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Creating virtual research communities as our next collaborative frontier, or how we moved an entire Legion to Discord

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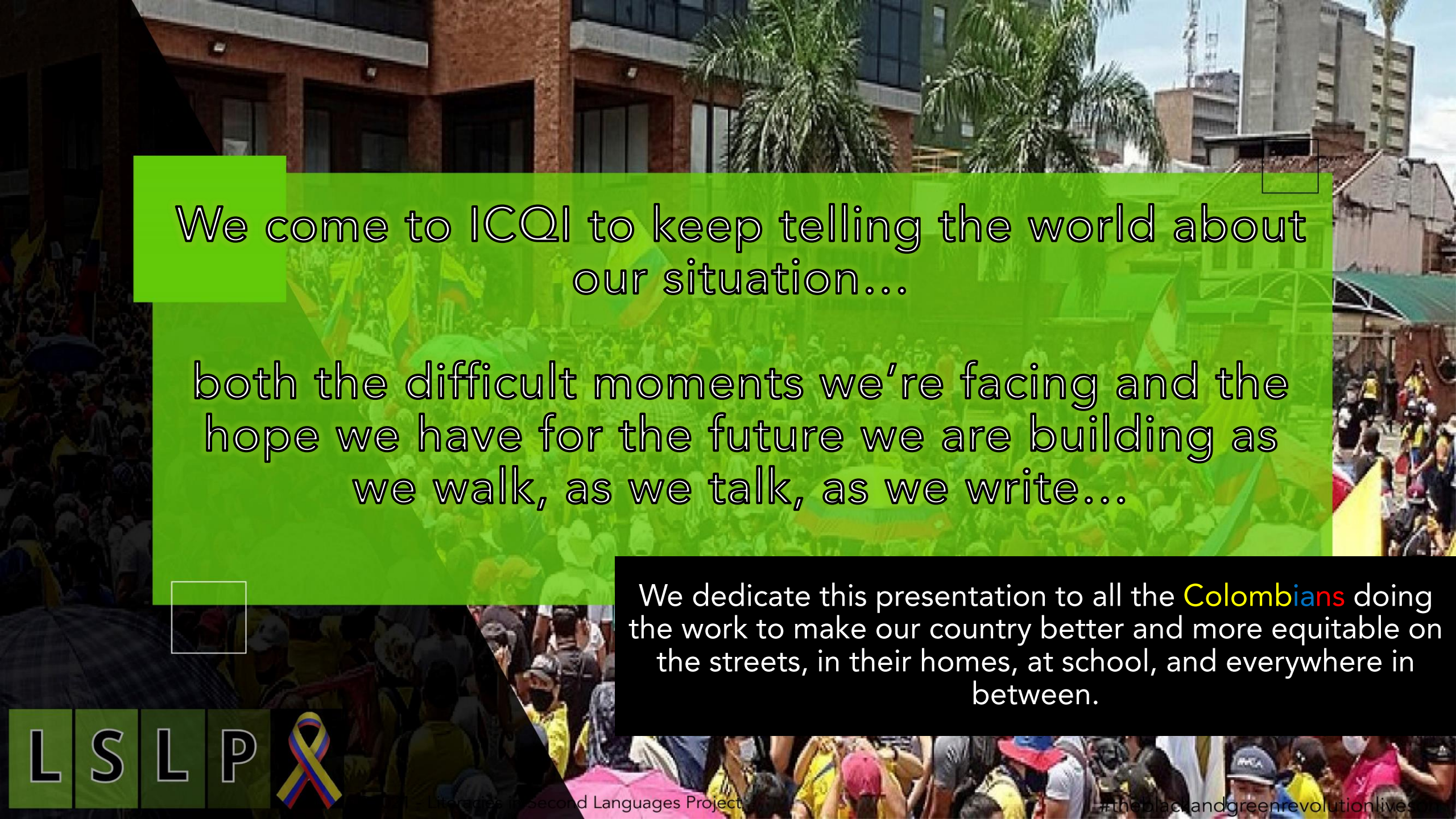

We come to ICQI to keep telling the world about our situation...

both the difficult moments we're facing and the hope we have for the future we are building as we walk, as we talk, as we write...

