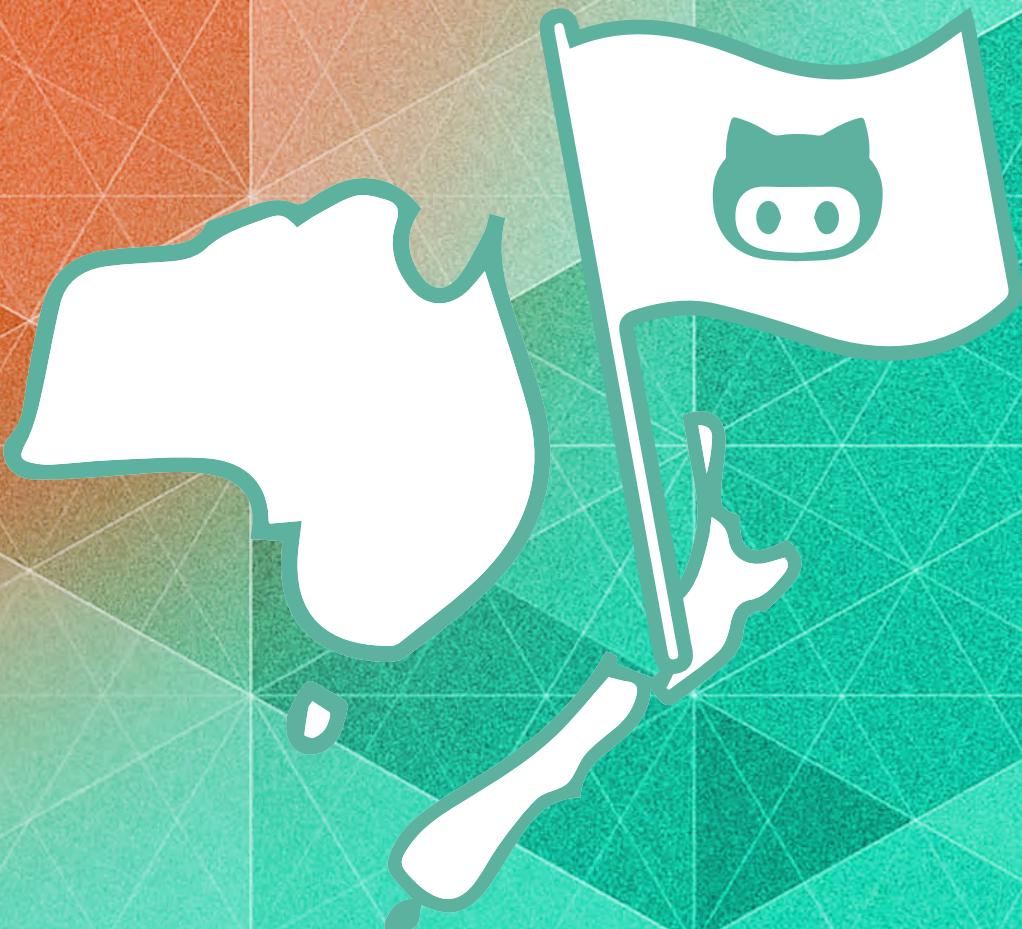


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### SUMMARY REPORT



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### OPENING STATEMENT



The Open Source // Open Society conference was founded upon the question: What happens when we open source everything? It brought together entrepreneurs, developers, educators and people working in the public sector.

Personally my goal was to create a space which bridged two worlds - the tech world and the non tech world. But in the end that was the challenge and the opportunity. I wanted to allow the people who craft technology to see how it could be applied in wider societal contexts. And at the same time I wanted people working in businesses, education or in the government to learn from the Open Source community.

We opened the conference with the wider landscape and opportunity of an open world and then shared with attendees local projects and practical implementation of those ideals. We followed with spaces to share challenges and questions, but also hear personal stories and reflections. An exploration of the commons opened the second day which fed into a panel on Open Government as well as an exploration of various open sectors - hardware, education, business and indigenous contexts. The open space turned the Michael Fowler Centre in a humming hive of activity and we closed with challenges to take home and a rocking party in celebration.

