

Help Make Standards Fun and  
Useful!

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# Why am I here?

I represent the AGI Standards Working Group - we look after the UK Gemini metadata standard and sit on IST36, the committee for geospatial digital standards at the BSI



# What do we do?

LEVINI

our world through standards

We're responsible for making  
and looking after British  
standards related to GIS, and  
we collaborate with other  
bodies like OGC and GDS

I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT STANDARDS



What people think when I try  
to talk to them about  
standards



Let's talk about "fun"...

ChatGPT said I should tell you that standards stop pikachu from spawning in the ocean, or that standards allow you to while away your time competing in GeoGuessr



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## NULL ISLAND

But I'd prefer to remind you of every geographer's  
favourite holiday destination

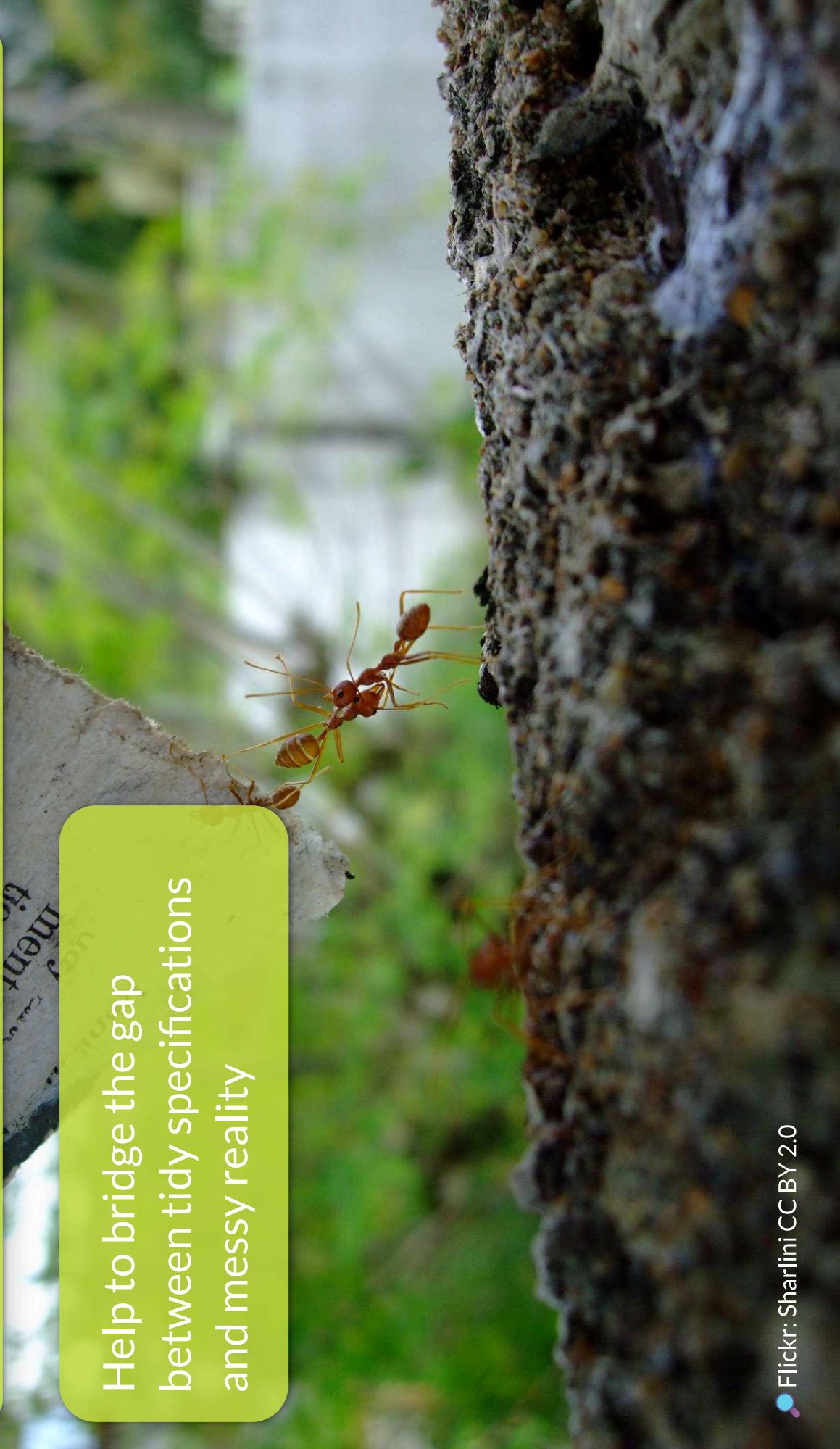
# But what do we actually do? 🤔

We ensure that the written standard is high quality and unambiguous, implementable, and relevant



