Evaluate Core Group Process in Order to Recruit and Retain New Participants

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Problem: Need to Recruit, Orient and Welcome New Core Contributors

- Need to replace people who will naturally cycle out of focussing on core
- New blood and new ideas keep Drupal vibrant and able to take on challenges
Opposing Forces at Work

- Desire to innovate *versus* hesitation to change
- Contrib’s faster, less process style *versus* core’s more process, slower, approach
- Improving Drupal core one-patch-at-a-time *versus* a grand/coherent re-factoring of code
- Collaborative community culture *versus* project lead’s absolute authority to make decisions about code inclusion for Drupal core
What can be done?

1. Survey core contributors

2. Analyze core issues in queue from the perspective of process

3. Assign person new role: “core community organizer”

4. More encouragement and guidance for non-coders

5. Continuing evolution of the new handbook page, “Helping with development of Drupal core”

6. Other ideas?