IS4CWN -- Call for Proposals -- General

Are you passionate about using technology to improve your community? Do you want to help expand access to affordable Internet? Are you an advocate for open technology, ICT4D or community-owned infrastructure?

If so, then we invite to you to participate in this year's International Summit for Community Wireless Networks (IS4CWN). The Summit will take place in Berlin on October 2-4, 2013.

IS4CWN is a gathering of technology experts, policy analysts, on-the-ground specialists, and researchers working on state-of-the-art community broadband projects across the globe. Above all, IS4CWN is a community of communities, and the annual summit serves as an opportunity to share ideas and challenges, discuss policy issues, and coordinate research and development efforts.

The 2013 Summit theme is community. In the past decade -- which included the founding of Freifunk <http://start.freifunk.net/>, the birth of the International Summit for Community Wireless Networks, and the genesis of major projects including Commotion <https://commotionwireless.net/> and CONFINE <http://confine-project.eu/> -- the community wireless movement has expanded substantially in both size and visibility. But where do we
go from here? How can we take the movement to the next level in terms of technological advancement, community engagement, and diversity? We encourage our speakers, workshop leaders, and participants to think big this year and help us grow our community of communities.

Interested? Head on over to www.WirelessSummit.org.
Registration is open and forms to submit workshop proposals
http://2013.wirelesssummit.org/content/submit-workshop-proposal> and request travel funding
<http://2013.wirelesssummit.org/content/travel-funding-application> are available. Early registrants will receive a 50% discount.

This year's Summit is committed to having a diversity of voices and experience, and we're looking to have a lot of new faces in the room. Community networks encompass a whole range of social, political and technical challenges, so technical knowledge is definitely not required.

Access to technology and technical knowledge has been historically inequitable and remains so to this day. Recognizing this, the International Summit for Community Wireless Networks aspires to include participants and speakers from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences. We seek and welcome diversity in order to reflect the communities that wireless networks can and should serve, cultivating expertise, creativity, and innovation. Please join us in creating an environment of respect, equity, and accessibility at all levels of Summit involvement.