

–CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS–

6th Open Knowledge Conference (OKCon) 2011

30th June & 1st July, 2011

Preface

The 6th Annual Open Knowledge Conference (OKCon) will take place on 30th June – 1st July 2011 in Berlin. OKCon is a wide-ranging conference that brings together individuals and organizations from across the open knowledge spectrum for two days of presentations, workshops and exchange of ideas.

Open knowledge promises significant social and economic benefits in a wide range of areas from governance to science, culture to technology. Opening up access to content and data can radically increase access and reuse, bridge gaps, improve transparency and thus foster innovation and increase societal welfare.

This is a time of great change. There is enormous growth among open knowledge projects and communities at all levels and in many countries. This gathering tide of open data and content is the creator and driver of massive technological change. How can we make this data available, how can we connect it together, how can we use it to collaborate and share our work?

We thank all members of the program committee for providing their time and expertise for selecting the presentations and papers. All their help made this conference possible.

We hope that you will enjoy the conference.

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Programme Committee

The programme committee for OKCon 2011 represent expertise from the wide range of academic research and practice OKCon topic areas will cover. It is of great importance that all Working Groups of the Open Knowledge Foundation are represented in the programme committee and at OKCon 2011 itself. The experts of the committee will be grouped around the topic areas of OKCon.

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