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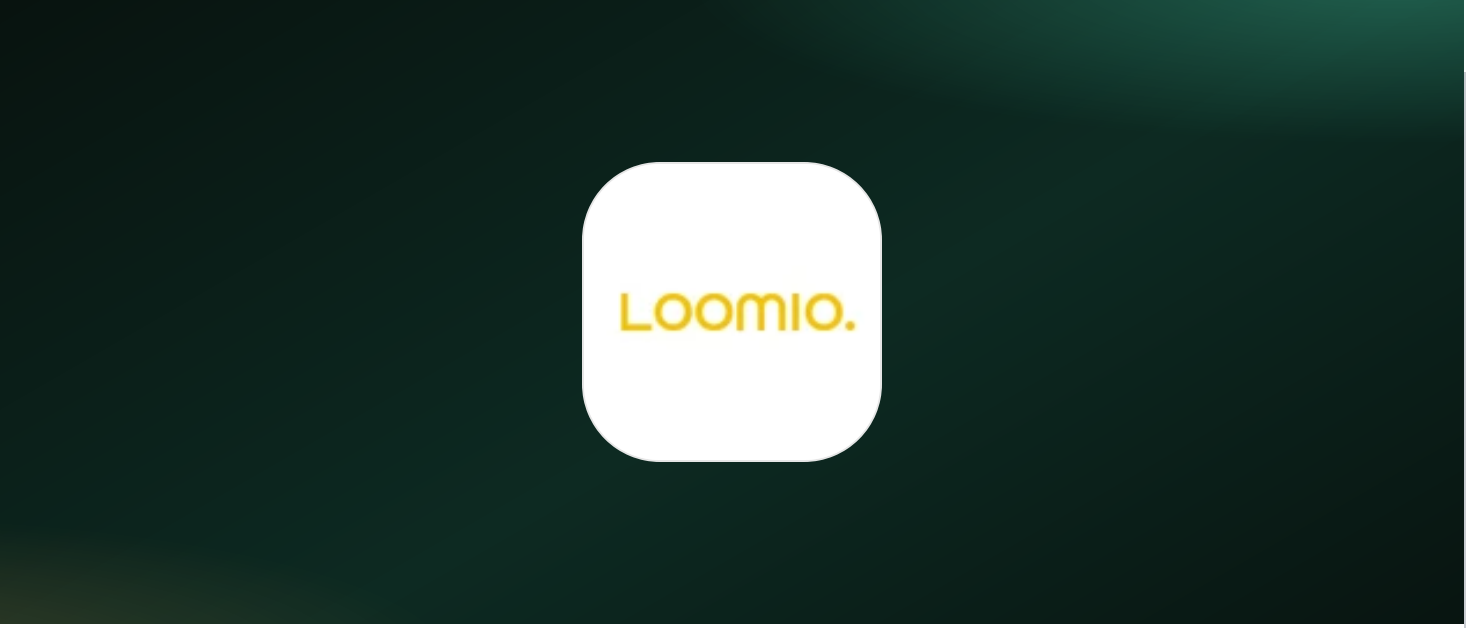
The Insider's Guide

Group decision-making software for organizations and co-ops

Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among course and community platforms, read from Loomio's own pages.

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Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

ToolGPA put this guide together from Loomio's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Loomio's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 23 of the 98 other course and community platforms we grade

Loomio gives a group one place to discuss a question, vote with reasons and record the outcome. It is open-source software built by a worker-owned cooperative in New Zealand and is sold as a hosted service priced for the whole group, not per person. Hosting can be in the USA, EU or Australia.

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about Loomio**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

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> **You build groups, invite people and set up proposals.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

1 **Best for group decisions with discussion and voting**

Loomio puts a question, background and votes with reasons in one thread.

2 **Paid plans start at $33 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $33 per month, billed annually ($39 billed monthly).

3 **You can try it first**

14-day free trial, up to 10 people and 10 discussions

4 **It runs on Web**

Web.

5 **Discussion with context**

Put the question, background and documents in one thread, and invite the right people to take part.

6 **Voting with reasons**

People record their position along with the reasoning, so concerns show up early and the proposal can change.

