# A Discourse Community — Criteria (Accessible Text Version)

## Criteria

1. has a broadly agreed set of common public goals;
2. has mechanisms of intercommunication among its members;
3. uses its participatory mechanisms to provide information and feedback;
4. utilizes and possesses one or more genres in the communicative furtherance of its aims;
5. in addition to owning genres, it has acquired some specific lexis (or vocabulary);
6. has a threshold level of expert members.