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The Internet Society UK chapter AGM 2024 covered several key points. The financials for FY 2023 were reviewed, showing a minimal variance of £194. The chapter's funding request for FY 2024 was approved at $3,500. The chapter's activities included contributions to parliamentary consultations on the Investigatory Powers Act and the Data Use and Access Bill. The IPv6 Matrix project, tracking IPv6 internet deployment, was discussed. The need for youth engagement and potential use of Discord for better communication was debated. Collaboration with organizations like BCS and Tech UK was also considered for future activities. Olivier Crépin-Leblond discussed the UK chapter's ongoing engagement with BCS, the UK IGF, and ICANN, highlighting the importance of multi-stakeholder groups. He mentioned the challenges of sharing confidential information from these groups and the need for coordination with other ISOC chapters, especially regarding EU regulations like the NIS2 directive. Crépin-Leblond also addressed emerging issues such as AI and the potential for a newsletter or podcast to engage members. He emphasized the importance of volunteering and suggested creating new channels for discussion. Matthew Shears proposed focusing on WSIS issues, and Crépin-Leblond encouraged young people to get involved.

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Action Items

- [ ] Explore setting up a Discord channel or other social media presence to engage younger members.
- [ ] Develop a proposal for ISOC UK chapter's involvement in WSIS-related activities.
- [ ] Follow up on the new Data Use and Access Bill and its potential impact.

- [ ] Investigate opportunities for collaboration with organizations like BCS, IEEE UK, and the Digital Policy Alliance.

Outline

Roll Call and Meeting Introduction

- Olivier Crépin-Leblond welcomes everyone to the Internet Society UK chapter AGM 2024.
- A roll call is conducted to confirm the presence of members both in-person and online.
- Members introduce themselves, including Pari Esfandiari, Matthew Shears, Pradeep Gupta, Izaan Khan, Stanley Osuonza, Brian Tshuma, Rex Wickham, B. Latif, Desiree Miloshevic, John Paschoud, Charles Mok, Andrew Campling, Paul Finnis, Samuel Edeagu, and Cheryl Langdon-Orr.
- Olivier confirms the roll call and proceeds to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda and Financial Overview

- The agenda is approved as presented, covering the financials of ISOC UK, England, and the appointment of accountants.
- Olivier shares the unaudited financial statements for the year 2023, including balance sheets and signed pages.
- The chapter's budget is discussed, highlighting the lack of membership fees and the sole funding from the Internet Society and occasional event funding.
- The variance budget for 2023 is reviewed, showing a minimal difference of 194 pounds.
- The request for this year's funding from the Internet Society Foundation is confirmed, totaling $3,500.

Discussion on Fundraising and Accountants

- Pari Esfandiari inquires about the possibility of chapters raising their own funds.
- Olivier explains that chapters can raise their own funds and set membership fees if desired, but the chapter has chosen not to for inclusivity.
- The board has already approved the accounts filed with Companies House, and there are no objections to proceeding with the financials.
- The appointment of accountants, Robert Price, is discussed, with no objections raised.
- Cheryl Langdon-Orr asks about the UK requirements for motions and votes, and Olivier confirms that the accounts and renewal of accountants will be approved in one motion.

Policy Engagement and Chapter Activities

- Olivier reviews the chapter's policy engagement, including joint briefings and submissions to the House of Commons and Lords.
- The chapter's contributions to the Investigatory Powers Act bill, OFCOM consultations, and an open letter to the EU Commissioner on network neutrality are highlighted.
- Andrew Campling suggests a discussion on the balance between encryption and other human rights, which is noted for future consideration.
- Nigel Hickson from DSIT commends the chapter's work and emphasizes the importance of multi-stakeholder models in government.
- Matthew Shears thanks Olivier for his efforts in managing the chapter's activities.

IPv6 Matrix and UK Internet Governance Forum

- Olivier discusses the IPv6 Matrix project, which tracks the deployment of IPv6 on the internet.
- Desiree Miloshevic provides an update on the current state of IPv6 deployment, noting that it is still growing.

- The UK Internet Governance Forum (UK IGF) is mentioned, with a call for more organizations to sponsor the event.
- The chapter's involvement in the UK IGF and the importance of early contributions to align with the global IGF are emphasized.