7 **A searchable record**

The discussion, reasons and final outcome stay searchable for later reference.

8 **A 2.0 GPA, above 23 of 98**

That is against the other course and community platforms we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 **Your call**

Loomio sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

Loomio at a glance

PRICING
Free trial, from $33 per month, billed annually ($39 billed monthly)

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
14-day free trial, up to 10 people and 10 discussions

RUNS ON
Web

MADE BY
Loomio Cooperative Limited, since 2011

CATEGORY
Courses & Communities

OUR GRADE
2.0 GPA, fair

The report card

Best for group decisions with discussion and voting

Loomio puts a question, background and votes with reasons in one thread. It does that one job and the price is per group, from $33 a month for one group

of 30 members.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD	Loomio	Graded Nov 13, 2026
SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Starter is $33 a month billed annually for a whole group of up to 30, in the middle of the category's prices; Pro is $83.
Free plan and trial	C	A 14-day trial for up to 10 people and 10 discussions. The card is not mentioned. No free plan.
Features	C	Discussion, proposals and a searchable record cover decision-making fully, but it is a smaller job than running a community.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. You build groups, invite people and set up proposals.
Platforms and integrations	C	Web only, and no integrations are listed apart from Zoom on Pro.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.0**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Loomio is for

- ✓ Fits if a group needs to decide things in writing
- ✓ Works for co-ops and boards that want a record of reasons

Who it is not for

- ✕ Tight if your group is over 30, as Starter caps at 30 and one group
- ✕ Skip it if you want one-off subgroups on Starter, as it has none
- ✕ Watch out: SSO and custom branding need the custom Private Loomio plan
- ✕ Watch out: after cancelling, data is kept 30 days before it is deleted

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Co-ops, unions and nonprofits that decide things by consensus or vote
- ✓ Distributed teams that need a record of why a decision was made

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Starter is for one group of 30 people with no subgroups; larger groups need Pro.
- ⓘ Prices are for the whole group, and the figures above are the commercial rate.
- ⓘ After cancelling, data stays available for 30 days before it is deleted.
- ⓘ Single sign-on and custom branding need the custom Private Loomio plan.

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$33
A month to start

Loomio is a paid product with a free trial, starting at $33 per month, billed annually ($39 billed monthly).

STARTER

$33

per month, billed annually ($39 billed monthly)

Commercial rate. One group of up to 30 members, no subgroups, email support. $399 a year when paid annually.

PRO

$83

per month, billed annually ($99 billed monthly)

Commercial rate. Up to 3,000 members, unlimited subgroups, Zoom and email support. $999 a year when paid annually.

PRIVATE LOOMIO

Custom

Dedicated server and database, SAML or OAuth single sign-on, custom branding and domain, unlimited users.

Trying it first

14-day free trial, up to 10 people and 10 discussions

Read from loomio.com on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

NONPROFIT

Nonprofit pricing

Eligible nonprofits and member-funded groups pay less: Starter is $299 a year and Pro $499 a year, with Pro covering up to 300 members.

Stated on loomio.com

ANNUAL DISCOUNT

Save about 15% by paying annually

The pricing page shows annual payment saving about 15% on Starter and 16% on Pro at the commercial rate.

Stated on loomio.com

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Group decision-making software for organizations and co-ops. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, community.

> **Discussion, proposals and a searchable record cover decision-making fully, but it is a smaller job than running a community.**
>
> From our grade for features

Discussion with context

Put the question, background and documents in one thread, and invite the right people to take part.

Voting with reasons

People record their position along with the reasoning, so concerns show up early and the proposal can change.

A searchable record

The discussion, reasons and final outcome stay searchable for later reference.

Subgroups

Pro allows unlimited subgroups for teams and working groups within one organization.

Data export and regions

Group admins can export data as CSV, HTML or JSON, and choose hosting in the USA, EU or Australia.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Loomio is made by Loomio Cooperative Limited, and has been around since 2011.

