

[08:34] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Welcome everyone to this week's Nonprofit Commons Weekly Meeting!

[08:35] Rhiannon Chatnoir: The mission of the Nonprofit Commons in Second Life is to connect communities for social good through education, networking, and collaboration.

[08:36] Rhiannon Chatnoir: -----

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- Google Calendar: <http://bit.ly/2tMEYh>

[09:05] Rhiannon Chatnoir: ok lets move on to our featured presentation

[09:06] Rhiannon Chatnoir: today we have "Grants for Nonprofits" with Alyse M. Dunavant-Jones.

[09:06] Inquisitive Loon: y

[09:06] DeeDeeBeaker: y

[09:06] Siri Vezina: yes

[09:06] Jules (jules.mcwinnie): y

[09:06] Lyr Lobo: great topic

[09:07] Rhiannon Chatnoir: it will be in voice and text

[09:07] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Hi everyone,

[09:07] Gentle Heron: SpeakEasy appreciated

[09:07] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: I'm Alyse Dunavant-Jones, and I'm the Assistant Director for the Community Virtual Library.

[09:07] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: <https://communityvirtuallibrary.org/>

[09:07] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: I have a BA in Writing and an MLIS in Library and Information Science.

[09:07] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: In 2018, I took a Grant Writing course as part of my MLIS coursework.

[09:07] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Since then, I've continued researching grants and grant practices--especially in the context of virtual world organizations.

[09:08] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Is there anyone here who has written a grant proposal? Feel free to put a Y in the chat and as many or as few details as you'd like!

[09:08] Sitearm (sitearm.madonna): y

[09:08] Dale Irata: Y

[09:08] Siri Vezina: y

[09:08] Namaara MacMoragh: y

[09:08] PI (pi.illios): y

[09:08] Morgaine (morgaine.borgin): Y

[09:08] ChemE (thechemengineer): Y

[09:08] Rhiannon Chatnoir: has anyone been part of writing a grant proposal

[09:08] Gentle Heron: y, and some were even successful (absolutely not all of them)

[09:09] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: If you have any favorite grant resources you'd

like to share, please feel free to share those in the chat as well.

[09:09] Sarvana Haalan: Yes, Plus I am a grant reviewer

[09:09] Coughran Mayo: y

[09:09] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: ~

[09:09] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and you can share in chat any of your favorite grant writing resources

[09:09] Namaara MacMoragh: Grant resources ... GrantStation and general info and resources SNPO

[09:09] ThinkererSelby Evans (thinkerer.melville): I have written many proposals --several successful

[09:10] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: I'll start by defining grants.

[09:10] Namaara MacMoragh: SNPO has some great articles and presentations for new grant writers.

[09:10] ThinkererSelby Evans (thinkerer.melville): but a long time ago

[09:10] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Grants are NOT donations. You must apply for a grant and use it for a specific purpose/project--whereas donations are more flexible.

[09:10] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: A grant requires applicants to give exact details of how you will use the money, when you will use it, and who in your org will use it.

[09:10] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Once you obtain the grant, you also have to report back in detail with feedback.

[09:10] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: If you misuse the money or don't meet your goals, your organization's reputation may be at stake.

[09:11] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: You need to submit a budget, timeline, specific goals and objectives, a plan for how you will meet them,

[09:11] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: how you will measure your success/progress, and how you will report back.

[09:11] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: You also need to submit the names and credentials of your board and anyone leading the project ahead of time.

[09:11] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: There are rare grants with unrestricted funds, but I have yet to come across one!

[09:12] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: ~

[09:12] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: This slide highlights steps you should consider before grant-seeking.

[09:12] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: If you find any of these intimidating, contact CVL for assistance. A librarian can help walk you through them.

[09:12] Coughran Mayo: Family and Corporate Foundations are a little more "unstructured" than many sources.

[09:13] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Collect and organize your Admin Docs/Info (incl. partner/parent orgs)

[09:13] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: This means you should know who your board/leaders are in SL and the physical world and have their 1st life contact info.

[09:13] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Know your budget and tax info or know who to go to and ensure they are available to answer your grant-relevant questions.

