



UKNOF Status Update

UKNOF 32 Meeting,
Sheffield
16th September 2015

UKNOF AGM
17th September 2015

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UKNOF

Current Status



- We have run 32+ successful meetings 😊
 - ~40-280 attendees each time
- Mailing list of ~1200 people
- Programme Committee
- Advisory Committee
- Board
- Meeting Committee
- Committed regular volunteers
- Secure ongoing financial base

UKNOF Remit



- From Charter:
 - *“To pro-actively support the sharing of knowledge, ideas and best practices to enhance the effective, stable and secure operation of the UK's Internet infrastructure as a whole.”*
 - *“UKNOF's remit is technical, and any discussion or activities involving commercial, legal or political issues should be limited to where they have a direct impact on technical aspects of network operations.”*
- Or:
 - *“Distribution of clue”* 😊

UKNOF Activities



- Meetings 3 times/year
 - Current, interesting, stimulating, relevant sharing of knowledge, experiences and best practices
 - Wider-ranging and less specific remit than other UK Internet bodies
 - OPEN to all, bring in new blood
 - Bring world-class international speakers to UK audience
- LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, Google+ groups
 - Mostly announcements

UKNOF Meetings

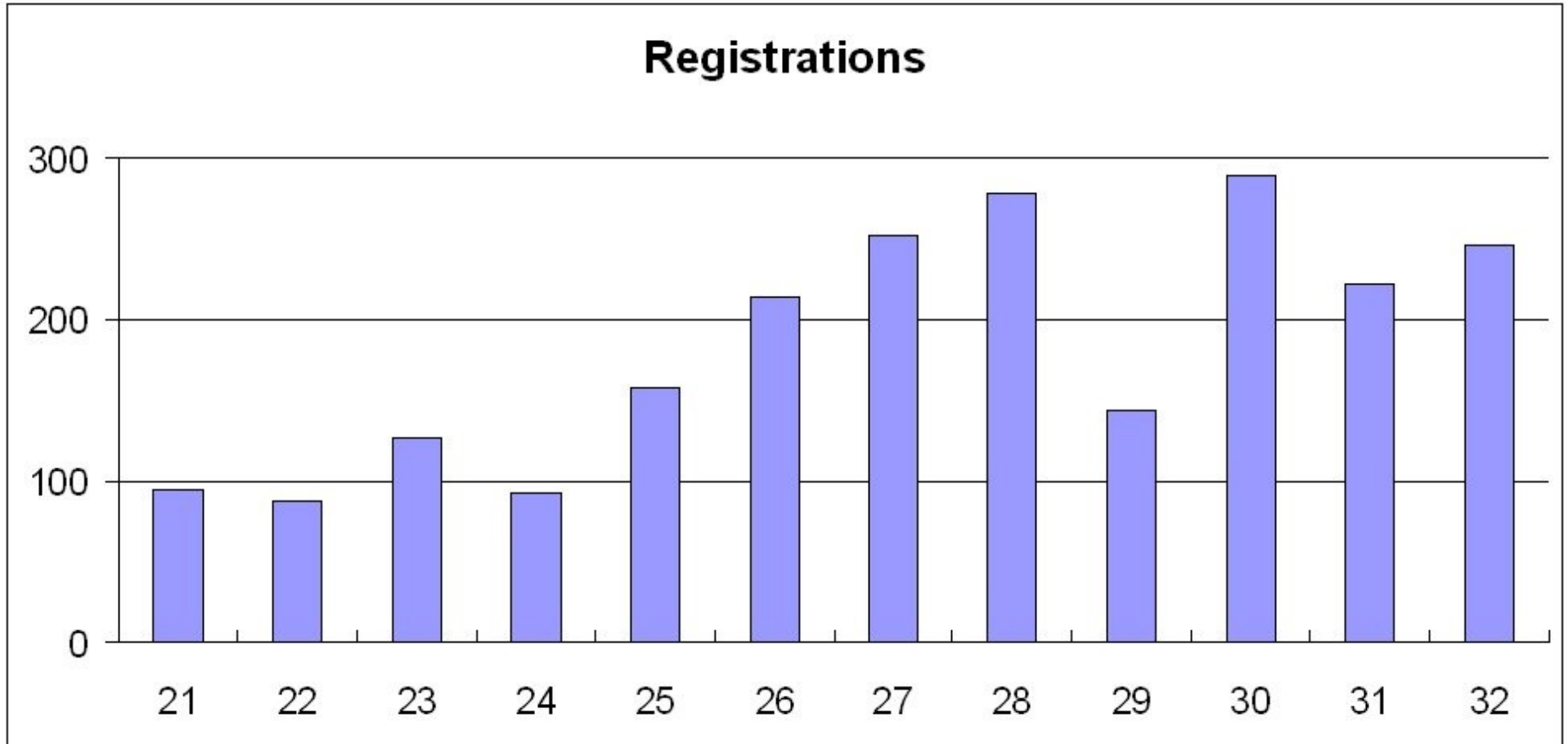


- 3 times per year
 - At least one per year in London
 - At least one per year outside London (Manchester)
 - September meetings over >1 day
- Dates are notionally 3rd Thursday of every Jan, Apr & Sep
 - subject to venue/calendar etc availability
- We are always looking for venues/sponsors

Meeting Attendance



Registrations



UKNOF Facilities



- Indico, Wiki and DNS hosted on VMs
- Home Page and internal e-mail being migrated from Keith's server at Jump to VMs
- Mailman mailing list VM hosted by LONAP
- Video archive on YouTube channel *"UKNOFconf"*
- UKNOF Partners:
 - Bogons: webcasting
 - Portfast: connectivity
 - Bytemark: hosting
- Various parties help with VoIP, videoconf etc

Funding Model



- Non-profit
- We prefer to avoid charging meeting registration fees
- This has been possible so far through per-meeting vendor sponsors
 - want to continue this !
- Paid-for registrations to discourage late registration *only*
- Contributions welcome via Patrons
- We have a good operating cash buffer

