

#UKNOF50

Retrospective:
Looking back at Fifty UKNOFs

Wrap-up
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Looking back on Fifty UKNOFs



- I did not expect when I first thought of doing this around 20 years ago, nor when we started this in 2005, we'd still be doing it 17 years later..
- A lot of it has been fun
- We have built our own unique and supportive community
- ..and learned stuff!

1st UK Network Operators' Forum Meeting

Date: Wednesday 25th May 2005

Venue: SOCITM, London

Sponsor: TelNic

Chair: Keith Mitchell

Admin: Steve Harris

Schedule

- 09:30 Coffee
- 10:15
 - Introductions
 - Agenda updates
 - UKIF Introduction and Rationale, Willie Black, UKIF Chair
 - [UKNOF Introductory Presentation](#), Keith Mitchell, UKNOF Chair
 - Questions/discussion
- 11:15 [Ofcom and Internet Technology](#): Steve Unger, Ofcom Technical Director
- 11:45 [ISP VoIP Issues and Opportunities](#): Tim Brooks, Technical Director, CIMOL technologies
- 12:15 [Registry Update](#): John Dickinson, Nominet
- 12:45 Lunch
- 14:00 Updates from UK Internet Exchange Operators
 - [LINX](#): Mike Hughes
 - [LIPEX](#): Panny Malialis
 - [LoNAP](#): James Rice
 - [MaNAP/NWIX](#): Nick Whittaker
 - [MCIX](#): Marcus Hopwood
 - [Union IXP](#): Fearghas McKay
- 15:00 [UK Internet Infrastructure Protection](#): Bob Downie, NISCC
- 15:30 Discussion: Need for UK NSPSEC group ?
- PGP signing
- 15:45 Coffee
- 16:00 [IP Address Aggregation Best Practice](#): James Rice, Jump Networks
- 16:15 [Alternative Access Technologies](#): Malcolm Corbett, Access to Broadband Campaign
- 16:45 Audience Participation: "[Peering Personals](#)"
- 17:15 Final Q&A, wrap-up, next meeting

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Some Numbers



- 50 full meetings
 - 2 online, plus 6 virtual UKNOFs
- Around 8,500 total attendee registrations
- 660+ speaker presentations
- 25 venues in 14 cities
- Several dozen currys...

Some High Points



- Highest in-person attendance 360 at UKNOF33 in London on Jan 2016
- Highest online attendance 365 at virtualUKNOF May 2020
- Internet history presentations from Rob Blokzijl, Cliff Stanford, Daniel Karrenberg, Grahame Davies
- Tim Robinson's WISP presentation at UKNOF34 most-viewed on YouTube
- UKNOF11 in the Broadcasting House Council Chamber
- UKNOF32 with UK&Ireland Peering Forum in Sheffield
- Steam-powered social
- West Country Cream Tea breaks
- Many pints and packets, and pints...

...and some not so high ones



- Venue success disasters
- PoE flex
- Stadia shortfall
- *Parliamo* DNSSEC
- Navigating Edinburgh with 2D maps
- Monetize all The Things
- Leeds floor-tile lifting competition

Looking forward



- The past 2½ years have taught us how essential the Internet is to *everything*
- Keeping it open, interoperable, universal, and available is however very much a work in progress
- Our industry faces skill and demographic challenges
- The need for UKNOF's mission has not gone away, but UKNOF must evolve
- We have some great fresh blood and new talent recently joined UKNOF's Board and Committees



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wrap-up, future meetings



- **Meeting feedback:** <https://uknof.uk/survey50>
- **Rolling call for content:** <https://uknof.uk/rollingCFP>
- **UKNOF Annual Meeting 2022**
 - Online, 10th November
- **UKNOF51**
 - April 3rd-4th 2023, Manchester
- **UKNOF52**
 - TBC, September 2023

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