[09:13] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: If you have documentation re: your users/community, organize this info as well! If not, you will need to collect this information.

[09:13] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: You can do this on your own before searching for a grant.

[09:13] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Or you can search for an "exploratory research grant"; its purpose would be to research and define your community.

[09:14] Rhiannon Chatnoir: you can look for exploratory research or startup seed funds

[09:14] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Establish a regular fundraising routine (ideally both in-world and out-world)

[09:14] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: However, even if you are only receiving regular L\$, you may still have a case for your grant if most of your expenses are in-world.

[09:15] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Establish a person(s) dedicated to grant-seeking, writing, submitting, and following through with a grant.

[09:15] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: This can be an org leader, an intern, or an especially dedicated volunteer.

[09:15] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: But this person must commit to the long-haul, be willing to conduct research, write and edit, partner with and work with others--

[09:15] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: (including contacting potential grant orgs for clarifications), and stick with the project to the end.

[09:16] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Is there another organization(s) with similar goals to you?

[09:16] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Partnering with another org can offer benefits such as additional funds, tax status, man-power, and knowledge.

[09:16] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Brainstorm your org's needs and potential projects your org would like to use grant funds for.

[09:16] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: It is tempting to create a project based on a grant's requirements. But you should always search for grants based on your needs.

[09:17] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Strive for an 85-90% match, and you will be more likely to land the grant *and* you will be more successful in executing the grant.

[09:17] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: ~

[09:18] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: The largest barrier against grants for small nonprofits is manpower. So recruiting volunteers is my #1 recommendation before grant seeking.

[09:18] Rhiannon Chatnoir: or evening convening an online event

[09:18] Rhiannon Chatnoir: even

[09:18] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Of course, this is easier said than done!

[09:19] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: New Media Arts and the Community Virtual Library are both desperately in need of volunteers.

[09:19] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Two resources I've stumbled upon are:

[09:19] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Taproot Foundation (<https://www.taprootplus.org/nonprofits>) and VolunteerMatch (<https://www.volunteermatch.org/recruit-volunteers>).

[09:19] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Taproot Foundation is a free online platform that connects nonprofit organizations with skilled volunteers.

[09:19] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Volunteers share their expertise pro bono in areas like marketing, HR, tech, finance, and strategy.

[09:19] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: They can do a consultation call or lead a specific project.

[09:19] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: The volunteer's commitment is time sensitive (for example, the duration of one consultation or event/project).

[09:19] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and they are often volunteers for specific functions or projects, Taproot that is

[09:20] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: So a nonprofit posts a project or need on the site, selects the volunteer they'd like to collaborate with, and the volunteer completes the project.

[09:20] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: They host free webinars on how it all works, so keep an eye on the website for their next date.

[09:20] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): Has TechSoup been of any use to you Alyse?

[09:20] Rhiannon Chatnoir: TechSoup has interacted with Taproot

[09:21] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): oh... okay... thanks for point on their connection with Taproot ..

[09:21] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): for those who are not familiar it is TechSoup.org

[09:21] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): www.techsoup.org

[09:21] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and yes you can go to Techsoup for discounted software, and have resources in articles, videos, courses and you can put out requests on the forums

[09:22] Rhiannon Chatnoir: yes, Techsoup was the initial sponso of Nonprofit Commons

[09:22] Gentle Heron: Many of our best volunteers are university students who are required to do RL projects, or projects with RL institutions.

[09:22] Rhiannon Chatnoir: yes, internships!

[09:23] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: To use Taproot, you must belong to a 501(c)(3), be sponsored by one, or be a public school organization.

[09:23] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Verified charities in the U.S., India, U.K., and E.U. are eligible. For more info:
<https://www.taprootplus.org/faq#nonprofits-faq-0>

[09:24] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: VolunteerMatch is similar to Taproot. But the volunteer's commitment is not time sensitive (they can stay long-term).

[09:24] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: They also host free webinars:
<https://learn.volunteermatch.org/>

[09:24] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: VolunteerMatch's rules for use are more lenient than Taproot's.

[09:24] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: For more details:
<https://vmhelp.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/214623768-Types-of-organizations-that-can-register>

[09:25] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: If you've used either of these resources (or recruitment sites like this), please share your thoughts in the chat.