We dedicate this presentation to all the Colombians doing the work to make our country better and more equitable on the streets, in their homes, at school, and everywhere in between.

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March 6, 2020
our story begins...

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The big questions

How do we sustain research communities (groups, labs, etc.) when we can't "See" each other.

- How do we remain as a "team" when we are facing different realities?
- How do use virtual research communities as spaces for balance and relief?

How do we humanize virtual settings? How do we reconnect in places where we are only "wired"?

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Agenda

1. Creating a *Server*
2. Creating a *Home*
3. Virtual Servers as *Collaborative Futures in QI*

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Creating a *Server*

Why *Discord*, of all options?

- The idea of Discord comes from gaming communities
  - #TeamLaV's field of research
- Discord vs the common academic apps proposed for teaching.
  - Most apps were not prepared for virtuality (in a big scale)
- Discord developers updated their own app to help academic needs, they adapted the app to be able to have more elements for teaching (comfortable and in high quality).
  - Classroom discord servers were created (academic communities started to use the app for group gatherings and virtual classes)

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Stage 1 – Setting the Scene
(March-May 2020)

- Setting up the space: #TeamLaV springs to action
  - How to bring our whole research community into a new backchannel?
- The Tutorial
  - How to download the app, how to use discord, how to join the team server. (helping the legion to get involved in the app)
- Giving roles and selecting leaders.
- Adaptation
  - New social media app?
  - Why discord and not another app?
- Engagement and Support
  - Motivation, interaction, technical support (a link to Stage 2)

@Kylo

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LSLP's new discord backchannel tutorial

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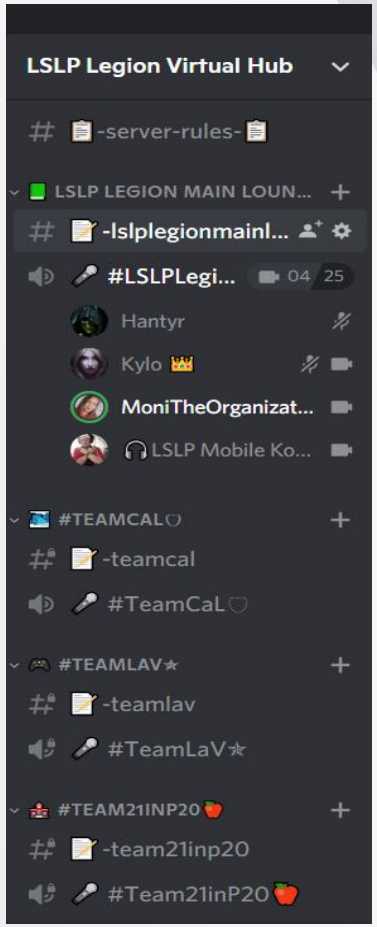
Main Lounge & Team Rooms



- A space for the community
  - A place to talk, discuss, meet and be in touch
  - Specific Roles for each team
- Specific chat and voice channels
  - For each team
  - News, academic info, etc.
  - Advisory Board
- Specific chat channels for bots (IA) with different functionalities
- Level up system (gamifying the space)