Sustainability



- Bigger venues (& catering) need to be paid for, and are more expensive per head
- Keeping attendance free means raising additional sponsorship funds
- Raising sponsorship funds needs more dedicated professional approach
- Funds raised need to pay for individual's time to do this, as well as cover meeting costs

UKNOF Running Costs

- Typically about £25-35k per meeting:
 - Around £100-125/attendee/day
 - venue, catering
 - varies by city
 - also admin, badges, connectivity, travel, misc expenses
 - plus re-imbursed time:
 - 4 months @ ~120hrs/month of some Directors' time
 - aim to compensate these at £30/hour as we can afford it
 - compensated Directors submit fixed quotation for services at start of each year as input to Budget
- Detailed accounts (including per-meeting P&L) will be presented at AGM, and are always available on request

2016 Sponsor Scheme



- Major simplification !
 - <https://wiki.uknof.org.uk/Sponsorship/>
- Contributory, Associate, Premium and Social levels
 - more entry-level options from feedback
 - various optional extras
(e.g. banners, tables, flyers, swag, your idea)
- Sponsored speaking slots are limited to 45 mins/3 max per meeting, FCFS optional extra
- Also “Patron” sponsor level
- Please talk to Denesh as Events Director for more information

UKNOF Governance



- Principle has been to put things on a stable footing, without over-thinking or creating structure with too much overhead
- We are **not** running monopoly, mission-critical national Internet infrastructure here !
- UKNOF Board accountable to community through stakeholder *non-profit* Internet organisations that contribute in some way to UKNOF's operation
- Implemented via *Advisory Committee* of individual representatives appointed by these organisations
- Appointment is by invitation from and approval by existing company members

UKIF Ltd and UKNOF



- The UK Internet Forum (UKIF Ltd) was set up as an alternative Internet trade association in 2005
 - Public company limited by guarantee
- Hosts UKNOF secretariat:
 - Book-keeping, invoicing, holds bank accounts
 - Supporting UKNOF its only activity for past 9 years
- UKIF legal entity now dedicated to supporting UKNOF

UKNOF/UKIF Board



Denesh Bhabuta
(Executive)



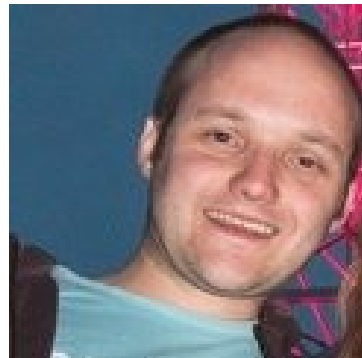
Dr Willie Black
(Chair)



Keith Mitchell
(Managing Director)