[09:25] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: This topic could take up an entire presentation on its own.

[09:25] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Once I've learned more and successfully recruited volunteers using these resources, I'd be happy to share what I've learned.

[09:25] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: And if anyone else has experience in volunteer recruitment, I strongly encourage you to host a presentation of your own.

[09:26] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: ~

[09:26] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Back to grants!

[09:26] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: I've collected all of CVL's grant resources in a webpage: <https://communityvirtuallibrary.org/grant-resources/>

[09:26] Rhiannon Chatnoir: that would be very helpful, a presentation on volunteer recruitment and management

[09:26] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): How about providing a Certificate for volunteers... and a skill learned.

[09:26] Buffy Beale: that's a good idea Shiloh

[09:27] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Resource #1: Grant Service Subscription

[09:27] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Thanks to AvaCon, Inc., CVL librarians can search an extensive grants database.

[09:27] Coughran Mayo: Good partnership!!

[09:27] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Anyone in the Nonprofit Commons or CVL communities is can use this service for free.

[09:27] Rhiannon Chatnoir: yes, happy to help with that in hopes that it can help our NPC community at large in finding grants!

[09:27] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Unfortunately the resource (GrantStation) has a strict copyright and use policy, so we cannot share login credentials.

[09:28] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): that had been my intention with developing a museum grade exhibit... training in a museum skill ... but it could be anything really, that a non profit can offer to the volunteer to improve the volunteer skill set.

[09:28] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Instead, a librarian will meet with you, share their screen via Zoom or Skype, and search the database for you.

[09:28] Rhiannon Chatnoir: but you can contact CVL to help with a search

[09:28] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: You can also work with a librarian asynchronously via email.

[09:28] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: The service also provides other grants resources, like guides for writing grants.

[09:29] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: If you are interested in those resources, a librarian can locate and download them for you.

[09:29] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: I am the main grants librarian for now, but as interest grows, we can train other CVL librarians in this resource.

[09:29] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): that is good ,Alyse... librarian support for research ...

[09:29] Rhiannon Chatnoir: AvaCon wanted to partner with CVL to help NPC and others find grant resources and am excited Alyse can be that lead!

[09:30] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: I also offer free grantwriting assistance. However, I can only work with one org at a time. And I am currently working with 3D Web Worldz :D

[09:30] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: If you are interested in grantwriting assistance, feel free to reach out anyway.

[09:30] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: There are other grant writers in virtual worlds, and I'd be happy to share your information.

[09:30] Bevan Whitfield: I am!!

[09:30] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Additionally, if your needs and org are similar to 3D Web Worldz, you may be able to partner on a grant.

[09:31] Rhiannon Chatnoir: oh fantastic Bevan

[09:31] Wisdomseeker (lissena): Does CVL have a list of other grant writers we can look at?

[09:31] Bevan Whitfield: No, I mean I am learning about grant writing for Rockcliffe!

[09:31] jacmacaire Humby: Sorry I have to go sooner today!! Thank you very much for everything Alyse.. and to everyone, a wonderful weekend.. :)

[09:31] Bevan Whitfield: Taking udemy and coursera classes -

[09:31] Lyr Lobo: bye Jac

[09:32] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: I'd also like to encourage folks to explore the grant resources in CVL's Nonprofit Resource Library:

[09:32] Rhiannon Chatnoir: do you have a link to those courses in Coursera, since

folks can take those for free

[09:32] Bevan Whitfield: Yes, already have the website open -

[09:32] AlyseDunavantJones Resident:

<https://communityvirtuallibrary.org/nonprofit-commons-resource-library/>

[09:32] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): [https://www.coursera.org/courses?query=grant writing](https://www.coursera.org/courses?query=grant%20writing)

[09:33] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and a good thing for anyone in your org or project who might be that grant admin person to explore those courses

[09:33] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons):

<https://www.edx.org/course/grant-writing-and-crowdfunding-for-public-librarie>

[09:33] Alyse - CVL Assistant Director (alysedunavantjones): jodie.landon

[09:33] Bevan Whitfield: This one starts today

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/grant-proposal>

[09:33] Buffy Beale: nice one Bevy :)

[09:33] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: One resource that I've highlighted on CVL's website is my 2020 grants presentation.

