

United Kingdom Chapter Report

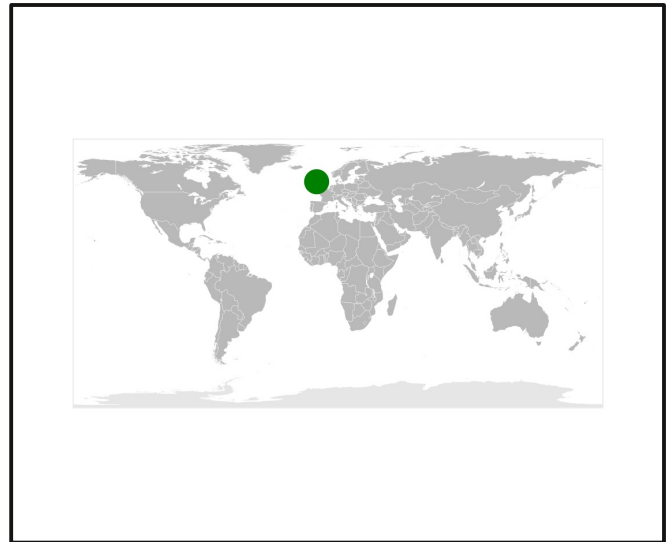
About the Chapter

The United Kingdom Chapter of the OSGeo has established a focal point for developers and users of geospatial software within the United Kingdom. It provides chapter members with networking opportunities and advice, and raises the profile of open source geospatial development within the United Kingdom.

Key Accomplishments

2012 has been a very positive year for the UK chapter. The chapter exceeded 150 members on our mailing list and continues to hold regular IRC meetings, helping chapter members to stay in touch. The chapter also had another very successful event at OSGIS 2012 in Nottingham where the chapter's Annual General Meetings are held. The chapter stall at GISRUUK was well received, with lots of Live DVDs and leaflets being handed out.

In June, the chapter's bid to host the annual international FOSS4G Conference was successful. FOSS4G will be coming to the UK in 2013! The chapter is pleased to have a strong



local organizing committee and is confident that they can deliver an exceptional event on behalf of the global OSGeo community.

In September, Jo Cook stepped down as the UK's chapter representative having been in post since the chapter's foundation in 2006. Ian Edwards has taken on the role for the following year. This will allow Jo, and other key members of the UK committee, to focus on preparations for FOSS4G in September 2013.

Areas for Improvement

FOSS4G 2013 will draw extra attention to the UK chapter and help the chapter to continue to raise the profile of open source geospatial software in the UK. The chapter anticipates that it will gain

more members as a result of the event and we also anticipate that there will be new interest in the chapter following the event.

Opportunities to Help

The chapter is always on the lookout for new members, and new events where it can promote OSGeo. If you would like to take an active role on the OSGeo:UK committee, or to find out more about the way the chapter works, be sure to attend the annual general meeting at the end of FOSS4G in Nottingham (Sunday 22nd September - OSGeo chapter meetings). You can also get in touch with the chapter at anytime by emailing uk@osgeo.org.

Join the chapter mailing list and get involved!
(http://www.osgeo.org/uk/mailing_list)

Outlook for 2013

The next year promises to be an exhilarating time for the UK chapter following the successful bid to host FOSS4G in the UK. The chapter will continue our strong association with the UK's AGI, with chapter members being involved in regional events, and the

annual AGI GeoCommunity conference being held immediately before FOSS4G. The chapter is also very pleased that FOSS4G will be held in Nottingham and will build on the success of the four annual UK OSGIS events that OSGeo:UK have held in collaboration with the University of Nottingham.