When you host a conference you never know who exactly will answer the call - especially when it is the first time - thus when 380 people turned up on Thursday morning it was wonderful to experience the vibrancy of the room and diversity of the audience.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who made it all happen, the team who came together from the Enspiral network, the volunteers who stood up and gave so much over the two days, the sponsors and partners who gave their support from the beginning, and the speakers who filled the programme with so much rich content.

I'll end with one of my favourite quotes from one of the attendees: *I really felt this conference was a turning point in our history, a moment I'll look back on and say "That's when it all began".*

# Silvia Zuur

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AT A GLANCE

**26** Open Spaces  
**17** Workshops

**16** Sponsors  
Contributors  
& Speakers  
**50**  
**380** Delegates

**583**  
On the mailing list  
**1016**  
Social followers



**#OSOS2015**  
Trending number **1** for  
both days

**\$199**  
For both days



**April 16/17**  
Michael  
Fowler  
Center



**40**  
Diversity  
Tickets



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### THEIR BIG IDEAS



Ben Balter  
GitHub



Billy Meinke  
Creative Commons



Brandon Keepers  
GitHub



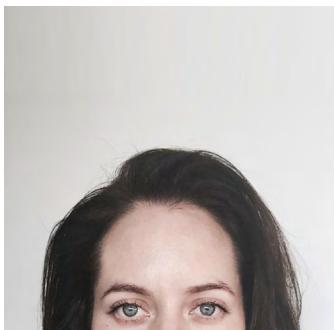
Chris Kelly  
GitHub



Jessica Lord  
GitHub



Keitha Booth  
NZ Open Data Programme



Lillian Grace  
Wiki New Zealand



Michelle Williams  
Ideaction



Nathan Sobo  
GitHub



Sascha Meinrath  
Open Technology Institute



Doug Kirkpatrick  
Morning Star Self-Management  
Institute



Dave Lane  
NZ Open Source Society

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### WORLD CAFE - OPEN FOR PARTICIPATION



**LINZ:** How might government help to facilitate greater use and reuse of data?

**GOVT.NZ:** How can we make government decision-making more open, inclusive and responsive?

**CROWD:** What aspect of 'open' is most compelling? Associated methodologies, projects or principles?

**CROWD:** How do you make business around open source code / media / insights?

**CROWD:** Open Source sounds great, where do I start? How do I go and "do" open source in my life and work?

**CROWD:** How can whole teams and businesses work in open ways?



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### OUR SCHEDULE



Day 1	Day 2
Welcome	Why are the commons the way they are?
How has the world changed?	What happens if we work together? What does a commons-based future look like?
How openness drives innovation	Can open technology, society, and culture remove barriers to human sharing and create a thriving commons-based future?
Reaching heights by building with others' blocks	My dream: "What if..."
What do we mean when we say open?	Breakout sessions
Principles: Collaboration   Participation   Transparency   Freedom to innovate	Panel Discussion: Open Data & Open Government: The government should open source everything!
USA & NZ: what's emerging	Open Space 1
Breakout sessions	Open Space 2
My Journey to common knowledge	Breakout sessions
Breakout sessions	Reflections
World Cafe: What is your greatest OPEN question?	Open Democracy & Open Society: The Open Government Partnership
From source to society	Closing Keynote
Reflections	Conference closing
Open Enspiral	Party!



"It was an amazing amalgamation of govt, coders, non coders from technical backgrounds and a whole heap of people who were just interested in the idea but had no real background. And it wasn't only open source == open source code, but how do we implement that in the wider community, be it the community of the Internet or participating in government policy making."

In the spirit of open source, all delegates were encouraged to blog, tweet, share photos and thoughts via ‘an open harvest’ which were compiled centrally and published via scoop.co.nz

[http://info.scoop.co.nz/Open\\_Source\\_Open\\_Society](http://info.scoop.co.nz/Open_Source_Open_Society)

#OSOS2015 led NZ’s trending for both days on twitter. We compiling the ‘twitter flood’ of rich insights and photography into storify articles to capture the amazing reflections and insights from a very participative audience.

Scoop.co.nz provided a channel to publish directly and included live reflections from established journalist Bill Bennett.

[People of Open Source, Open Society 2015 - Kiwiconnect](#)

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### WHO ANSWERED THE CALL?



Who answered the call of OS//OS 2015?

Open Source // Open Society 2015 brought together different strands of society to build shared understanding of what it really means to be open source. Jessica Lord said it well during her keynote; 'If open source is for everyone, then it should look like anyone'.

