

## Libre Software Meeting (LSM) 2012

The stakeholders of the associations for the promotion of Free Software in French-speaking Switzerland are joining forces to submit Geneva's candidature to host the 13th Libre Software Meeting in July 2012.

With a view to supporting the promotion of Free Software, the Free IT Foundation is offering to organise the 2012 Libre Software Meeting (LSM) in Geneva, Switzerland. In line with previous years, this event will be the opportunity to bring together leading and emerging stakeholders in the Free Software sector in order to encourage dialogue and debates on the importance and the development of Free Software.

The programme will include more than 250 conferences on 14 different themes dealing with technical issues (including security, development and Open Hardware), specific issues by industry (including health and law) and more general issues (including the Internet, popular education and communities). More than 5,000 visitors are expected to attend the 6-day event.

Leading figures and influential speakers from the Free Software world will be participating in the debates, for example, Richard Stallman, Chairman of the Free Software Foundation and Founder of the GNU project, and Jérémie Zimmermann, spokesperson of Quadrature du Net (advocacy group that promotes the rights and freedoms of citizens on the Internet). The CERN will also be organising conferences to present its new OHL (Open Hardware License).

This international meeting will provide the opportunity for many educational, cultural and associative discussions in the framework of LSM's star events:

- The Associations' Village which will bring together more than 70 associations active in the fields of Free Software and Open Hardware.
- Specific days for the general public, with workshops enabling each person to discover and learn about the use of free technologies.
- A Free Digital Arts Festival in the evenings, with concerts, interactive installations and screenings.

In order to ensure the acceptance of our candidature to organise the LSM in Geneva, we are actively seeking partners to support and participate in this internationally recognised event, which, today, is considered to be one of the largest gatherings of Free Software leaders and specialists in Europe.

## HOW TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT

You may lend your support by sending us:

- A letter of support
- A letter confirming your intention to provide financial support

Examples of letters of support are available in the appendix in the archives for previous years and may be accessed at the following address: <http://comite.rml.info/Dossiers-exemples.html>

Letters of support and funding proposals should be sent before 23 October 2011 by e-mail or by mail to the Free IT Foundation:

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## THE BENEFITS FOR PARTNERS

Supporting the organisation of LSM 2012 in Geneva will offer partners many benefits, information sources and business intelligence on Free Technologies and their many applications.

- The international promotion of IT companies, NGOs and non-profit associations based in Geneva
- The sharing of knowledge and experiences between organisations, associations and the general public
- Participation in political/technical debates with speakers from the world of Free Technologies
- Information for users and the general public about the advantages of Free Technologies
- Being able to benefit from a lasting post-LSM dynamic with workshops, thematic projects and occasional meetings with international Free Technologies' stakeholders

## AGENDA AND LOGISTICS

- Submission of preliminary candidatures 30 September 2011
- Submission of candidatures 23 October 2011
- Decision of the LSM's organising committee 30 October 2011
- 13th Libre Software Meeting July 2012

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Times:

With the conference timetable is in the process of being finalised for 2012. The timetable for 2011 is available on line for reference: [http://2011.rml.info/spip.php?page=rml\\_progall&lang=fr](http://2011.rml.info/spip.php?page=rml_progall&lang=fr)

### Themes suggested for LSM 2012:

Here is the list of themes which will be considered during the LSM 2012:

- General
- Health, accessibility and disability
- Free culture and art
- Free Software Law
- Communities
- Administration, public policy, local authorities
- Science and research, teaching and popular education
- Companies and free software
- System administration
- Development
- Embedded systems and free hardware
- Operating systems
- Security
- Internet

**Information about Geneva's candidature for 2012:**

Updates on Geneva's candidature for LSM 2012 are available on the following link: <http://free-it-foundation.org/RMLL>

Do not hesitate to contact the coordination team for any additional information or any comments you may have about LSM 2012 in Geneva.

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**About the Free IT Foundation**

*The Free IT Foundation is an international non-profit foundation founded in 2005 in Geneva, Switzerland. Its aim is to encourage, support and participate in the development of GNU GPL and so-called "GPL compatible" licence technological projects by providing the appropriate tools, structures and strategies. It accompanies each project individually by offering resources and contributions to ensure its sustainable development.*