

The Debian Women Project



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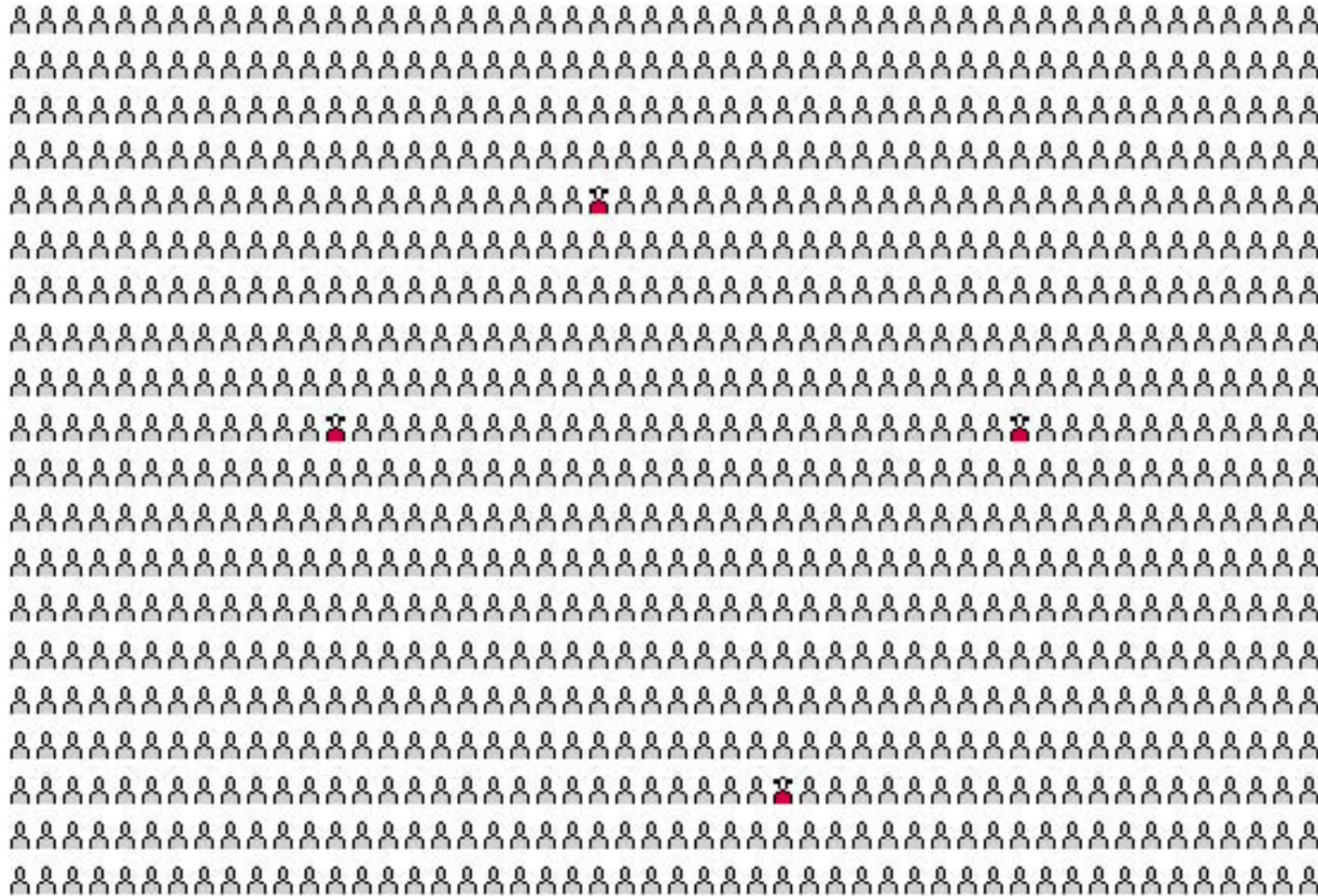
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Picture by Hanna Wallach



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- Support present D-W members. Buy them a cup of coffee (beer will also be accepted).



→ Most of these measures
would actually not only benefit women
but everyone involved!



What's good for women in Debian is good for everyone in Debian!



Questions



Read on ...

- The Homepage of the Debian-Women Project
 - women.alioth.debian.org
- Val Henson: HOWTO Encourage Women in Linux
 - <http://infohost.nmt.edu/~val/howto.html>
- [Linuxchix.org](http://linuxchix.org)