With 380 delegates coming through our doors we were able to have many different backgrounds represented within the spaces and comparing their experience of what it means to be 'open'. The sharing of this is especially important as often the open source world is seen as limited to only software developers and coders. However OS//OS 2015 was seeking to show that the principles exhibited within any open source movement are applicable to anywhere within our lives, workplaces, and relationships.

For reference here are the principles that we're trying to instill through OS//OS: -  
Collaboration - Participation - Transparency - Freedom to innovate

We had people from govt.nz working alongside those from Silverstripe, conversations in the hallways between people from kiwiconnect and Github. Whilst the conference was not focused on producing products, or projects; it was about forming relationships with those around us, to find that person who works in the tech sector or government, to fill the gaps in the civic project that you're working on, or to find out how we can simply be more open in our work.

380 Delegates  
325 Organisations  
16 International Delegates  
42 Outside of Wellington  
167 New-comers  
213 Industry Experts

## Our Delegates

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### CO-HOSTS



Enspiral is a virtual and physical network of companies and professionals working together to create a thriving society.



GitHub is the best place to share code with friends, co-workers, classmates, and complete strangers. Over eight million people use GitHub to build amazing things together.



Loomio is an online tool for collaborative decision-making, built by a team of technologists, activists and social entrepreneurs in New Zealand.



Chalkle is a platform that enables anyone to teach classes to a community of learners.

*"It was sipping from a firehose of awesome. If there's another one, go (I'll be there)."*

*"Revolutionary. Things will come out of this that will benefit society in ways nobody would have expected."*

*"OS//OS was not a recast software conference - it really was about 'open society' as claimed!"*

*"OS//OS is a place where people come together and make things better for everyone through vision, collaboration and the decision to take personal responsibility for acting well in the world."*

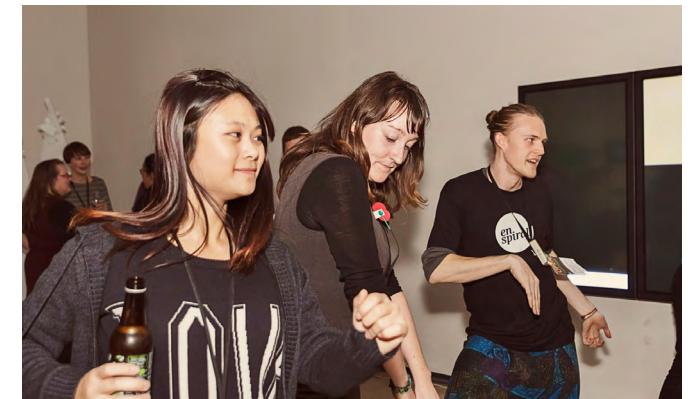
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"OS//OS was a challenge to excel in my own life and an opportunity to realise and unleash my potential in a city that I now know is overflowing with positive attitudes towards decentralised, open, creative development, entrepreneurial activity and career paths."



# OPEN SOURCE // OPEN SOCIETY WELLINGTON 2015 THE AFTER-PARTY



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GOLD



Absolutely Positively  
**Wellington City Council**  
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

SILVER



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### REFLECTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS



#### What did our delegates have to say?

"Facilitation and session design was fantastic. The best I have ever seen.... and the atmosphere was so very enspiral. Brimming with the gentleness and inclusiveness which makes this community magic."

"I thought the conference was well-organised, and it ran smoothly. I appreciated the "aesthetic accoutrements" is it were - the creative touches with the postcards and the writing on mirrors and glass."

"Putting OS//OS on at all was awesome. The mix of people who came was the second greatest achievement. I especially appreciated the number of young people who were there. The diversity of talks -- especially in the break-out sessions -- was also pretty good too. That multiplied by the diversity of participants makes for a good cross-fertilisation coefficient. Overall, I think it was a great success for a first one!"

"Well organized and MC-ed. I never found myself lost. The Michael Fowler Centre seemed like the perfect venue for an event with multiple breakout sessions and workshops and a grand auditorium.

You chose awesome speakers that I felt had a great deal to add to the conversation. There was a diverse group of developers and entrepreneurs which made me feel welcomed. You also included the indigenous population: Maori, in a fantastic way."

#OSOS2016  
See you there

