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## **Creating communities**

We made the decision a while ago to open community creation to all members. We hope that this will cater to contributors making this instance their home and reduce lurking. Communities should have some thematic relation to Solarpunk however.

Creating communities comes with some responsibilities:

- Active moderation of communities you create (you can add additional moderators yourself though)
- Please add a community avatar and a basic side-bar text explaining what the community is about
- Make a short introduction post to tell us a bit about yourself and why you created this community (this is mandatory!)

Communities that do not adhere to this and/or are seemingly abandoned by their original creators (and no one is willing to take over) will be pruned from time to time.

## **Community names**

Please try to find a community name that is descriptive in itself and neither too short or too long.

It is good to know that Lemmy adds the community name as a hidden hashtag to each post to make them easier to discover on other Fediverse implementations like Mastodon etc. So for example if you want posts in your community to be discoverable under the #outdoor hashtag on Pixefed, the name of the community has to be "outdoor". You can of course give your community a longer and more descriptive display name, like "The great outdoors".

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