Mailing Lists and Youth Engagement
- Olivier lists the chapter's mailing lists, including the UK policy mailing list and the ISOC UK universities mailing list.
- The need for more youth engagement and diversity in the chapter is discussed, with a call for volunteers to help with this effort.
- Izaan Khan suggests exploring different communication channels like Reddit, Discord, and Twitter to reach younger people.
- The potential benefits and challenges of using Discord for chapter communications are debated, with a consensus to pilot the idea.

Collaboration with Other Organizations
- Steve Karmeinsky discusses his involvement with BCS and the potential for collaboration with the chapter.
- The BCS's focus on STEM and its efforts to engage with startups and younger members are highlighted.
- The possibility of joint webinars or discussions with BCS and other organizations on common topics is considered.
- The chapter's past collaborations with the Digital Policy Alliance and Tech UK are mentioned, with a suggestion to explore more joint activities.

Future Activities and Final Remarks
- Izaan Khan raises awareness of the Data Use and Access Bill, which is currently in the third reading and could be a focus for the chapter.
- The importance of monitoring and engaging with ongoing policy developments is emphasized.
- Olivier concludes the meeting by summarizing the key points and thanking everyone for their participation.
- The meeting adjourns, with a plan to follow up on the discussed topics and explore new initiatives for the upcoming year.

Engagement with BCS and UK IGF
- Olivier Crépin-Leblond discusses the continued engagement with BCS and the UK IGF, mentioning that several people on the committee will continue in their roles.
- He notes that January and February will be busy months with activities related to DSIT and the UK IGF.
- Olivier mentions the involvement in two parallel processes: the MAGIG multi-stakeholder Advisory Group on Internet Governance and engagement on ICANN matters, which Nigel led.
- He explains the process before each ICANN meeting, where various parts of ICANN provide updates, and the importance of cross-community engagement.

Coordination with MIGG and ITU
- Olivier Crépin-Leblond mentions the coordination with the MIGG, now called the multi-stakeholder Internet governance group, and the involvement of Patrick Wheatley.

- Desiree Miloshevic confirms her and others' participation in MIGG calls and the ongoing coordination.
- Olivier highlights the challenge of sharing information from invitation-only groups and the importance of the UK government's multi-stakeholder approach.
- He discusses the balance between sharing information openly and maintaining confidentiality, especially regarding UN and ITU engagement.

Policy Consultations and Liaising with Other Chapters
- Olivier Crépin-Leblond talks about the upcoming policy consultations and the need to liaise with other ISOC chapters in Europe and the EU.
- He mentions the impact of European Commission directives on internet regulations and the importance of following these for companies trading with European organizations.
- Olivier highlights the continued involvement with the Global Encryption Coalition and the open mailing list for those interested in encryption issues.
- He introduces the topic of AI as an emerging issue, comparing it to the early days of the internet and the potential for AI to become a significant topic.

AI and Newsletter Initiatives
- Olivier Crépin-Leblond discusses the potential for the chapter to be involved in AI consultations, especially with the formalization of government departments in New York.
- He suggests the possibility of a regular newsletter or channel to gain subscribers and generate independent revenue.
- Olivier mentions the challenges of using modern tools for newsletters and the need for someone to write and manage the content.
- He acknowledges the existing news feed on the Internet Society website and the need for new channels to keep people engaged.

Key Topics and Volunteering
- Olivier Crépin-Leblond outlines the key topics from the Internet Society website, including countering internet threats, defending the internet in the UN, and extending encryption.
- He mentions the importance of guiding constructive internet policy and helping shape legal precedents through amicus briefs.
- Olivier discusses the need for volunteers to lead on topics and create new channels for engagement, such as Discord, Twitter, or TikTok.
- He emphasizes the importance of local topics and encourages suggestions for additional topics of interest.

Volunteer Initiatives and Closing Remarks
- Matthew Shears expresses his willingness to take an initiative to address issues related to the WSIS and proposes a gathering in early 2025.
- Olivier Crépin-Leblond thanks Matthew and emphasizes the need for young people to take over the young people track.
- He invites comments and questions from the participants, noting that many have left the meeting due to its length.
- Olivier concludes the meeting, mentioning the next phase offline and the importance of grabbing a pint, reflecting the UK pub setting.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 00:03
So welcome everybody to the Internet Society UK chapter AGM, annual general meeting for 2024 already. We had a meeting a little bit earlier, just now, regarding discussion about WSIS plus 20 that will be put online for those people that have missed it thanks to those people who are joining us. My name is Olivier. I'm the chair of the UK chapter, and what we're going to do is to first start with a quick roll call of the people that are there. I think we have to, because it's an AGM, so we'll do a quick roll call around the room and online. So, as I said, Olivier, chapter, so

Steve Karmeinsky 00:49
Steve, Karmeinsky, on the executive committee

Pari Esfandiari 00:52
Hi, Pari Esfandiari. I'm a member of ISOC.

