Towards a community-driven Archivematica

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Archivematica

is a web- and standards-based, open-source application which allows your institution to preserve long-term access to trustworthy, authentic and reliable digital content.

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Why are moving in this direction?

- Better management of maintenance tasks through better planning
- Alignment with our company philosophy
- Desire to see as many people sustainably preserving digital heritage as possible
- And to do that, we need to know we're working on the right things.

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What have we been up to?

- Implemented processes for filing issues
  - On Github
  - One repository to rule them all
  - Developed some guidelines for labels, etc
  - Implemented an "issue first" guideline.
- Assigned a Product Owner
  - Part of Agile methodology
  - Responsible for triaging issues and gathering feedback from all stakeholders.

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What have we been up to?

- Implemented new tooling
  - Waffle: used to move Github issues from the "backlog" through to "done": https://waffle.io/artefactual/archivematica
  - Trello: currently using for high-level release planning
  - Also using Trello as an interim road-mapping tool

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What are we doing next?

- Developing a product vision and roadmap
- Implementing "request for change"/ADR [Architectural Decision Record] process
  - An initial proposal: https://github.com/artefactual-labs/archivematica-rfcs-test
- Improve ability to work with external contributors
  - Laying out expectations more clearly
  - Community PRs part of triage process
  - MOU with Wellcome Collection to improve testing and contribute to each other's development efforts

Community-driven community

Bi-monthly user forum:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xowR7G9u_5HmJFLcnQRp5rWiPfocmjQ7o-2T6QVkAu4/edit

Regional user groups in UK, Texas, USA Northeast, Netherlands/Flanders, Australasia

https://wiki.archivematica.org/Community/Regional_User_Groups