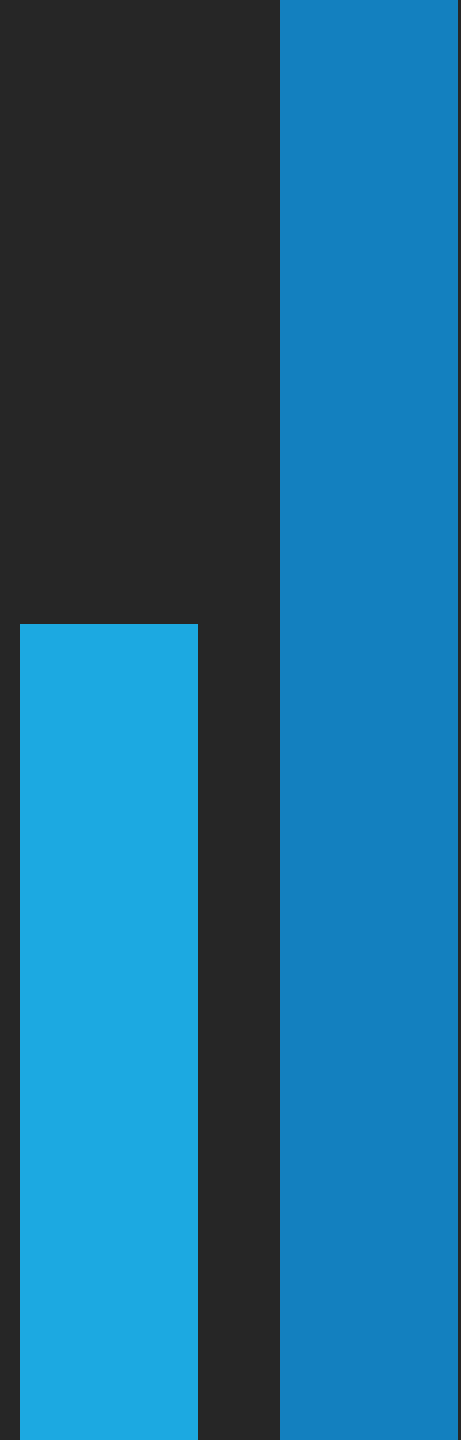# Anthology Ally

Office Hours

October 2023

Today's webinar

This webinar will be recorded and will be available to all clients on the Anthology Community.

Closed captioning is available on today's webinar (via Microsoft Teams).

Based on Anthology's AI Trustworthy Framework, the use of third-party AI generator software for notetaking or recording of this session requires consent from all webinar attendees and prior approval from Anthology.

Forward-Looking Statement

Statements regarding our product development initiatives, including new products and future product upgrades, updates or enhancements represent our current intentions, but may be modified, delayed or abandoned without prior notice and there is no assurance that such offering, upgrades, updates or functionality will become available unless and until they have been made generally available to our customers.

About Office Hours

- Office hours are facilitated by the Product managers and the wider team.

- Come and listen to the Anthology staff discuss in detail the latest feature releases, product developments and emerging current issues.

- You will have the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions to the Ally Product Management team and other clients.

- The slide deck and recording will be shared after the meeting.

Upcoming/Ongoing events

Ally activities

Agenda for Today (Oct 09, 2023)

- Upcoming / Ongoing events
  - International Ally User Group
  - IMPORTANT: Scheduled Maintenance 21 October 2023 (all regions)

- Q&A with Chris, Ivan, and the Ally team
  - Roadmap questions around upcoming features
  - General questions and chat

- "Did you know?" Series (New!)

- Discussion

International Ally User Group

October 26th, 2023

07:00 PDT / 10:00 EDT / 15:00 BST/ 16:00 CEST / 18:00 GST

Sign up via: https://forms.office.com/e/14UDEkFZVQ

Agenda
1. Taming Accessibility Statements.
2. Digital Badges to Promote Accessibility of Course Materials and Recognize Accessibility Champions.
3. Next meeting.
4. Community updates.
5. Any other business.

IMPORTANT: Scheduled Maintenance 21 October 2023 (all regions)

Anthology Ally will be undergoing scheduled maintenance to upgrade our database version and perform other necessary updates.

During the maintenance window, Ally features including Institutional and Course Reporting, Instructor Feedback, and Alternative Formats may be delayed or unavailable for short periods of time. Ally will still be handling events and new files, however, processing may also be delayed during this maintenance period.