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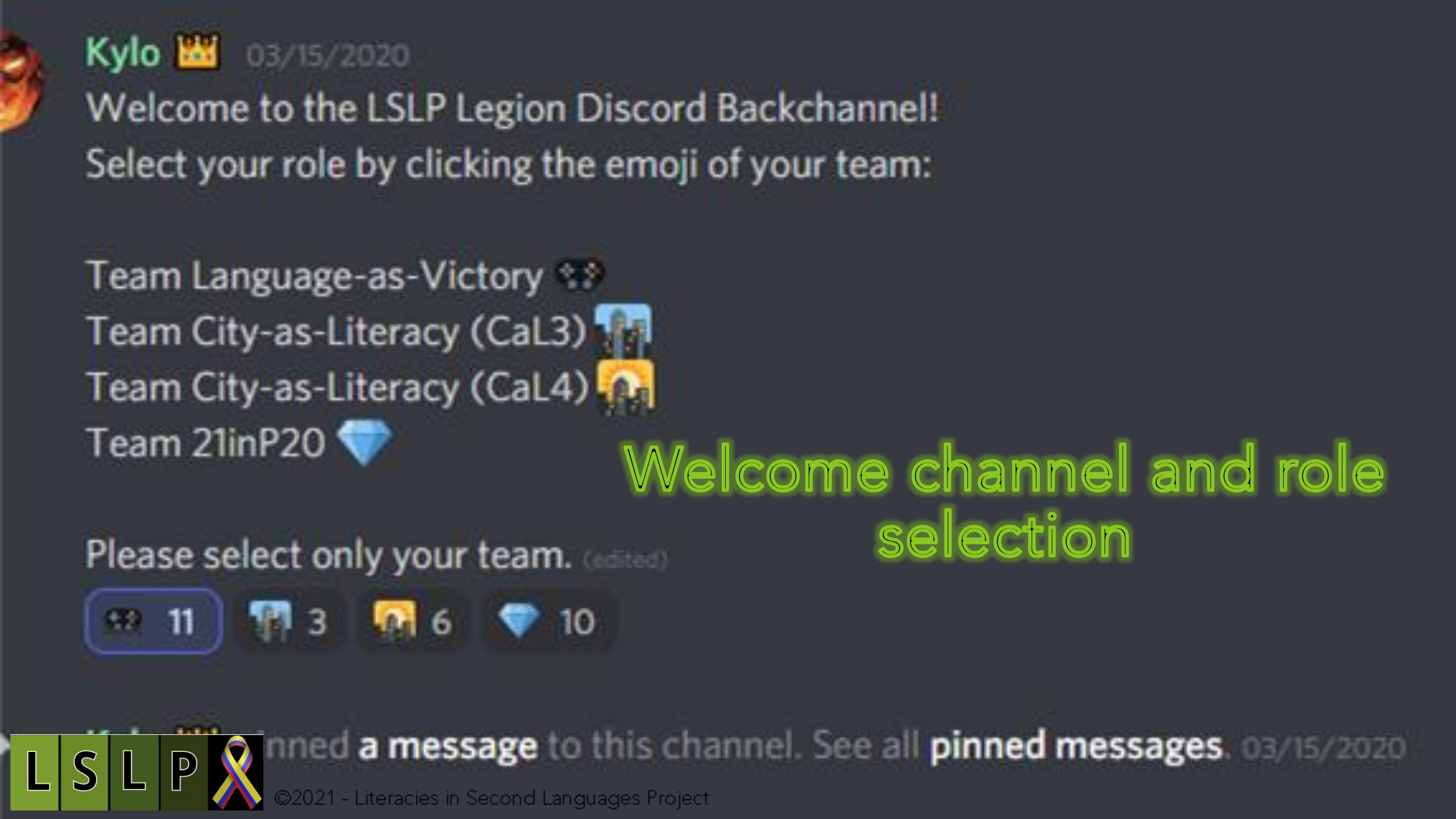