[09:33] Bevan Whitfield: Bunch here [https://www.coursera.org/courses?query=grant writing](https://www.coursera.org/courses?query=grant%20writing)

[09:34] Bevan Whitfield: Wait, not that many, just a couple -

[09:34] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: In particular, there is a list of grant seeking and writing resources that I developed based on the grant writing course I took:

[09:34] AlyseDunavantJones Resident:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1noUX4rXaQnLb46Wz9c2gTHPmY6orludXAVUGiAauxag/edit?usp=sharing>

[09:34] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: ~

[09:35] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Thank You for attending this presentation highlighting CVL's grant resources!

[09:35] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): and this one

<https://www.coursera.org/specializations/fundraising-development> starts May 21

[09:35] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Please contact me if you would like to meet with a CVL librarian for grant seeking assistance.

[09:35] Bevan Whitfield: Top Grant Writing Software

<https://www.getapp.com/p/sem/grant-management-software>

[09:35] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: alyse.dunavantjones@gmail.com

[09:35] Rhiannon Chatnoir: any other questions on grantwriting or for Alyse

[09:35] Namaara MacMoragh: Thank you Alyse

[09:35] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: [alysedunavantjones](#) in SL

[09:35] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: AnteMeridiam DiscJockey (virtual world alt)

[09:35] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: Thank you!

[09:35] AlyseDunavantJones Resident: [you have reached the end of the current notecard - resetting to first line...]

[09:35] Zzri Avian (zri.portal): Thanks for the knowledge sharing!

[09:35] Bevan Whitfield: <https://www.udemy.com/topic/grant-writing/>

[09:35] Coughran Mayo: Excellent!

[09:35] Sarvana Haalan: Great info

[09:35] Bevan Whitfield: Those are not free but go on sale quite often!

[09:35] Wisdomseeker (lissena): thank you!

[09:35] Rhiannon Chatnoir: fantastic

[09:35] Gentle Heron: Thanks Alyse and everyone for sharing

[09:36] Rhiannon Chatnoir: yes keep sharing resources links here in chat

[09:36] Dancers Yao: Thank You!
[09:36] Rhiannon Chatnoir: they can also become part of the shared resources on grant writing
[09:36] Rhiannon Chatnoir: we still have some time, so any questions or comments on your past grant writing or seeking experiences
[09:36] Elli Pinion: This is so helpful, Alyse!
[09:37] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and yes, lets thank Alyse for coming, and updating us on grant weeking/writing resources
[09:37] Sitearm (sitearm.madonna): Very nice!
[09:37] Morgaine (morgaine.borgin): Thank you!
[09:37] Buffy Beale: The one issue I found with grants is that they're so complicated, especially gov grants that smaller nonprofits can't afford to hire a grant writer so get left behind
[09:37] ChemE (thechemengineer): Thank You.
[09:38] Sheila Yoshikawa: Thank you!
[09:38] ThinkererSelby Evans (thinkerer.melville): Thank you
[09:38] Dale Irata: We got USD\$10,000 from Rotary International, with additional support from the local Rotary Clubs. This points out that you shouldn't overlook your local sources.
[09:38] Siri Vezina: .-'`'- . APPLAUSE APPLAUSE .-'`'- .
[09:38] Buffy Beale: good one Dale
[09:38] PI (pi.illios): Thank you I will think about Spanish Information Resources and grants
[09:38] Coughran Mayo: Good point, Dale
[09:38] PI (pi.illios): Applause!!!
[09:38] Dale Irata: Info and a short video here:
http://progresoapoyoprogram.org/?page_id=44
[09:38] Elli Pinion: I don't mean to minimize how big a task writing a grant is, but are there tricks to get one noticed/approved?
[09:38] Rhiannon Chatnoir: that is exciting Dale, what rproject was this for
[09:38] Dale Irata: We're NOT in the USA, which changes where we can go a LOT.
[09:38] Coughran Mayo: Ha, Elli - talk to me later?
[09:39] Elli Pinion: :-) @ C
[09:39] Rhiannon Chatnoir: be in touch with the grant proider
[09:39] Rhiannon Chatnoir: to make sure they know who you are and what your org is
[09:39] Bevan Whitfield: no kidding
[09:39] Elli Pinion: Oh good tip! Makes sense.
[09:39] Rhiannon Chatnoir: so the getting people to understand a virtual environment and wht you are doing
[09:39] Sarvana Haalan: So True!!! Ask any and all questions that you have.
[09:40] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and getting themt o know who you are
[09:40] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and working on tailoring to their call
[09:40] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): *smile... even getting scientists into SL has been an interesting challenge, but once they see the connection factor, they think it is amazing !
[09:40] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and if you reach out on here is what our project is sso far they can weigh back
[09:40] Rhiannon Chatnoir: the other tip is to look at past recipients and projects they were doing
[09:41] Elli Pinion: Great tip, as well. TY!

