

# Getting the masses on-side: openSUSE's community manager speaks

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There are community managers for Linux distributions who spend their whole time spinning this or that and trying to influence opinion without dealing with the reality.

There are others in similar roles who spend all their time contradicting people on mailing lists and discussion forums and flinging mud at anybody who says the smallest thing negative about their distribution.

And then there is Jos Poortvliet, the community manager for openSUSE.

Poortvliet is refreshingly different, someone who brings intelligence and good sense to the role, someone who knows how to communicate in an effective way.

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