Matthew Shears 00:59
Matthew Shears,

Pradeep Gupta 01:01
Pradeep Gupta,

Izaan Khan 01:02
Izaan Khan ISOC, youth standing group,

Stanley Osuonza 01:10
Stanley Souza ISOC member,

Brian Tshuma 01:14
Brian Tshuma ISOC member,

Rex Wickham 01:18
Rex Wickham,

B. Latif 01:21
B Latif

Desiree Miloshevic 01:25
Desiree Milosevic, ISOC. Board Member,

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 01:29
thank you very much. ISOC, UK. Board Member, no longer ISOC. Board member, global organization, you think you said UK, okay, you're far away, probably better heard online well, and I think let's, let's

have a look. I'll go through the list that's on on my machine at the moment. So first is John, John Passion, and you're muted, you have to unmute. Here we go.

John Paschoud 02:13
I thought I had unmuted. I'm John Paschoud. I'm currently in South London, so not that far away from you guys.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 02:21
Thank you. John Charles,

Charles Mok 02:25
yes, the chapter member and a part time UK resident now in California.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 02:36
Thank you. Charles. Andrew,

Andrew Campling 02:42
hi. Andrew Campling ISOC, Chapter member.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 02:48
You. Paul Finnis, I'm

Paul Finnis 02:54
a chapter member too, though I haven't been too involved recently, and I also have to disappear off in a minute just to go and pick up my son from basketball, so hopefully I won't miss too much in between times. Thank you.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 03:06
Thank you. Then we have Samuel.

Samuel Edeagu 03:13
Hi, Samuel, I'm an ISOC member.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 03:16
Thank you. Samuel. Cheryl,

Cheryl Langdon-Orr 03:21
hello from the antibodies. Cheryl Langdon Orr, I'm a long standing ISOC UK chapter member, but I hang around some other places as well.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 03:29
Thank you very much, Cheryl. Next we have Nigel.

Nigel Hickson 03:36

Yes. Nigel Hickson, I'm a UK chapter I to

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 03:43
thank you, and then we have doc connecting to audio still. So okay, I'm just seeing that having a problem in connecting at the moment. Well, that's all we have have. I missed anyone in the roll call? No, okay, right. So today's, today's agenda is actually consisting of two AGMs. We've got the Internet Society, UK Limited AGM that's the limited liability corporation that is the vehicle for the for the chapter. And then we've got the ISOC UK, England, AGM, which is the actual chapter itself. The first one is pretty straight forward, just dealing with some paperwork. Let me just start with the look at the agenda and share it, because I know that people online have not got the agenda in front of them, or probably not. So how do you share these things? Now share and that's the one. For you. Okay, so we're going to start with, first the approval of the agenda. So the agenda is going to start with ISOC UK, limited we look at the financials of ISOC UK, England. We will have a browser, the confirmation of the fiscal year, 2023 accounts being filed, the approval of the fiscal year, 2024 preliminary accounts, and the appointment of accountants. These are all statutory things that we need to do every year with companies. And we'll try and go through these, maybe not as quickly as possible, but as efficiently as possible, which, knowing me, is going to be a tough one, but we'll try. And then after that, we'll go into the meat of the chapter activities and what we do with it. I hope you can see the screen. Well, I'm, for some reason, my bit sideways, isn't it? There's a screen behind me. It's a little bit of a mess. So first thing is the agenda approved? Yes, yep, see everyone. So the agenda is approved as it currently is on the screen. And so the first thing was the financials of ISOC, UK, England. And I think we will start, let's see. Just read joining. I think we will start with the first so what was the what were the different documents? Now, the documents, by the way, if you want to have a look at the documents there are also downloaded on the web page of ISOC England web page. And in there you will find that the I think all the files are listed in there, unless I'm wrong, but ISOC dash e.org you go over to the AGM meeting, and you will find that the files are listed so the first file then let's do them in in in order, so that we don't get lost on this. So let me stop sharing this and share something else. Share this one. Okay, so the first document that is on the web page is the unaudited financial statements for the year, for last year. So these are the accounts that were filed with Companies House, that were prepared by our accountant. And then we do have the signed pages on these. These are the original accounts so on. So effectively we have the just the balance sheet of 2022 and 2023 as you can see, we're not dealing with a huge oil production corporation or something that has a huge these are not in 1000s in these are actually just the figures themselves, and that's because we're a small chapter. We do have 1000s of people in our in our mailing lists and so on, but we work on a very small budget, and we're not asking for any membership fees, so the sole money that we're receiving is from the annual ISOC chapter, funding that we receive from the Internet Society, and also, sometimes some funding for any events that we put together and that that comes in addition, there's events, and there's also any projects that we might have, and we have had in the past larger, larger budgets that we do now because we were running some some projects. And of course, we can always apply for projects, and we'll probably look through this a little bit later, but that's what we have for the time being. It's, it's, you know, we're doing not too badly on on that, and there are no employees. And then the tangible fixed assets are very small. It's, I think you're looking at some of them. It's this, this microphone system, that's one of them. There's a few other things in the camera might be also property of the chapter, this sort of thing. Oh yeah, and the handheld mic as well. We do also have a mixer, but it's all getting depreciated year on year. Can we do

