



Community Platform The Subud Village

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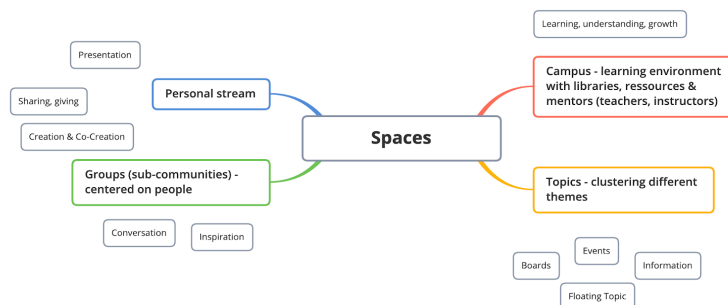
OUR VISION

A safe space to find information, start conversations, projects, sharing our work, ideas, and vision. Giving and finding mutual support and inspiration. Learning from each other, together developing a sense of meaning and belonging.

SICA is creating an online community platform as a safe space for active Subud members around the world: discovering, developing, and expressing our talents through our latihan and work. Our aim with this community platform is to also support building a lively and sustainable community and culture within the "Subud wings".

We envision the Subud Village Community platform to ...

- ... continue the conversation after the different events
- ... get to know each other better, form a real community
- ... encourage and support members to develop their talents
- ... offer a learning environment for personal growth
- ... have helpers and mentors available for support
- ... bring together people & talents
- ... share inspiration and expertise
- ... co-create new events and activities
- ... safely talk and share experiences about Subud, latihan, testing, etc.
- ... discuss needs (SICA, members) and develop solutions
- ... find in-depth information on different themes
- ... discover real needs from members
- ... reveal needs and applications we don't see yet





URGENCY TO ACT

The worldwide lockdown due to the Covid-19 Pandemic accelerated the process within the SICA team to

- build a “web hub” (open and visible to all) to make all online SICA events worldwide visible in one place (so many members organizing online events and live streamings).
- customize and provide a community platform to communicate and interact and fulfill at least some of the points above (vision).

THE PROCESS

We started out with the idea to provide the community platform for SICA alone. Talking to different members around the world, we realized quite soon this would exclude many Subud members who either felt closer to another wing or didn't have an attachment to any of the Subud wings.

The „Subud Village” from the World Congress in Freiburg is our modeling idea:

a shared space for all wings to serve, support and encourage members to put the latihan into action, to show projects, and share experiences. And not to forget: to find inspiration and joy working together out of our inner feelings and connectedness.

The idea emerged of opening up our community platform to all Subud members

beyond SICA. For all those who seek to “put the latihan into practice and seek interaction, connectivity, and dialogue about it.

WHERE WE STAND RIGHT NOW

We have started the testing version of our own “Social community platform” on Mighty networks. Due to the urgency, we felt to act fast and opted for Mighty networks as the platform of choice for now. The decision was driven by the easy customization, compliance with European data security, and last but not least being low cost compared to the services we get.

Depending on the growth and development of the community itself as well as the real needs we are planning to assess, we aim to move in the near future to another platform at a certain still to be defined point along the timeline.



SOME CONSIDERATIONS THAT ARE GUIDING OUR PROCESS

- o **Build the community on an easy to use platform**, it is the people interacting – not the technology that is central. A community is much more than a group and doesn't show itself overnight, it's a process and needs work and dedication.
- o **Testing the current platform** to assess the real need and features for a worldwide social platform/community platform (together with all wing teams and the WSA executive)
- o **SICA is committing itself as a driving force to organize this process** and manage the community building and development process.
- o **The current monthly cost for the Mightynetworks platform** (managed by volunteers) is 90, - Euros (at the moment financed by SICA).
- o **The running cost of an alternative probably better-suited platform** as for example www.hivebrite.com would be around 500, - Euros per month (billed yearly and managed by volunteers)
- o **Develop a business plan to be able to manage a platform cost-neutral**, financed by members, and sponsorship. We are also working on a strategy to be able to move to a more sophisticated community & social platform.
- o **Our recommendation for a reliable and customizable community** with all necessary functions (including being multilingual) is Hivebrite (www.hivebrite.com) or in second place, OpenSocial (www.getopensocial.com).
- o **The downside from Mightynetworks** currently is the availability in English only. We will be able to manage different languages with some “hacks” but this not ideal and seen as temporary (Mightynetworks is currently announcing the addition of other language functionalities – but without a commitment on a timeline).
- o We do see SICA as a driving force for the development and implementation for the community platform but would like to join forces and coordinate with the other Subud wing teams as well as the WSA executive.

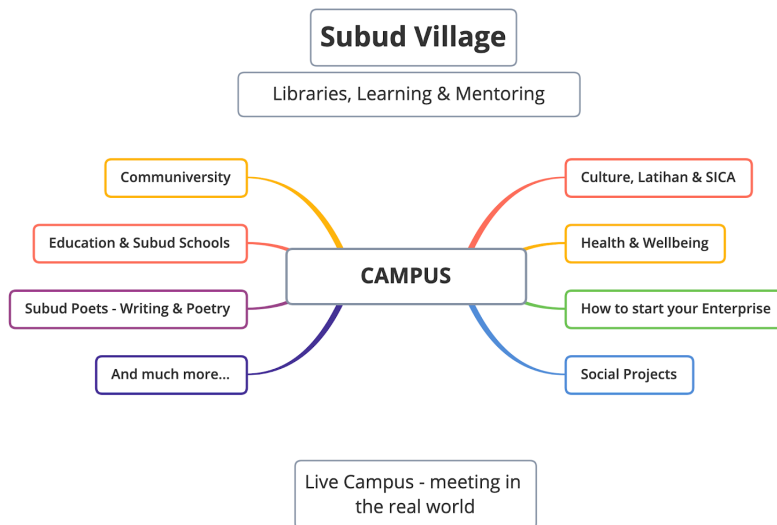


- o **The building and management of the SICA community is a work in progress.** Some fruits can already be observed with the activities in the community www.sica-community.mn.co as well as on our web-hub www.sica-subud.org. The communication and coordination with national SICA organizations (Canada, USA, UK, Australia, and SICA Latinoamerica) is intensifying and very promising.
- o **Nonetheless there is still a lot of effort and work necessary** to be able to include regions as Zone 3, 4, 5, and 6. This is also necessary for Latin-American countries (besides Colombia, being very active) and the Asia-Pacific region.

SPECIAL FEATURE: THE CAMPUS

On our community platform, we are developing a space called CAMPUS.

It will feature different spaces to offer courses (online and offline) as well as a learning environment with libraries (including Bapak's and Ibu Rahayu's Talks connected to putting the latihan into action) and other valuable literature as well as mentors and teachers to share expertise and support.





FEATURES OF IDEAL COMMUNITY PLATFORM

