

The OSGeo Conference Committee]

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Dear Committee

On behalf of the School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Science (ARES) at Nottingham Trent University, I am pleased to support the UK Organizing Committee's bid to host the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in 2013 in Nottingham, UK.

I have staff teaching on undergraduate and postgraduate programmes (myself included) that include modules in GIS and spatial analysis who are keen to stress the importance of open source geospatial software and the role it can play in a range of sectors. We actively encourage students to use open source software and to explore and evaluate its value in applications ranging from humanitarian mapping and disaster management to geomorphology and environmental management. Having an important conference in this field on our doorstep in Nottingham would be a wonderful opportunity for my staff and students.

We look forward to actively participating in the FOSS4G Conference and encouraging the open source geospatial community to join us in Nottingham for FOSS4G 2013.

Best wishes,



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