Welcome channel and role selection

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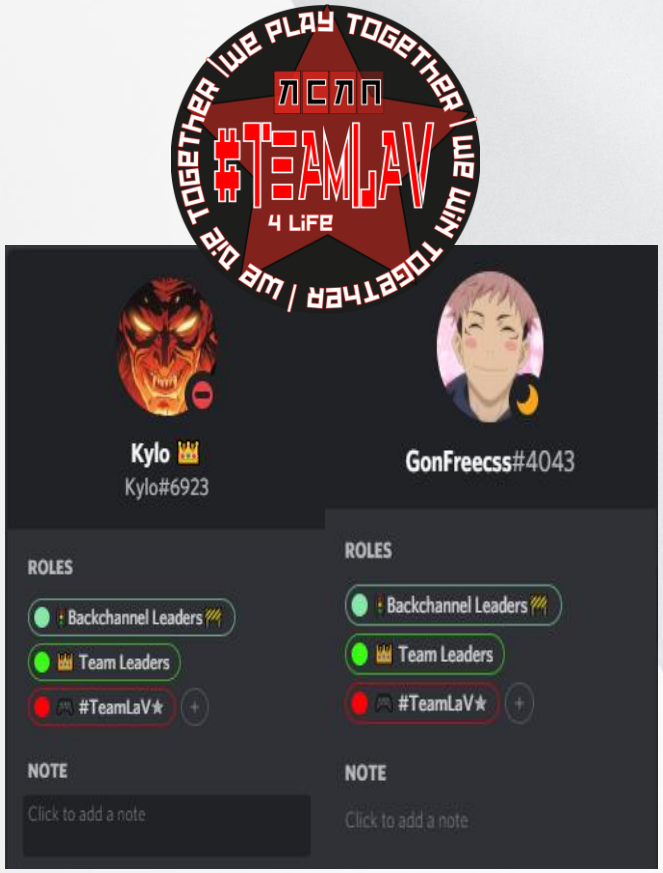
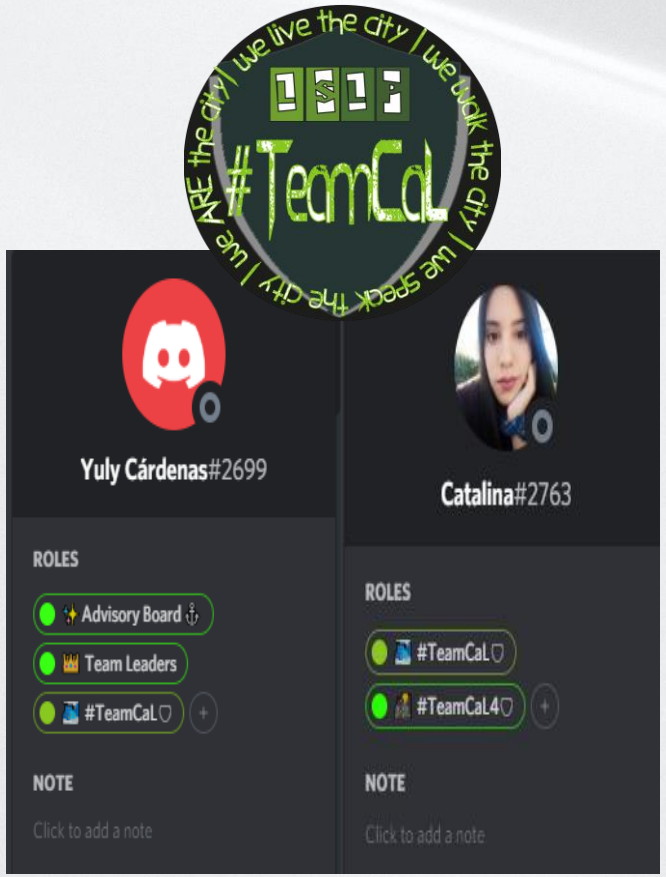
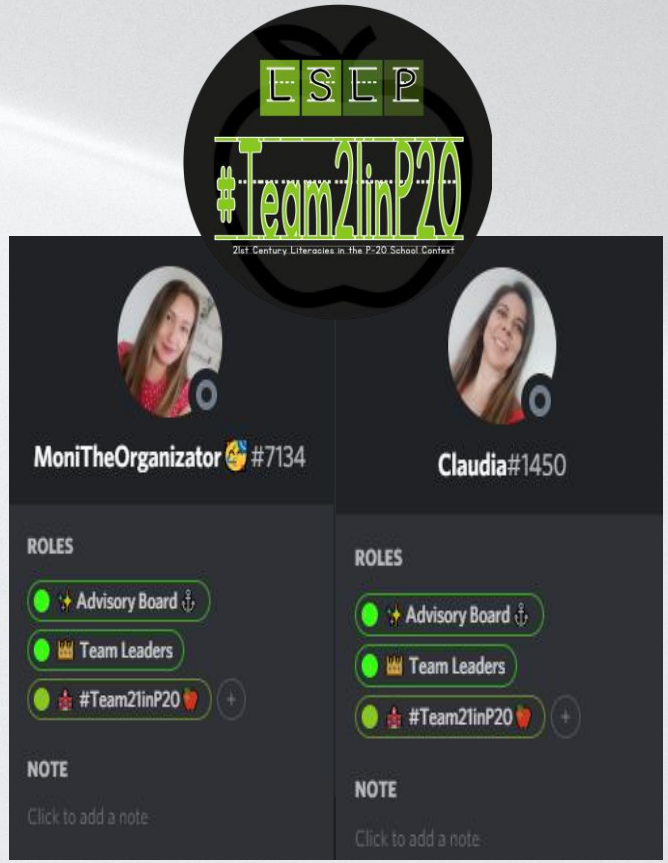
Roles and Team Leadership







