

Background:

Members have discovered MyCells, leading to others wanting to know more about the platform and if it is “safe” to use to collaborate with like minded people.

- MyCells does not advertise or post on social media. It is word of mouth only
- No “big tech” is involved and the platform is built from the ground up
 - No Telegram or other programs/apps groups or channels
 - Utilize Zulip for internal communication and collaboration
- MyCells is membership based - [vereniging](#), meaning all who sign up have a say in how it operates. There is no “owner”.
- Discussions with MyCells organizers can be done on [Jitsi Meet](#) (apps available for all OS’s)
 - Recording is possible with OBS software (FOSS). There is no notification so everyone should be made aware and agree to record the meeting
 - MyCells staff will likely not agree to be recorded
- There is more info on the MyCells site itself...

How to work with MyCells:

What is our goal?

- [Learn more about the MyCells platform and if it is “safe” to use.](#)
- [Use MyCells to collaborate with like minded people to build community and support Restoration projects. HdjA does not have a platform of our own and reaching out to others on various platforms is beneficial.](#)

What are we worried about?

- [Personal safety/privacy in the digital space while using a new platform](#)

What would alleviate those concerns?

- [Use safe practices while interacting with people.](#)
- [Share guidelines for HdjA members that are also applicable to other applications and platforms](#)
- [Recognize propaganda from truth when making decisions](#)

What conditions must the decision meet to be acceptable?

- [Each individual can use their own discretion to join MyCells or any other device/application/platform. All should be used with personal and safety and privacy in mind](#)

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Decision

How should HdjA use MyCells platform?

For projects and individual networks.

- Individuals can use the platform to network for themselves. Be careful with what you are posting and who you are involved with. Meet people face to face as often as possible (preferably before noting your associations). Use your intuition.
- All projects can use MyCells to make the project more visible to the local community(s) and get help from like minded people. Additional advise is to use it in parallel with another platform to prevent that if a platform is discontinued, there is little to no impact and the project can continue.

How can HdjA and MyCells [best] work together?

When possible, support the platforms (such as MyCells) that we use, via donation etc.,.

Decision making involvement is not in our scope. MyCells is a “vereniging” so members have a voice in how the platform operates, if you wish to share your input.

Can we/should we work together or simply utilize the platform?

We will utilize the platform as users.

Are there specific areas where HdjA needs more from MyCells as a platform?

To be determined over time

Is there info that we believe should be or would be beneficial to have on MyCells?

Use links only when sharing information and do so under your own name. We are asked to remain independent from C.A.R.E.

Added Value

Projects will benefit from using MyCells by making projects more visible to the LOCAL community(s) and garner support from like minded people who are searching for ways that they can be part of the restoration. Other platforms leave people ‘disconnected’ since most are not local and are unable to be as involved as they would like.

The Local market place is useful for the HdjA – similar to the Give away take away we set up on Telegram