The maintenance windows are:

- Australia and New Zealand
Maintenance for institutions hosted from the Sydney (Australia) AWS Data Center will take place on Saturday 21 October from 5pm-12am Australian Eastern Daylight Time.

- Asia
Maintenance for institutions hosted from the Singapore AWS Data Center will take place on Saturday Saturday 21 October from 2-9pm Singapore Time.

- Europe
Maintenance for institutions hosted from the Frankfurt (Germany) AWS Data Center will take place on Saturday Saturday 21 October from 8am-3pm Central European Time / 7am-2pm UK time.

- Canada
Maintenance for institutions hosted from the Montreal (Canada Central) AWS Data Center will take place on Saturday Saturday 21 October from 2-9am Eastern Time / 11pm (Oct 20) -6am Pacific Time.

- United States
Maintenance for institutions hosted from the North Virginia (US-East-1) AWS Data Center will take place on Saturday Saturday 21 October from 2-9am Eastern Time / 11pm(Oct 20) -6am Pacific Time.
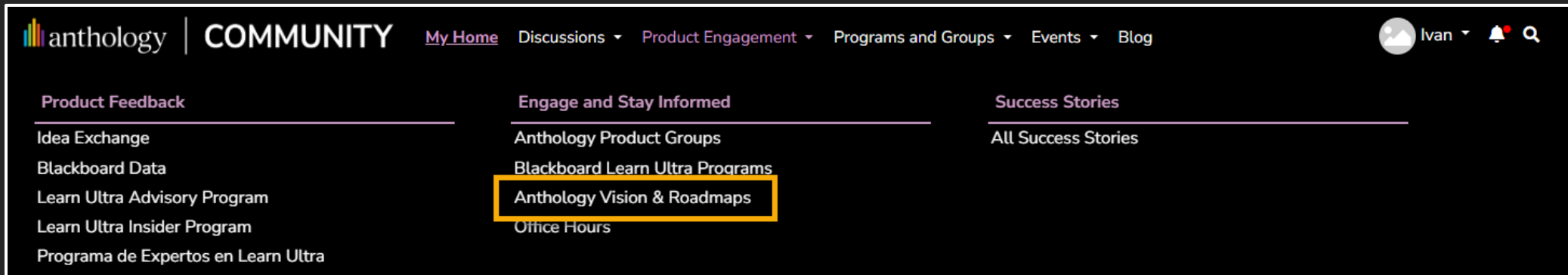
Q&A with Chris, Ivan and the Ally team

Question 1

What enhancements or new features are planned for Ally? Will there be any AI enhancements?
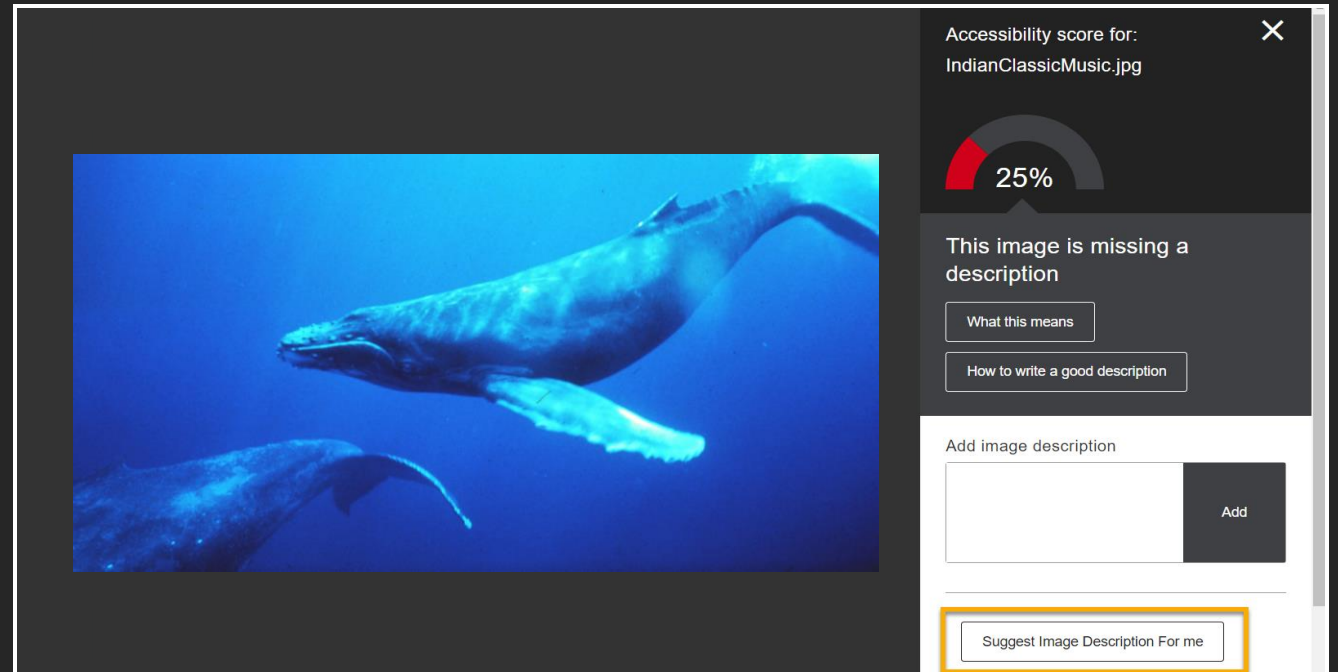
If you want further information about Ally's roadmap, you can sign-up to the Anthology Community