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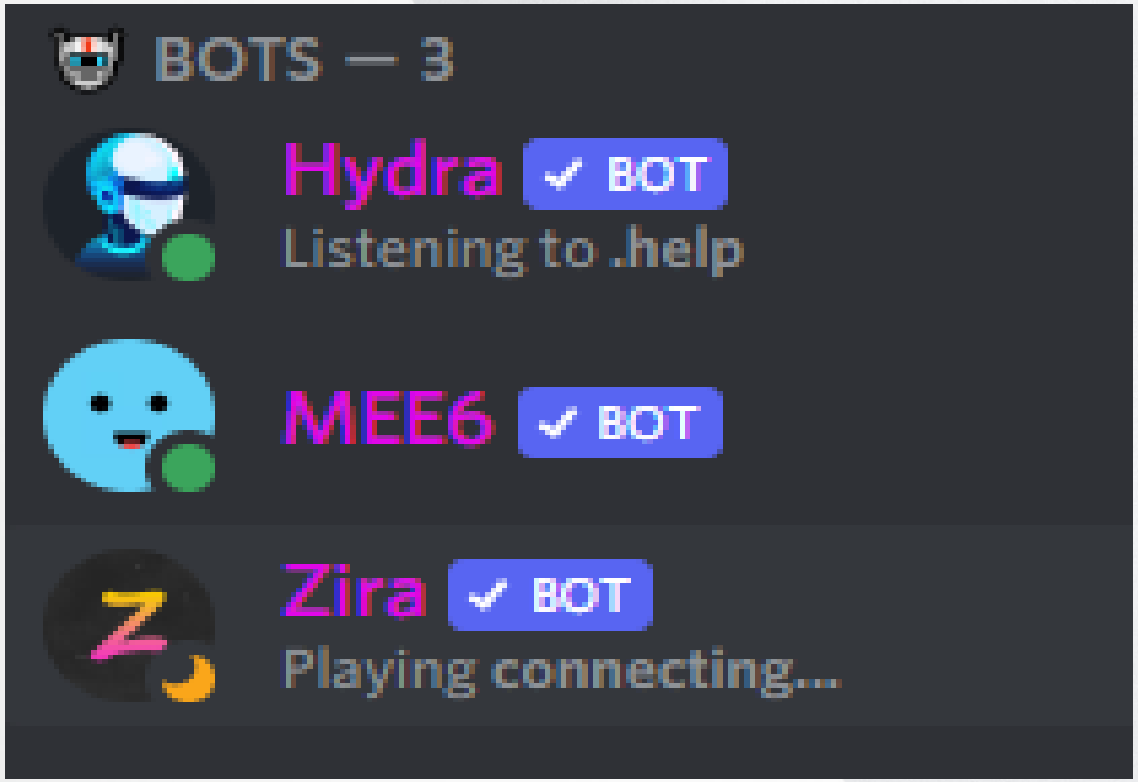
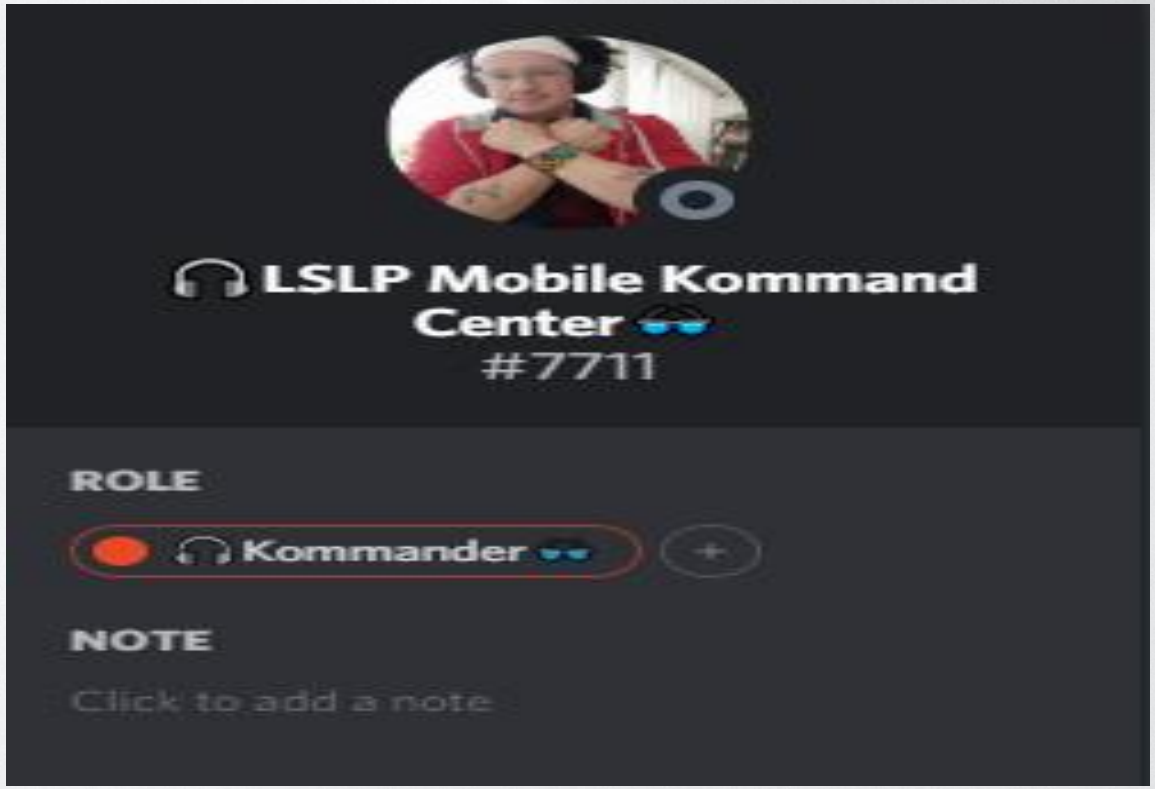


