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NHS Python Community Board

7th September 2021 | **Meeting Summary**

Board Members

Attendees

Alex Cheung - NHSE/I **(Chair)**
Juan Adriano - Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
John O'Connell - NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit
Sophie Williams, PhD - Barts Health NHS Trust
Craig R. Shenton, PhD - NHSX
Jonathan Pearson, PhD - NHSX
Mary Amanuel - NHSX

Apologies

Arouba Zubair - NHSX
Dr Mark A. Bailey - Gloucestershire Royal Hospital
Haris Shuaib - Guy's & St. Thomas NHS Foundation Trust

Agenda Items

1.	**Welcome and Check-in**
	The Chair welcomed attendees to the board.

2.	**Review initial survey results on events**
	The board reviewed the Events Survey that was shared with community members earlier in the week. The Survey was designed to understand the type of events community members would like to see, attend, and contribute towards.

Initial findings of the survey were discussed:

● Members would like a mixture of in-person and virtual events. Given that most community members are geographically scattered and due to the pandemic, virtual events will be prioritised at this time. The majority of people want to present work and see other people's work at Show and Tells.
● The second most popular event was python healthcare 101 - creating a value proposition of python; understanding how python is useful in the digital transformation of healthcare.
● Coffee and coding was the third most popular event - learning together by understanding coding together. |

		● A monthly event frequency was the most ideal for members. ● Possible future collaboration with communities that share our values such as NHS-R. The Survey ends on Friday 8th September so more responses are expected.
3.		**Discussion on the first event in October, and a broad look at future events**
		There was an open discussion on what the first python community will look like. It was agreed that a Show and Tell in late October or early November would be a good first event since the launch; to share the application of python or open code across different health and care use cases. A call-out for show and tell presenters from the community will be posted on Slack in due course.
4.		**Celebrating success and Slack**
		Identifying the best place to share and host python community projects was discussed by the board. Celebrating success on the website is encouraged and the board will use the channels available to engage with members to let them know they can put themselves forward to post. Community members are encouraged to share things they are proud of, even if it isn't fully polished, as showcasing work may be useful to other members. A user journey slack channel will be created where members can share their journey using python. This also provides members with seeing the development of certain projects within the NHS ecosystem i.e. learning about how Trust and NHSX projects differ. There is a responsibility on the board to communicate with community members on Slack channels. We currently have two slack champions who share new resources and start discussions. It was decided that the community will use Slack and the AnalystX platform to promote projects.

5.	**AnalystX - Data Science Hub: How a Data Analyst can become a Data Scientist**
	There was a discussion on Career pathways to identify which development is most beneficial to members. The following points were made: ● Recognising the different pathways that are out there which lead to becoming a data scientist using python ● Understanding how we can use these pathways to create more opportunities. ● Working with suppliers on how we can build learning and development materials - these will be led by the suppliers themselves. ● AnalystX is currently working with application suppliers to produce learning material in support of our community - Such as AWS, Google Cloud, Microsoft, PowerBI, ONS data science campus, etc.
6.	**AOB**
	The board closed with the following ideas that are still in discussion: ● Planning the first python community event ● As mentioned in point five, confirmation with the community is needed to identify which supplier they would like to work with for free certification. ● Python community to link to members' projects hosted on their own GitHub repositories. **Next board meeting date:** 12 October 2021