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#### **1. Workshop: Visualizing Open Data to Address Global Issues**

* **Date & Location:**
  + July 25, 2013, Innovation Centre Kosovo (ICK).
* **Organizers and Speakers:**
  + Alex and Margo from Open Steps, with support from FLOSSK and ICK.
* **Purpose:**
  + Raise awareness of open data and open knowledge.
  + Teach participants to create visualizations of complex issues using open-source tools.
* **Workshop Highlights:**
  + **Key Topics:**
    - Introduction to open data and its role in transparency and societal progress.
    - Practical demonstrations of building visualizations with free online tools.
    - Open discussions on pressing topics like politics, education, and environmental challenges.
  + **Skills Taught:**
    - How to identify and use open data sources, such as the World Bank.
    - Quick visualization techniques for presenting data insights.
  + **Target Audience:**
    - Individuals passionate about open-source technologies, data-driven research, and global social issues.



#### **2. CryptoParty**

* **Date & Location:**
  + October 29, 2013, Innovation Centre Kosovo (ICK).
* **Purpose:**
  + Educate participants on cryptographic tools and principles to enhance online privacy and security.
  + Provide hands-on experience with basic cryptographic tools.
* **Event Agenda:**
  + **Introduction:**
    - Overview of CryptoParties and their mission to promote public knowledge about cryptography.
  + **Tools Demonstrated:**
    - Tor (for anonymous browsing).
    - Public Key Encryption (PGP/GPG).
    - Off The Record (OTR) Messaging for secure communication.
    - Bitcoin (cryptocurrency as a use case for cryptographic principles).
  + **Interactive Learning:**
    - Participants brought laptops and smartphones to experiment with tools during live demos.



#### **Key Themes Across Both Events**

* Promotion of **open knowledge** to empower communities with access to information and tools.
* Emphasis on **practical, hands-on learning** using free and open-source technologies.
* Building awareness of societal issues through data transparency and privacy.