https://community.anthology.com/home

Roadmap

Currently researching ways to provide suggestions of potential alternative text options for images to help instructors address this issue in Ally's Instructor Feedback flow

Question 2

(I am) looking for an update on this feature request: https://anthology-teachingandlearning.ideas.aha.io/ideas/ALLY-I-13
I know in the past the feedback has been that there were some technical challenges to writing the alt text into the HTML. If that is still a limitation, can you explain what the limitation is? Is there something that is needed from Canvas to enable that to happen?

Answer: First, it is important to highlight the difference between Standalone Images and Images embedded within WYSIWYG content. For standalone images, the LMS does not provide a field to store the alt text. We have looked at a few options, but complexity is introduced when considering all places where a standalone image is used in addition to the files area.
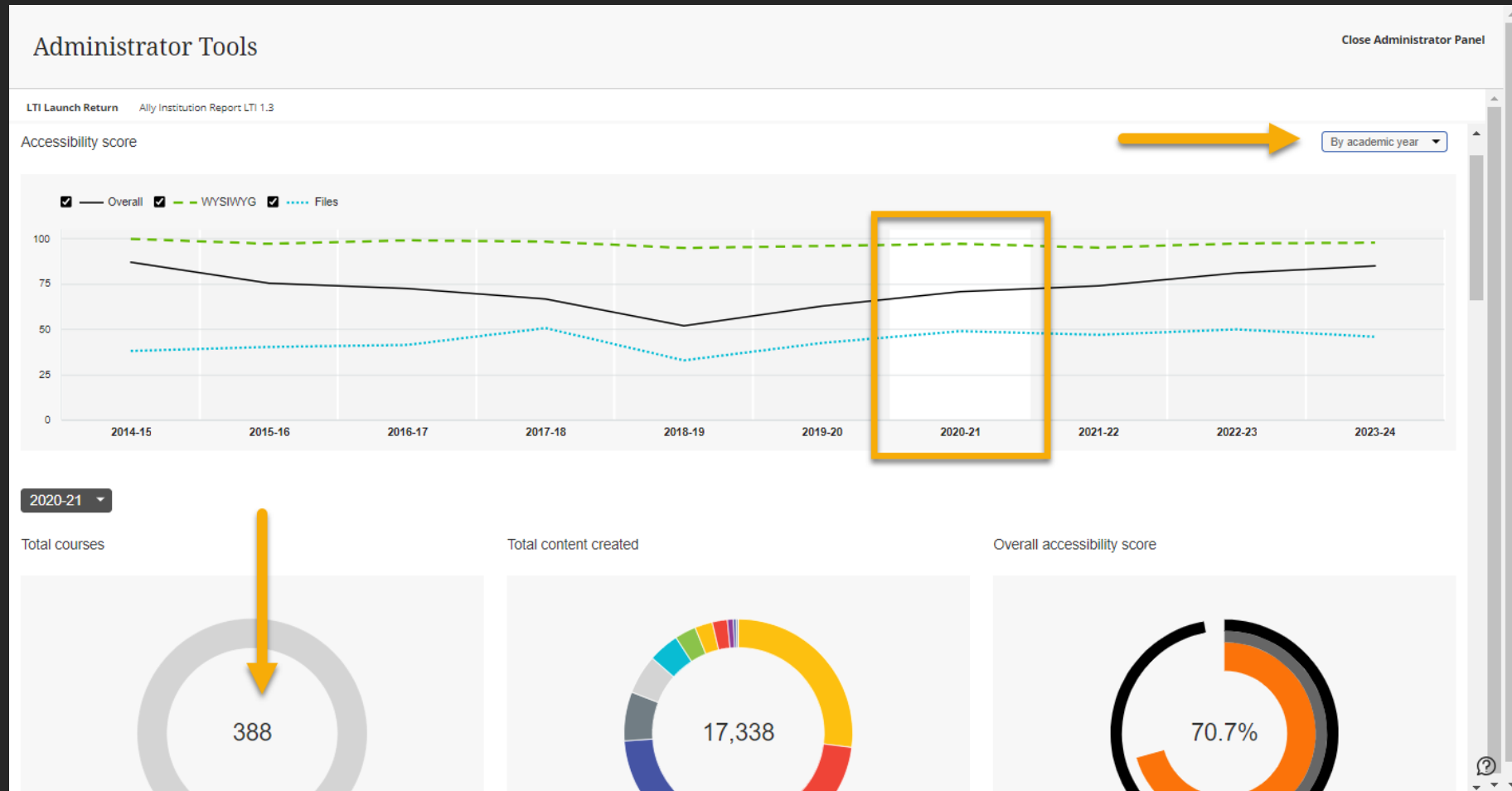
Did you know?