The “Mobile Kommand Center”



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Creating a *Home*

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We Are Legion… and why that mattered

- Virtual platforms can be dehumanizing
  - Fatigue
  - Pressure to be on cam
- Do we really have "Teams" when we're online?
- Do we really "Meet" when we're in our virtual work spaces?
- How "Zoomed" in or out are we really?

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Stage 2 - Organizating the Legion Space
(June 2020 – Today)

- Team Leaders learning and enjoying Discord
  - then calling or convincing other LSLP members.
- Personalized invitations and talks/texts
  - (WhatsApp or Messenger) to use Discord.
- Being sure LSLP members receive support when exploring the app
  - Not just the tutorial but members' company to experience some tools in real time.
- Sharing experiences to encourage other to enjoy Discord as something fun!...
  - We were all learning and we had the same feeling when a child gets a new toy.
  - Helping others to understand the benefits of Discord

@MoniTheOrganizator

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We Brought Everybody… Now What?

- We felt the call to humanize the platform, it was a digital space conquered by the Legion!
  - Starting: Add your profile picture and share pictures of the #LSLPets.
    - A way to keep all exploring Discord tools and linking with others…. The aha and aww moment!
  - Interact with all members even you if don't know them in person.
  - Virtual Happy Hour
  - Job opportunities
  - Challenges!

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Changing Profile Picture

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First Challenge

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MoniTheOrganizator 06/11/2020

Dear Legion... It's time for more active participation. We need to know each other so let's play a game: share a picture of your work place, computer, desk, etc but you must appear in the picture. The last LSLP member in sending the picture will... Give me ideas!

