

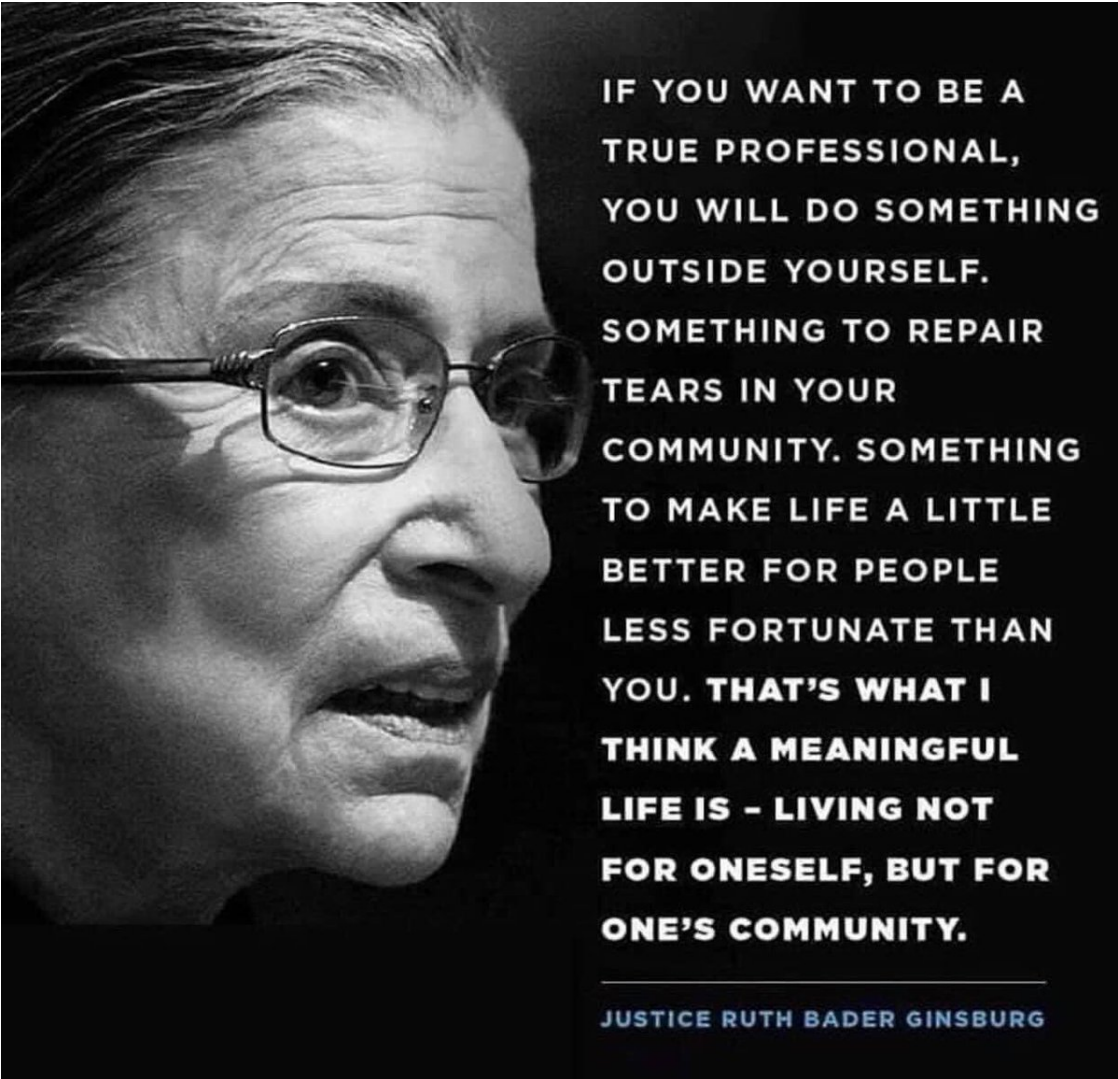
An underwater photograph showing sunlight filtering through the water's surface, creating a shimmering, dappled light effect. The water is a deep, clear blue, and the light rays create a sense of depth and tranquility.

GROWING UP WITH NANOG

THE GIFTS OF
THE NANOG COMMUNITY

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IF YOU WANT TO BE A
TRUE PROFESSIONAL,
YOU WILL DO SOMETHING
OUTSIDE YOURSELF.
SOMETHING TO REPAIR
TEARS IN YOUR
COMMUNITY. SOMETHING
TO MAKE LIFE A LITTLE
BETTER FOR PEOPLE
LESS FORTUNATE THAN
YOU. **THAT'S WHAT I
THINK A MEANINGFUL
LIFE IS - LIVING NOT
FOR ONESELF, BUT FOR
ONE'S COMMUNITY.**

JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Be a better version of oneself

The
word *community* dates
back to the late
14th century.

