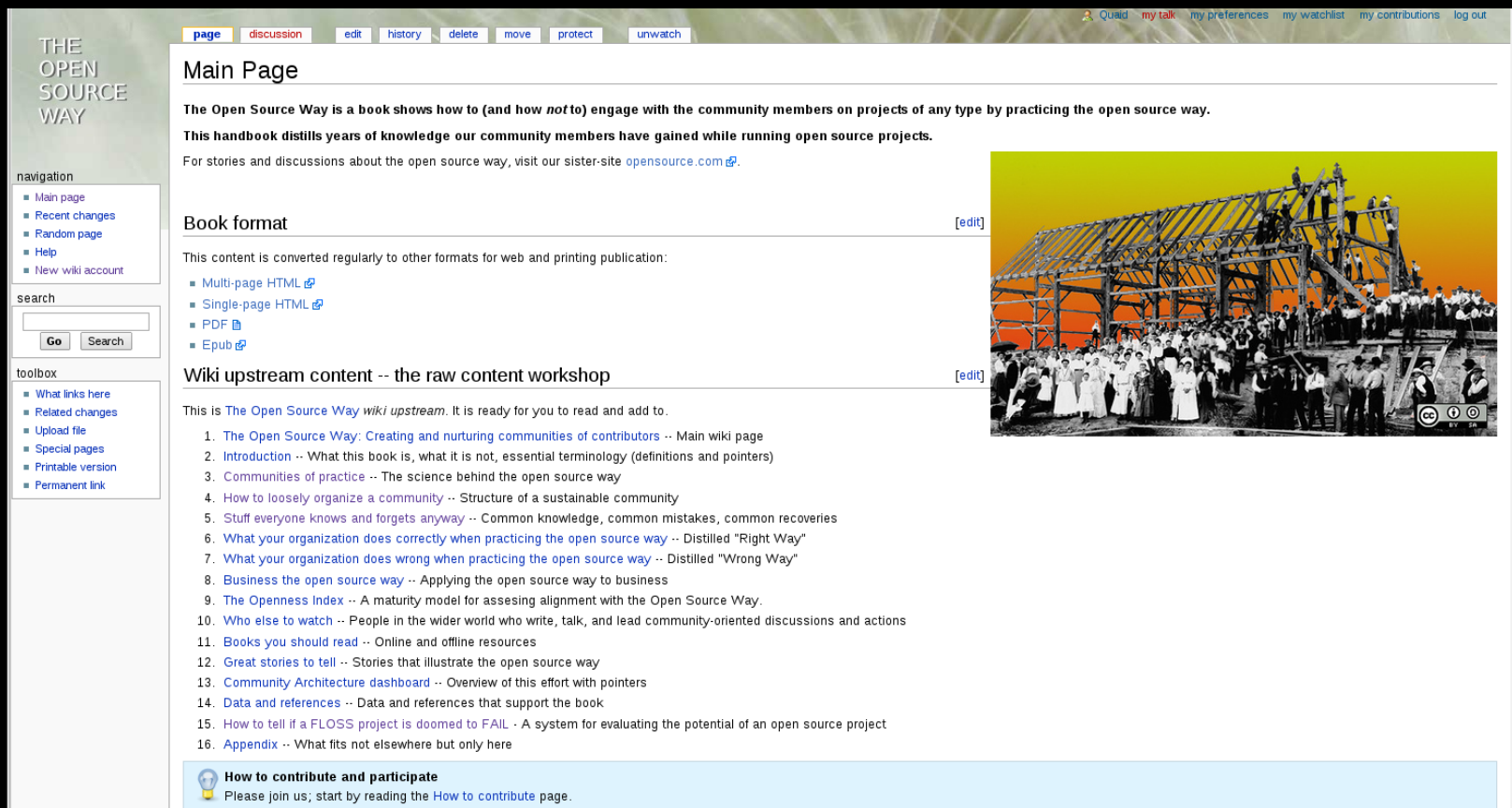
- [Handbook](#) for how to create and nurture communities of contributors: [wiki](#) (most up-to-date), [Multi-page HTML](#), [Single-page HTML](#), [PDF](#), and [Epub](#).
- [Metrics working group](#) are people interested in the how, what, and why of gathering and analyzing metrics about open communities.
- [Main mailing list](#) is for general community discussions about the practice and the project.
- **Tools** such as [checklists](#) and [curriculum](#).
- [Recommended books](#).
- [Source materials and data](#) for reference.
- [Source code](#) for everything in the project not in the wiki.
- [Our contribution policy](#) is clear and more useful than any [CLA](#).

If you have any questions that our [documentation](#) doesn't answer, please ask on the [project mailing list](#).



The open source way is similar to a barnraising.

Loving communities == your community of practice This is your handbook ...



The screenshot shows the main page of the 'The Open Source Way' wiki. The page title is 'Main Page'. The main content area contains the following sections:

- Main Page**: A paragraph stating that the Open Source Way is a book showing how to engage with community members on projects of any type by practicing the open source way. It also mentions that the handbook distills years of knowledge and provides a link to the sister-site [opensource.com](#).
- Book format**: A section with a list of links for different formats: Multi-page HTML, Single-page HTML, PDF, and Epub.
- Wiki upstream content -- the raw content workshop**: A section with a list of 16 numbered items, including 'The Open Source Way: Creating and nurturing communities of contributors', 'Introduction', 'Communities of practice', 'How to loosely organize a community', 'Stuff everyone knows and forgets anyway', 'What your organization does correctly when practicing the open source way', 'What your organization does wrong when practicing the open source way', 'Business the open source way', 'The Openness Index', 'Who else to watch', 'Books you should read', 'Great stories to tell', 'Community Architecture dashboard', 'Data and references', 'How to tell if a FOSS project is doomed to FAIL', and 'Appendix'.

On the right side of the page, there is a large image showing a group of people in white uniforms standing in front of a large, partially constructed wooden structure, possibly a ship's hull or a large building. The image has a yellow and orange gradient background.

The left sidebar contains navigation links (Main page, Recent changes, Random page, Help, New wiki account), a search box, and a toolbox with links like 'What links here', 'Related changes', 'Upload file', 'Special pages', 'Printable version', and 'Permanent link'.

History of the Metrics WG

http://www.theopensourceway.org/wiki/Metrics_WG

- a needed niche
- invited many working in silos
 - ebb & flow
 - & now?

*I'm taking on TOSW work again,
interested in help leading & growing
the WG.*

Action!

Join ML

<http://lists.theopensourceway.org/mailman/listinfo/metrics-wg>



Action! take 2

Carry on conversation
No freedom requirements
Contribute tools/materials



Action! take 3

Use the handbook
Help write the handbook
Give hugs





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