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## **Build, manage and maintain your own website: a 3-day web design workshop**

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Come with your content, images and videos and a basic website structure. At the end of three days, walk away with the beginnings of your own website, live on the Internet. Go home and keep developing and enriching its content.

Come with a laptop (your own or borrowed), so that whatever work you do in the workshop can be taken back. For those who cannot bring a portable system, rented computers can be arranged at the venue for an additional charge, but be sure to bring a pen drive of 4GB at least. If there is a problem with equipment, tell us.

The machines can have any operating system (but we prefer Ubuntu!). Wi fi will be there but since it may go slow, those with a datacard may bring it for easy access to the Internet. No prior programming knowledge needed! It's possible to make a complete website using the Drupal content management system, which is a free and open source software.

**RESOURCE PERSON:** Lajpat Dhingra will facilitate the proceedings. He is a free software and community media enthusiast based in Mumbai. He is also an activist in the organic food movement.

**EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS:** NGOs and social entrepreneurs seeking to reach their content out widely, teachers and educators, self-employed individuals, anyone seeking to build online communities.

**FEES:** Rs. 3500 per person. Limited to 10 participants.  
If you apply before 29th July, it is Rs. 3000.

To book a place, contact: Vidya at +91 22 2287 6033  
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## **FAQs ABOUT DRUPAL AND FREE SOFTWARE MOVEMENT**

DRUPAL is a Free Software based content management system. Anyone can make and edit a website in Drupal software. It consists of thousands of modules which are essentially forms, which are coded and developed by volunteers across the world. To know more about Drupal please visit [www.drupal.org](http://www.drupal.org)

### **WHY IS DRUPAL "FREE"?**

Drupal is free as 'freedom' not free as in 'free lunch'. It has been developed as part of the Free Software movement, based on the thought that software should be free and not proprietary. It guarantees end contributors and users the freedom to use, study, share and modify the software.

To know more about the Free Software Movement, visit Free Software Foundation <[www.fsf.org](http://www.fsf.org)>.

### **WHO USES DRUPAL?**

More than 8,08,000 sites use Drupal. Check this out at <http://websites.usandv.com/>

### **WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE WORKSHOP**

- You should be able to set up a Drupal based website at the end of the workshop. Come with your content, images and videos and a basic website structure or site map. By the end of the workshop, participants will have learnt to build a basic and scalable website made in Drupal. We are keen people come with actual content to the workshop, not just to make a dummy website for the sake of exercise.
- You must have a registered domain name and hosting account. This will help you to realise the actual site at the earliest. If not, come prepared with a name. We will help you to register this domain name at the workshop, but any expense involved (Rs 500-1000) will have to be met by you directly.
- The minimum batch size is 6 and maximum 10.
- The workshop methodology is hands-on and you will start developing your site from the first day.

## THREE DAY DRUPAL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE



### **Day 1 – Introduction to Free Software Movement and Drupal** Introduction

- Participants present envisioned structures for their websites
- Mind-map: What is the role you expect your website to play?
- Game of providers' & users' viewpoints
- Installation, administration, configuration of a Drupal based website.
- Making basic pages, for each one's site
- Overview of Drupal: users, permissions, structure, menu system, blocks, content types, views etc

### **Day 2 – Working on participants' websites**

- Understanding domain registration.
- Themes: core themes, adding contributed themes, updating theme, choice of theme.
- Creating pages: about us, contact us and home page.
- Adding images, videos and PDF and other files for public to view and download.

### **Day 3 – Scaling up your website**

- Core modules
- Adding contributed modules
- Updating modules
- Understanding Drupal support system
- Launch: making website live on Internet for public access

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