It stems from the Old
French word *comunité*
(meaning
**commonness,
everybody**)

and the Latin word
communitatem
(meaning **union,
common ownership,
fellowship**)

 **com·mu·ni·ty**
/kəˈmyʊnədē/

noun

1. a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
"the scientific community"
Similar: group section body company set circle clique ▾
 - a group of people living together in one place, especially one practicing common ownership.
noun: **community**; plural noun: **communities**
"a community of nuns"
Similar: brotherhood sisterhood fraternity confraternity sorority ▾
 - a particular area or place considered together with its inhabitants.
"a rural community"
Similar: district region zone area local area locality locale ▾
 - a body of nations or states unified by common interests.
"the European Community"
 - the people of a district or country considered collectively, especially in the context of social values and responsibilities; **society**.
noun: **community**; noun: **the community**
"preparing prisoners for life back in the community"
Similar: population populace people citizenry public ▾
 - denoting a worker or resource designed to serve the people of a particular area.
modifier noun: **community**
"community health services"
2. a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.
"the sense of community that organized religion can provide"
 - a similarity or identity.
"writers who shared a community of interests"
Similar: similarity similar nature likeness sameness comparability ▾
 - joint ownership or liability.
"a commitment to the community of goods"
Similar: joint ownership common ownership shared possession ▾
3. **ECOLOGY**
a group of interdependent organisms of different species growing or living together in a specified habitat.
"communities of insectivorous birds"

THE INTERNET

IS A SYSTEM THAT RELIES ON KINDNESS AND TRUST, WHICH ALSO MAKES IT VERY DELICATE AND VULNERABLE

"The internet has no business plan - never did - no CEO, no single firm responsible for building it. Instead it's folks getting together to do something for fun, rather than because they were told to or because they were expecting to make money from it."

"In rare but striking instances, a lie told by a single entity within this honeycomb can lead to real trouble."

"A team of volunteers - unpaid, unauthorized and largely unknown to most people - rolled into action and restored the service within hours. It's like when the Bat signal goes up and Batman answers the call, random acts of kindness of these unsung heroes quietly keep the net in working order."

Professor Jonathan Zittrain told BBC News about NANOG, after the 2008 Pakistan/YouTube incident.

A POWERFUL COMMUNITY OF MISFITS





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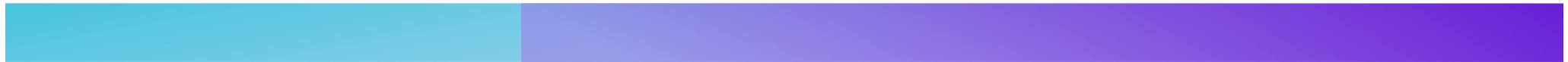
**MY FIRST IMPRESSION
OF NANOG**

- People who like to argue
- People who tell it like it is
- People who have done it, or doing it RIGHT NOW - not hypothetical
- REAL
- Conscientious
- People who say things I wish I were smart enough, quick enough, or courageous enough to say
- HELP EACH OTHER without expectations
- Cared about more than just themselves



BE THE COMMUNITY

- Follow the discussion
- Don't be afraid to ask questions
- Be open-minded
- Share your ideas
- Step out of your comfort zone
- Volunteer
- Evolve for better



DISCOVERY OF YOURSELF AND OUR COMMUNITY

Acceptance of myself and others

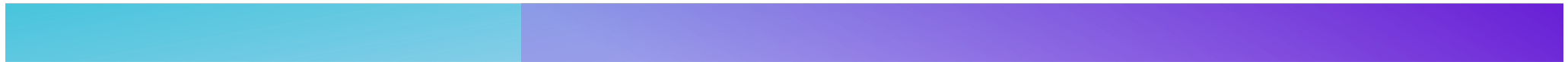
- The heart of compassion is really acceptance
- The better we are at accepting ourselves and others, the more compassionate we become
- A calling, a belief in something bigger than just our own opinion
- An act of kindness creates great returns
- Gain perspective



GIVE AND TAKE

Volunteering for NANOG (committees, board, etc.) helped me more than I helped NANOG

- Learned how to listen deeply and closely
- Learned to understand all perspectives
- Learned to stand up for what I cared about
- Learned to push my boundaries
- And most of all, learned that giving always gives back more



WHAT MAKES NANOG SPECIAL



Working together, for the Internet of tomorrow.



A community built on openness, authenticity, and collaboration.



Accepting and be accepted.



Being in a community awakens you to your own sense of humanity and creates a deeper understanding of what it means to be a person. Life is others. We *need* others to better understand ourselves.



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Rivers do not drink
their own water; trees
do not eat their own
fruit; the sun does not
shine on itself and
flowers do not spread
their fragrance for
themselves. Living for
others is a rule of
nature. We are all born
to help each other. No
matter how difficult it
is...Life is good when
you are happy; but
much better when
others are happy
because of you.

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Pope Francis

Compassion is a
relationship between
equals. Only when we
know our own
darkness, we can be
present with the
darkness of others.