[09:41] Rhiannon Chatnoir: some may look like they fit, but the only recipients might just be large research universities

[09:41] Rhiannon Chatnoir: some may alloww you to submit early and get feedback

[09:41] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): a lot of funding has gone No Solicitation ...

[09:41] Coughran Mayo: <https://bit.ly/3f52pHA>

[09:41] Coughran Mayo: One of my better tips

[09:42] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): to me.. it is networking and becoming familiar with the Funders ..

[09:42] Rhiannon Chatnoir: great grant writingbuilding that relationship and seeing who they are funding

[09:42] Dale Irata: Yup

[09:42] Rhiannon Chatnoir: grant station does have international opportunities

[09:42] Rhiannon Chatnoir: a lot on US and Canada

[09:42] Rhiannon Chatnoir: but also have other opportunities globally

[09:42] Rhiannon Chatnoir: some are also hosting by embassies

[09:43] Dale Irata: Yes, our Consulate does those

[09:43] Rhiannon Chatnoir: like Japan

[09:43] PI (pi.illios): Ty @Coughran for the link

[09:43] Coughran Mayo: another good online resource - <https://candid.org/about>

[09:43] Rhiannon Chatnoir: that might havave things that realte to ththose country embassies you might be able to get funded

[09:44] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): very useful info, thank you for sharing.. I will pass along to the grant writer and CEO of Science Circle.. as they are based in the Netherlands... but the grant writer is US

[09:44] Dale Irata: It was the local Rotary that connected us to their international project.

[09:44] Rhiannon Chatnoir: I wonder if others who have been succesful at receiving virtual worlds related grants could share past submissions to help share how to talk about the work we all do here

[09:45] Rhiannon Chatnoir: yes you can look at orgs in your state

[09:45] Rhiannon Chatnoir: if you can tie to work that could relate in that work

[09:45] Rhiannon Chatnoir: government grants can be crazy to get

[09:45] PI (pi.illios): I have to dash out to a very boring zoom meeting in my job

[09:45] Sarvana Haalan: Too often, applicants do not attend the training session

[09:45] Namaara MacMoragh: I found them easier than private foundations

[09:45] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and ALSO reporting is larger for those gov grants

[09:45] PI (pi.illios): Be safe everyone

[09:46] Coughran Mayo: I can share text I have used to describe open sim environments that was part of some successful grant applications, including some that were quite sizeable.

[09:46] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): sharing ...

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=online+classes+for+grant+writin+g+for+international+non+profits>

[09:46] Rhiannon Chatnoir: that would be great

[09:47] NPC Donation Box Click to Pay: Thank you Lyr Lobo for your generous donation!

[09:47] Rhiannon Chatnoir: thank you Shiloh

[09:47] Coughran Mayo: Describing the virtual experience, and how it all works, it important. As Alyse noted, grantmakers rarely understand what we are doing here.

[09:48] Rhiannon Chatnoir: I have an NSF one I can share parts of from a prior

edu/research project

[09:48] Rhiannon Chatnoir: yes!

[09:48] Rhiannon Chatnoir: a surge in virtual grants is being seen

[09:48] Rhiannon Chatnoir: probably due to COVID 19

[09:48] Rhiannon Chatnoir: for virtual endeavours

[09:48] Coughran Mayo: Esp. in healthcare and education

[09:49] Rhiannon Chatnoir: yes!