NEW Series!

Number of Courses Displayed in The Institutional Report

In some LMSes like Learn, Courses can be configured so they could take date ranges from two terms. Continuous terms is an example of this scenario.

Selecting an academic year in the Institutional Report (for example 2020-21) will consider all courses from all the terms that can be "overlaid" on the same dates:
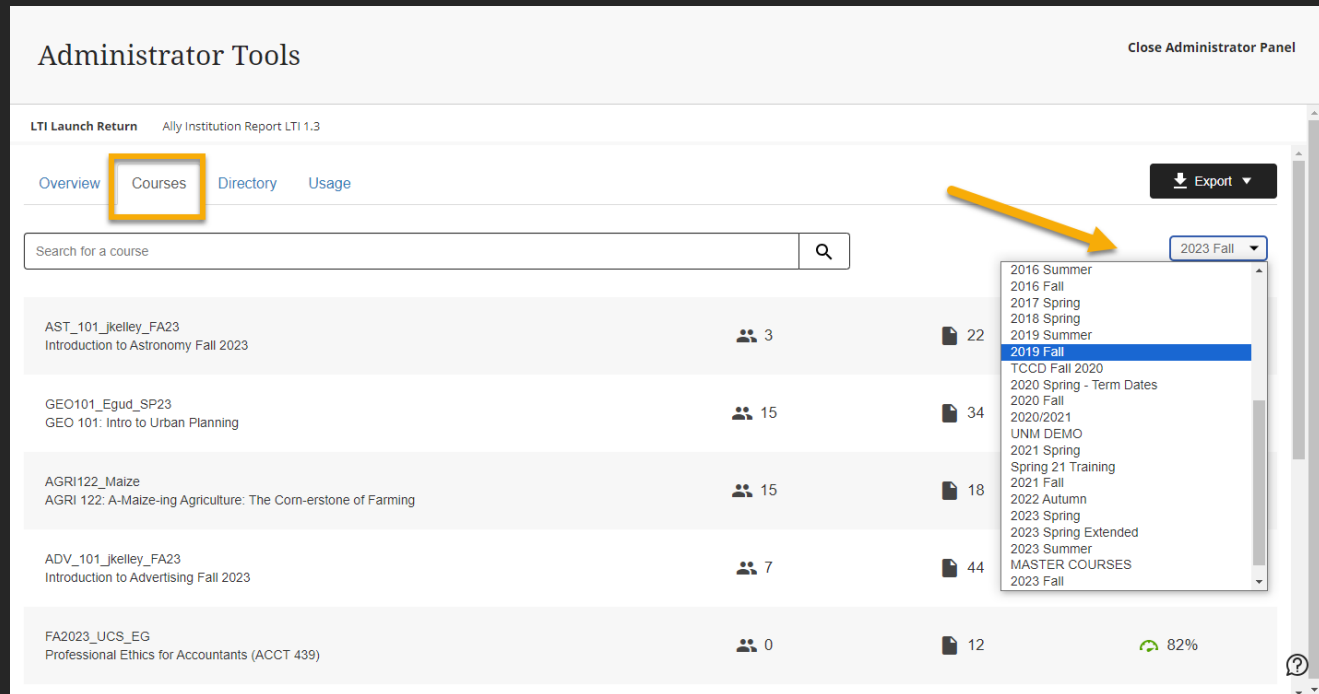
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On the other hand, if you access the Courses tab, you can only select Terms. And it will only show the courses related to the specific term, not to the academic year