You have 24 hours to complete the challenge

Kylo 06/11/2020

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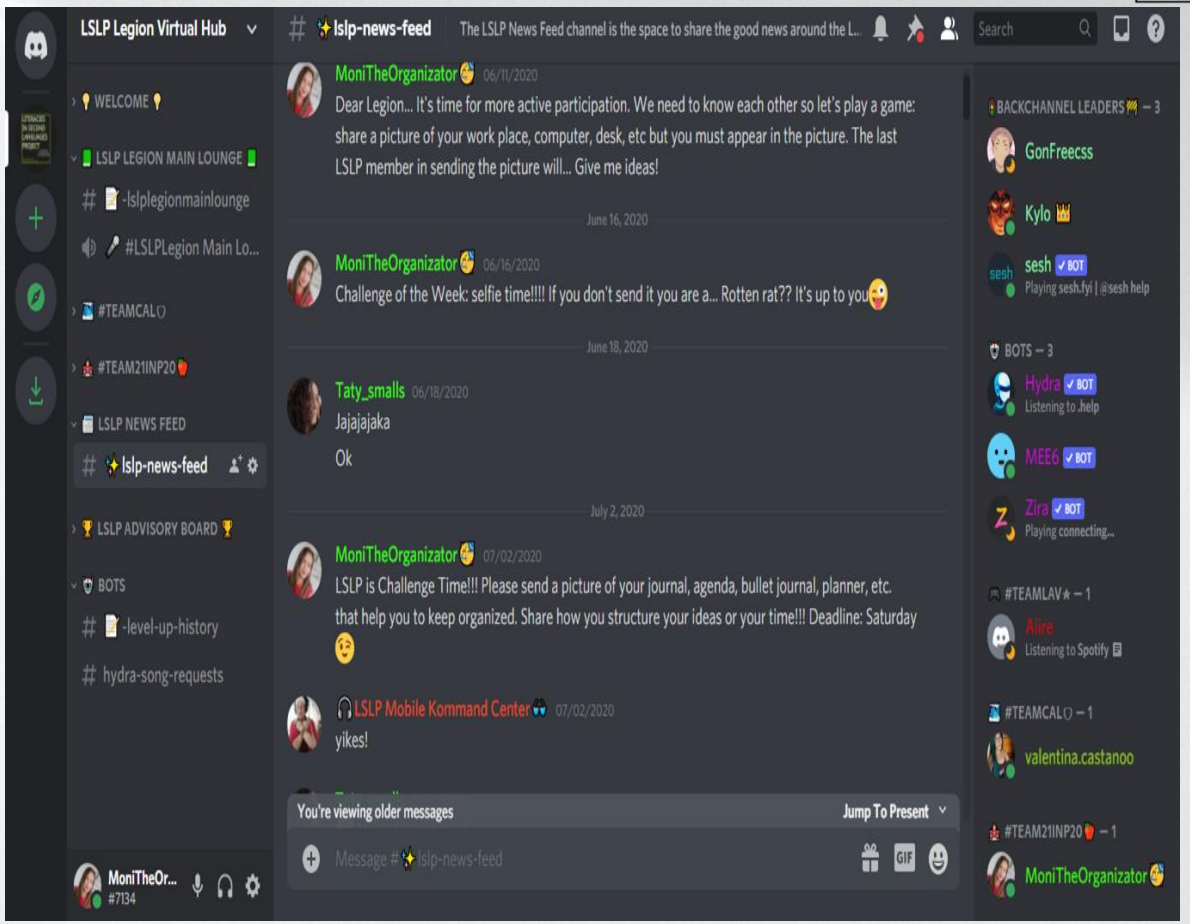
Challenges

- Share a photo of your work place in quarantine
- Quick selfie from everybody in the lounge
- Kung-Fu Writing time picture
- Selfies with some LSLP swag
- Complete this sentence "Things i do that are not academic in nature…"