[09:49] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and I think with at risk populations those virtual environ still makes sense

[09:49] Gentle Heron: If you are going to be involved in a research grant, you need to be prepared to educate the IRB about virtual worlds.

[09:49] Rhiannon Chatnoir: yes

[09:49] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): yes

[09:50] Coughran Mayo: That is true for many of the foundations

[09:50] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): some organizations scan to see if there are projects they want to fund

[09:50] Coughran Mayo: by invitation only

[09:50] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): by invitation only, yes, right Coughran .

[09:50] Coughran Mayo: LinkedIn helps with this

[09:50] Rhiannon Chatnoir: :)

[09:50] Coughran Mayo: Sometimes you know someone who knows a board member

[09:50] Sarvana Haalan: Serving as a grant reviewer is another great way to learn and finetune the grant process. Recommend checking out...

<https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/reviewers>

[09:51] Rhiannon Chatnoir: some of those foundations, specially the family foundations once can be that .. needing to know someone if they do not do specific grant submission calls

[09:51] Dale Irata: Definitely helps to seek those folks out.

[09:51] Lyr Lobo: Many thanks!

[09:51] Falassalond Levasseur: What happens if you aren't good at networking? How do you get in if You don't know anyone?

[09:51] Coughran Mayo: Sarvana - you can learn a lot

[09:52] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Coughran, that sounds like a search of say your LinkedIn or Facebook for those who might have connections to those grant funders

[09:52] Sarvana Haalan: Thegrant providers take note who attends

[09:52] Falassalond Levasseur: Some of us are Autistic and aren't as good at networking

[09:53] Coughran Mayo: Falassalond, you can also get consulting help that can improve your organizational networking

[09:53] Rhiannon Chatnoir: yes unless that was already a budget was there for that and you wantedto find more

[09:54] Gentle Heron: Falassalond, that is why you partner with other orgs. Find one that complements your strengths and weaknesses.

[09:54] Sarvana Haalan: It's the training sessions are not for networking but usually provided detailed instructions.

[09:56] Rhiannon Chatnoir: any final questions

[09:58] Rhiannon Chatnoir: great stuff!

[10:01] Wisdomseeker (lissena): whole discussion very useful

[10:02] Coughran Mayo: Adding this note on behalf of Zinnia, before we break up for the day...

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[10:02] Exi Conundrum-Firelyte (existential.conundrum): Training is appreciated. Some stuff is just we don't work that way.

[10:03] Rhiannon Chatnoir: Alyse is talking about Temple Grandin who is known for animal science and behavior of animals

[10:03] Rhiannon Chatnoir: and how she was autistic but she let her work speak for her

[10:03] Lyr Lobo: Many thanks, Alyse! slipping away to go celebrate

[10:03] Sarvana Haalan: Temple is awesome!

[10:03] Elli Pinion: Happy BDay, Lyr!!!!!!

[10:03] Rhiannon Chatnoir: but find if anyone you can partner with that you do know or find someone in your network who knows or can help you find someone

[10:03] Shiloh e. (shiloh.emmons): thank you for sharing all the content and great links, Alyse.. and everyone ...

[10:04] Elli Pinion: So helpful, Alyse!!!

[10:04] Elli Pinion: Thank you so much.

[10:05] Buffy Beale: thanks Alyse, awesome presentation!!!

[10:05] Bevan Whitfield: Thank you so much Alyse! Very informative!

[10:05] Rhiannon Chatnoir: thank you

[10:05] Sheila Yoshikawa: Thanks very much Alyse!

[10:06] Elli Pinion: :-)

[10:06] Alyse - CVL Assistant Director (alysedunavantjones): Thanks everyone--wonderful discussion!!

[10:09] Rhiannon Chatnoir: And again, here are the many ways to can get involved with the Nonprofit Commons in Second Life:

- Nonprofit Commons Blog: <http://nonprofitcommons.org>

- Twitter: <http://twitter.com/nps1>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nonprofitcommons>
- Google Email list Group: <http://groups.google.com/group/TechSoup-Second-Life>