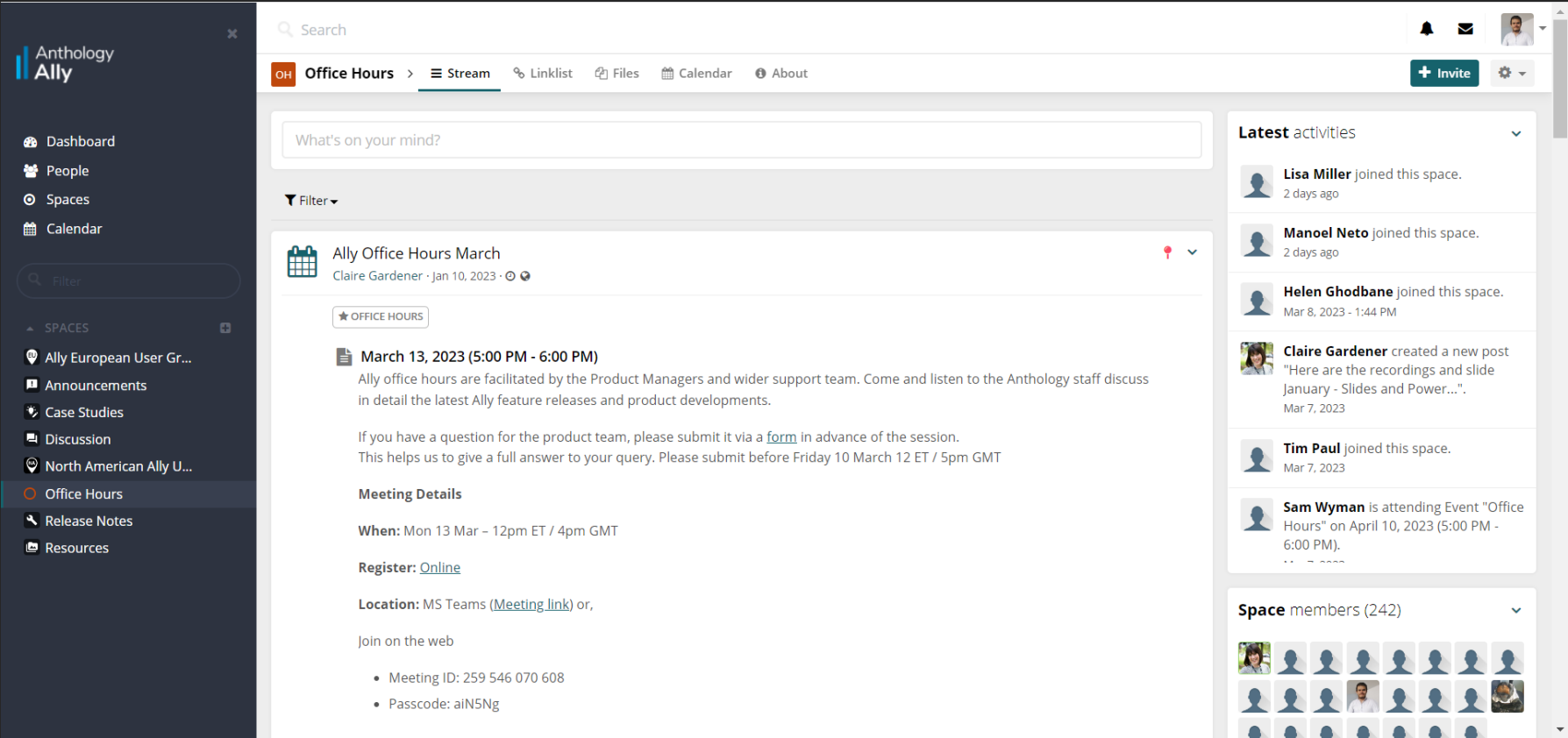# Discussion

Handling files not authored by instructors

- What do instructors do with files when they cannot find the original version, and are flagged with accessibility issues by Ally? For example, books from publishers.

- What types of content types are usually authored by third-parties?

- How do you work with your library services/library team?

Data from old courses

- How often if at all does content in older courses change?

- At what point if any do you stop focusing on previous years?

- How do you compare current data to older data?

General Questions?

Ally User Group

https://usergroup.ally.ac/s/office-hours/

Next Office Hours – Mon **Nov 13**

Please submit your questions via Microsoft Form

https://forms.office.com/r/2dLEMaSM3z

Office Hours will be every 2nd Monday of the month.