/etc/init.d/olpc_europe start

It's an education project, not a laptop project.

Kickoff at FOSDEM 2008 in Brussels, Europe

Holger Levesen, February 23rd 2008
Hi!

I'm Holger and the host for tonight's show :-)
I'm Holger and I hope this will become a fruit- and joyfull discussion, which everybody leaves happier and smarter than before.
Agenda

- Vision of OLPC Europe (15min.)
- What else do we have (3min.)
- Introduction rounds (4x5 + 10min.)
- Discussion rounds (3x15min.)
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- Three discussion rounds:
  - Legal body / formal structure
  - Guidelines for local groups
  - Pilots
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- That's 103min in total, we have 120min! :-)


Some more words about me

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“Kickoff Event”

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This is a bit a lie and it's also true. So far we've only met on IRC and as a group/project never in person.
We recognize, that under certain situations an european platform can make life easier for local OLPC grassroots, also for the newly starting ones, and for the people at the MIT.

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Our Vision:
OLPC Europe

... This platform shall under no circumstances be meddling with the local grassroots but instead help them to grow and flourish.
Simple guidelines

1800 bytes in total
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OLPC Europe is not an OLPC project, it's a meta project.
OLPC Europe is...

- a Forum / Platform for exchange between local groups, towards MIT and back, European institutions and with other groups worldwide
- helping in organizing XOs for the local groups
• supporting and cherishing the autonomy of local groups
• focusing on rough consensus and running code
OLPC Europe is NOT...

• going to do a local pilot in your country
• going to tell you what you are allowed to do
For being successful we propose the following minimalistic structure:
Structure

- a yearly rotating chair (> one person?)
- a secretary (employed)
- members
- once per year a voting (at or after a to be defined free software conference)
Benefits for members

- Better information
- Being part of a European contributor / developer network
- Calendar of events
- Help in getting XOs
Obligations of members

• Send out a regular newsletter of your achievements and your activities
• Companies shall pay for membership
We do hope that this minimalistic structure combines best of both worlds: a little bit of structure for being effective and the highest degree of autonomy of local groups.
Reminder: vision != structure

That is our current, written down vision as discussed online. I believe it's fairly complete and good, but we lack (the bit of) structure (we want to have).
What else do we have?

- grassroots@lists.laptop.org
- #olpc-europe on irc.freenode.net
- http://wiki.laptop.org/go/OLPC_Europe
- http://www.olpc-europe.org
- Contributors program: http://projectdb.olpc.at
introduction:
OLPC Austria

• honourable mention
introduction:
OLPC Austria

• very honourable mention
introduction:
OLPC Germany

• Jens, Holger
introduction:
OLPC Netherlands

• Sjoerd, Marten, Bastiaan, Frits
introduction:
OLPC Bulgaria

- Geno
introduction:
OLPC Romania

• Diana
introduction: OLPC ???

- You!
Discussion rounds

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Discussion rounds

- Time check!
- Each round 15min.
- We can continue on grassroots@lists.laptop.org
15min

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15min

- Pilots
Education in Europe is different. And similar.
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Thank YOU

For your time today.
For your contributions to OLPC -
locally and/or globally!

:-)
OLPC Europe

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