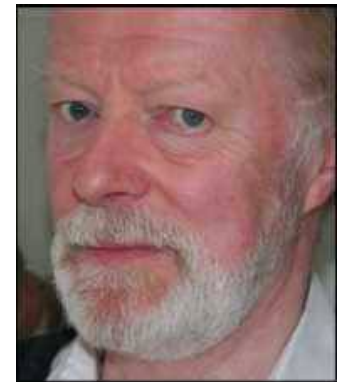
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Nigel Titley



Steve Dyer

Board Powers and Duties



- https://wiki.uknof.org.uk/Board_of_Directors
- The Board:
 - can appoint and remove committee members
 - signs off finances
 - can be natural persons only
 - has usual Company Director fiduciary duties
- 1/3rd of Board must step down for reappointment at AGM each year

Supporting UKNOF



- Advisory Committee Members are not expected to make an ongoing financial commitment to UKNOF, but are expected to devote time and provide oversight
- Individual membership for meeting attendees has been considered, but need or demand not so far materialised
- In the meantime we believe that our Advisory Committee and thence UKNOF is accountable to the wider community through their own stakeholders
- If you ever have questions/concerns, please raise them through your AC representatives

Advisory Committee

- Comprises the following organisation representatives:
 - BBC: Brandon Butterworth
 - IXLeeds: Andy Davidson
 - ISC: Stephen Morris
 - LINX: John Souter
 - LONAP: Will Hargrave
 - JANET(UK): Rob Evans
 - RIPE NCC: Jochem de Ruig
- *Other possible candidate member organisations might include ISPA, ISoc, Nominet...*
- Attend AGM and have Board/Fiscal oversight

Programme Committee

- 15 volunteers
- Ensures supply of interesting presentations
- https://wiki.uknof.org.uk/Programme_Committee
- We are **always** looking for interesting, topical, relevant speakers and presentations
- Now issuing call for abstracts at end of previous meeting to promote quality of material
 - <http://uknof.uk/cfp33>
- Ideas and suggestions to: <pc@uknof.org.uk>

PC Members



Bob Sleigh



Cathy Almond



Charlie Boisseau



Chris Russell



David Farrell



Denesh Bhabuta



Fearghas McKay



Keith Mitchell



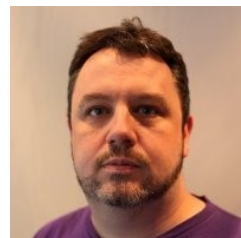
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Neil McRae



Ray Bellis



Rob Evans



Steve Karmeinsky



Tim Chown

Programme Content

- We take seriously ensuring high-quality content at UKNOF
- All submissions are scored by the PC, these scores are compared to survey feedback
- Sponsor and submitted talks are accepted on very different criteria
 - meeting sponsorship and talk submission are now not permitted by the same organisation at the same meeting
- There have been attempts by certain parties to suppress controversial content at UKNOF events – we will offer a right of reply, but will otherwise robustly protect our independence

Meeting Committee



- This comprises regular volunteers we rely on to make meetings happen
- https://wiki.uknof.org.uk/Meeting_Committee
- Important to have “editorial separation” between programme content versus meeting logistics and sponsor interest considerations
- Co-ordinate per-meeting helpers

MC Members



- Denesh Bhabuta
(Chair)
- Brandon
Butterworth
- Chris Russell
- Debbie Casey
- Fearghas M^cKay
- Keith Mitchell
- Mike Hughes
- Nat Morris
- Tom Bird
- Will Hargrave
- Willie Black

Our Valued Volunteer Helpers



- *<volunteers@lists.uknof.org.uk>* list
 - great way to get involved !
- Too many to name them all
- Our outgoing PC members:
 - Ian Meikle
 - Nigel Titley
- And all our speakers
- **THANK YOU !!**

Respect at UKNOF



- We want everyone attending UKNOF meetings to enjoy a respectful and encouraging experience at which they feel welcome and equal
- https://wiki.uknof.org.uk/Respect_at_UKNOF
- Speak to any member of UKNOF Crew if you have concerns

Next Meetings



- **UKNOF33**
 - London Bishopsgate **19th** Jan 2016
- **UKNOF34**
 - Manchester Central, 21st April 2016
- **UKNOF35**
 - TBC Sep 2015
- Always looking for speakers and sponsors !

Recent Achievements



- Multi-day co-located meetings for UKNOF29 and UKNOF32
- Returning to regular professional venues:
 - Bishopgate London in January
 - Manchester Central in April
- Respect Policy for all activities
- Ran “NOFBOF” at RIPE69 in London
- Set up Ops team - need more sysadmin volunteer help

Contact Details



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Questions Discussion ?