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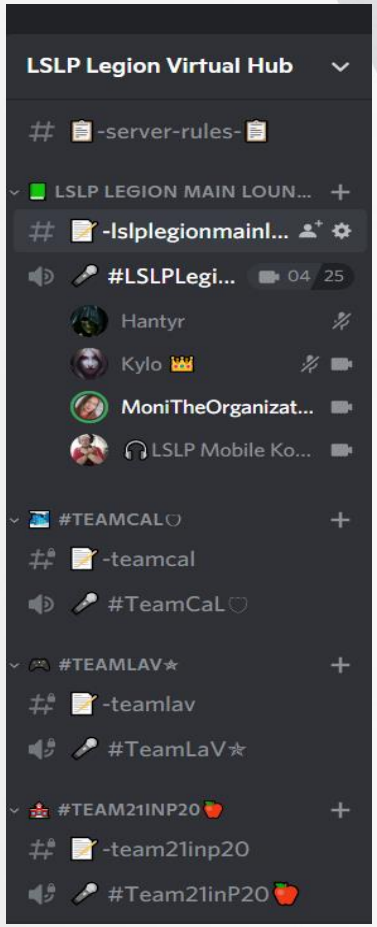
Legion-Building: More than just writing papers…



- Calling ourselves Legion
  - Recognizing our growth as researchers (Literacies in Second Languages Project, 2017).
  - Recognizing we are in this together.
- Legion-Building during the pandemic
  - Wellness checks (from the MKC)
  - Wellness checks as group meetings
  - Messages during difficult times (COVID, puppies' passing, etc.)
- Legion-Building during the strikes
  - Messages with information
  - Emergency messages and updates

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But we *do* write papers too!

- With virtuality, came virtual conferences…
- Where others saw boredom and fatigue…

  The Legion saw something else…

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We saw... an *INVASION!*

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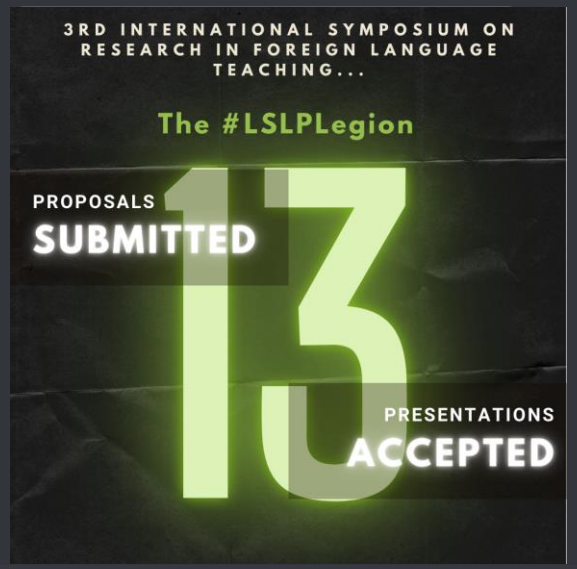

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we made it!!!!!

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From Insane 7 to Legendary 13!

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LSLP Legion Virtual Hub

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Dr. Berry congratulations to you!!! You encouraged us!! You believe in us!!

@MoniTheOrganizator Thank you Moni, but this milestone is ours. I just pushed you, but you're the ones flying and soaring!

we did this because we've stayed honest and true to our principles

we work quietly and constantly

we remain humble and hungry

we know that NOTHING EASY!! is our North Star

and most importantly, we are always UNITED AS LEGION!!!!

you've all believed in those principles and we're here

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Virtual Collaborative Futures in QI

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Virtual Collaborative Futures are here...

- They are not going anywhere.
- How do we create safe spaces for qualitative research within digital/online communities?

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Virtual Collaborative Futures means Safe Spaces

- How do we promote spaces where every side of the story is present?
- How do we curate and assess content?
- The underlining of plug and play scenarios where critical thinking is key!

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Virtual Collaborative Futures means Learning Spaces

- We need to fight to foster digital/online communities that go beyond repositories and data centers.
- Virtual Collaborative Futures entail the active creation, production, and honing of knowledge
- Virtu that is being used as echelons to individuals in different scenarios to perform; for instance: lesson planning, research ideas, conduct data recollection and so forth.

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Virtual Collaborative Futures Means Ethics

- The algorithms and how they are censoring communities
- The suppression of the human factor to install bots and algorithms.
- The systematic following of internal manuals and corporative laws of content management outside of the realities of the countries.
- Censorship and elimination of content that is use to move highlight inequality, abuse and human right violation.

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