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Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

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Other course and community platforms it is graded above

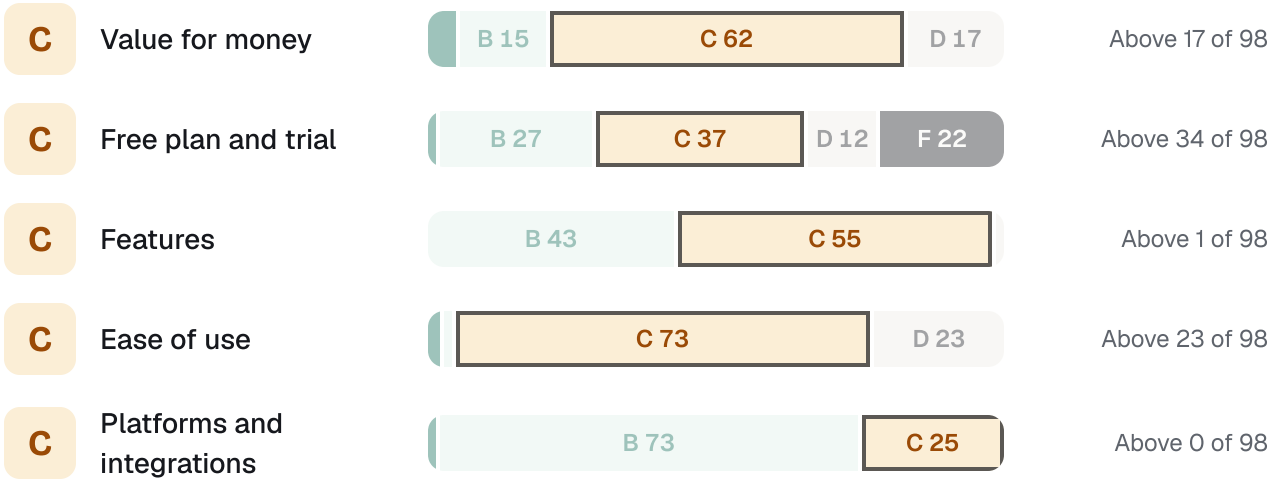
Loomio's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 23 of the 98 other course and community platforms we grade, and level with 21.

Its paid plans start at $33 a month, against a middle price of $36 for the category: 28 of the 65 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4. 26 tools score higher and cost less.

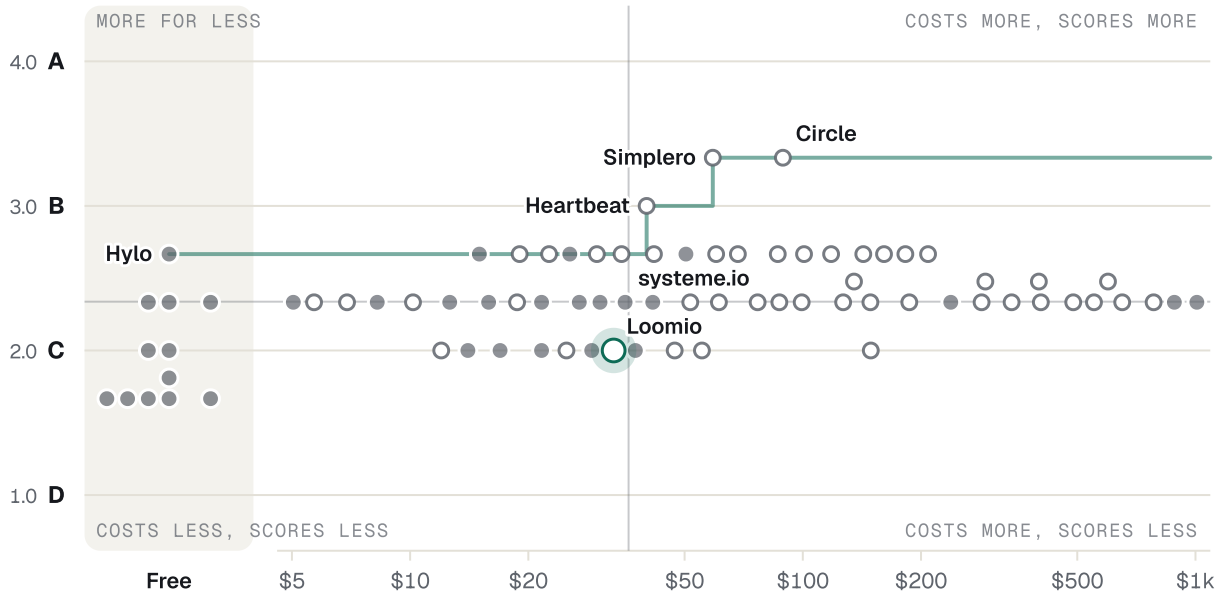
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 99 course and community platforms we grade, cut by the letter each got. Loomio's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 78 course and community platforms. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Loomio is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Your call