**And this is where we need your help!**

Help to bridge the gap  
between tidy specifications  
and messy reality

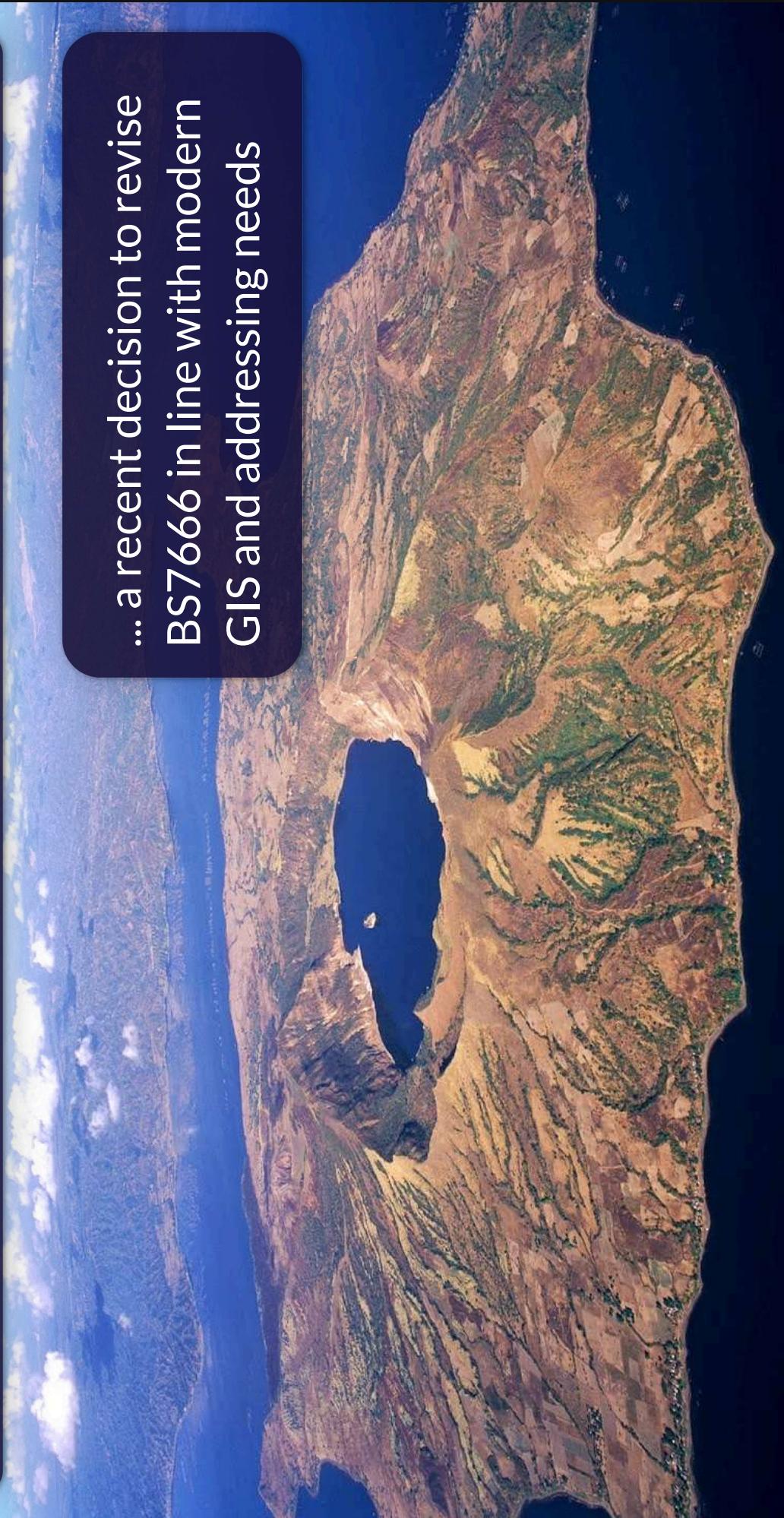


For example...

Removing outdated elements  
such as the Fax Number in  
UK Gemini

And...

... a recent decision to revise  
BS7666 in line with modern  
GIS and addressing needs



# Help us!



We need people with expertise, or interest! Can you be the one who comes up with the guidance that makes a standard really useable?

WE NEED  
YOU!

# Or could you prevent us from reinventing the wheel?

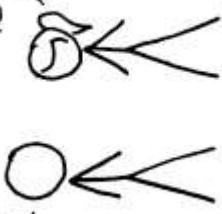
HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:  
(SEE A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION:

THERE ARE  
14 COMPETING  
STANDARDS.

SOON:

14?! RIDICULOUS!  
WE NEED TO DEVELOP  
ONE UNIVERSAL STANDARD  
THAT COVERS EVERYONE'S  
USE CASES. YEAH!



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15 COMPETING  
STANDARDS.

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