



The OSGeo Conference Committee
By email

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Dear committee members,

MapAction is pleased to support the UK organising committee's bid to host the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in 2013 in Nottingham, UK.

MapAction, an NGO headquartered in the UK, is pursuing the use of geospatial tools and methods to reduce the risk from disasters facing some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. We have some several years advocated and actively fostered the use, wherever appropriate, of FOSS tools by governmental and non-governmental organisations in pursuit of improving preparedness for and response to disasters.

As you will be aware, the UK has been and continues to be the focus of much valuable work on the use of FOSS in international development and humanitarian domains, and MapAction is just one of several such voluntary communities and organisations active here. We would therefore be very pleased to see FOSS4G 2013 taking place in Nottingham.

We look forward to participating in the FOSS4G Conference and wish the organising committee our best wishes in the run up to next year's event which, we are sure, will be very successful..

Yours faithfully

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