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**Title:** Moodle Community Contributions - a new team's inception, early wins and plans for the future

Summary:

In October 2025, a new Community Contributions team was launched in Moodle HQ's Products department, which focuses on working with community developers and translators on their important contributions to Moodle LMS, as well as ensuring they have everything they need to succeed. The team also delivers updates and improvements to areas highlighted as important by the wider community.

In this session, we will cover the goals and outcomes of the first 6 months of the Community Contributions team (including our impact on the recent LMS 5.2 release), some exciting new initiatives in the pipeline, and what this means for our community contributors.

Bio:

Mick joined Moodle HQ in 2018 as a Developer, but has led teams of LMS developers since February 2022. After 3.5 years in an Engineering Manager role responsible for key components of the underlying LMS platform, admin/dev experience, and integrations with external systems, Mick shifted focus in October 2025 to become the Product Manager of a brand new Community Contributions team. That team also develops Moodle LMS, but with a focus on working with contributors from the wider Moodle community, including ensuring community developers and translators have the tools and resources they need to succeed. Mick has also been responsible for managing incoming Moodle LMS security reports and their responsible disclosure for the last 7.5 years.