Loomio sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

What you would give up is listed below. Whether that is worth the price is your call. It costs $396 a year. Loomio is open source, so there is a third way: take its code and run it yourself.

What you could make

- It runs in a browser, which is where something home-made would run too.

What you could not

- A members' space with posts, chat and events that people keep coming back to.
- Sharing with other people, which means accounts and invitations.

What this rests on. Loomio's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Bettermode, Discourse, Hylo, Groups.io and Higher Logic

The 5 tools Loomio is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Bettermode

Free trial · from $149/mo

Branded community platform with Q&A, events and AI search.

- Loomio is open source, according to its own site.
- Bettermode also covers AI search and team chat.

Loomio and Bettermode compared in full

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Discourse

Free plan · from $100/mo

Open-source discussion forum software with hosted plans.

- Discourse has a free plan. Loomio does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Discourse lists iOS and Android apps.
- Discourse also covers team chat.

Loomio and Discourse compared in full



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Hylo

Free

Free open-source platform for community groups and coordination.

- Hylo has a free plan. Loomio does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Hylo lists iOS and Android apps.
- Hylo also covers calendar and team chat.

Loomio and Hylo compared in full



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Groups.io

Free plan · from $20/mo

Email discussion groups with files, calendar and wiki.

- Groups.io has a free plan. Loomio does not, though it has a free trial.
- Loomio is open source, according to its own site.
- Groups.io also covers wiki, calendar and team chat.

Loomio and Groups.io compared in full



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Higher Logic

Paid

Online community and member marketing software for associations.

- Loomio is open source, according to its own site.
- Higher Logic also covers chat assistant, marketing automation, reports and email campaigns.

Loomio and Higher Logic compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Loomio free?

No, Loomio is a paid product, but you can try it first. 14-day free trial, up to 10 people and 10 discussions.

How much does Loomio cost?

Loomio lists 3 plans. Starter: $33 per month, billed annually ($39 billed monthly).

What platforms does Loomio work on?

Loomio is available on Web.

Does Loomio offer any discounts?

Loomio publicly lists the following: Nonprofit pricing; Save about 15% by paying annually.

Does Loomio have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Loomio is listed for Web.

Does Loomio have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Loomio is listed for Web.

Is Loomio open source?

Yes. Loomio is open source, according to its own site.

Who makes Loomio?

Loomio is made by Loomio Cooperative Limited. It dates from 2011.

What are the alternatives to Loomio?

The closest alternatives to Loomio in our directory are Bettermode, Discourse, Hylo, Groups.io and Higher Logic.

How does Loomio compare with other course and community platforms?

Loomio's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 23 of the 98 other course and community platforms we grade, and level with 21.

Is Loomio good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Loomio C for value for money. On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4.

Could I make my own version of Loomio?

Loomio sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Loomio's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Loomio's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Loomio Cooperative Limited. Prices change, so check loomio.com before you buy.

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loomio.com/pricing

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

7,721

Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at **toolgpa.com**.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Loomio, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/loomio

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Prices and grades as they are today

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The best-graded course and community platforms after Loomio, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Courses & Communities Insider's Guide

Every one of the 99 course and community platforms we grade, compared

Hylo Insider's Guide

Free open-source platform for community groups and coordination

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Academy LMS Insider's Guide

WordPress LMS plugin with a free core and Pro licenses by site count

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Circle Insider's Guide

Community platform with courses, events, payments and branded apps

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