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about it? So that's one of the one of the documents. The other document was, so these were the accounts to the registrar. The other ones are a little are just the the financial statements. You can see those. I'm again, shifting through them slowly. Oh yeah, just to mention, there are four directors to the to this company. So there is myself and Kristen, Larrinaga, Desiree and the. The four. We're just there because that's when we were around back in the day when it was started. This is the same as the previous one. And I think, yeah, these are just the signed pages, basically. And I'm looking at the third file, and it's the signed page, just to prove that this was file. These were filed on in Companies House. So that was 2023, and if you look at the variance of how things were now, I'm not sure, can you see this on the screen? Or is that a bit small, bit smaller? Maybe I can share another document so I stop sharing this and I share the other one. Where is the variance budget? Always when you want it, here we go. That's where it is. So I'll share this document now. I wish they had an easier way to share things on on Zoom. Sometimes it just doesn't alright. So that's the variance. Let me just get rid of this. Not sure why this document is all. Can you see it? Why don't you just tell us? Yeah, so effectively we we had the so we've got banking charges, we've got directors, liability insurance, we've got website, support, Zoom communications, the cost of the General Assembly and half year board meeting. Altogether, the total variance was 194 pounds difference, which wasn't very much. You got the estimate. It's all going to be in US dollars and pounds and so on, because we get the the funding coming in as US dollars, so came out as that. I wish I could move this thing aside, but it doesn't allow me to, for some stupid reason. Okay, it's okay. Yeah, we can, we can Interesting. Yeah, just about make it up. Very strange indeed. Well, there you go. Adobe Acrobat, thank you so much. Alright, so that's one, but it's, it's all online anyway, if you want to have a look at it in your own in your own time now, the next thing that we have in there is the request for this year's funding, and is the confirmation sheet for getting it, Society Foundation, three and a half $1,000 same thing as last year, And that's really the accounts for the time being. Are there any questions or comments on these? Let's see a huge amount of discussion in the room. Everyone's going, yes, yes, yes. Thank you very much. Yes. Barry, if you can, please take the mic. That would be more.

Pari Esfandiari 13:26
Thank you. So forgive my ignorance. If this has been discussed before, but I'm wondering if chapters could raise money themselves, or are they bound to have just funding from the you know, ISOC,

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 13:42
Thank you, Pari, that's a good question. And yeah, chapters are independent entities. They can raise their own funds. They can also set membership fees if they want to. Of course, you know, we discussing this. If it was to be back in the day when the chapter was started, there were membership fees, but we're talking about a different era. It was in the late 90s, early 2000s and for several years now, we've decided that it's probably better not to have membership fees, just to make sure we're open for everyone to participate. But yes, we can also raise sponsorship, etc. And the chapter, as you know, has got its own like account, and it's completely independent, so that's absolutely fine, and the fact that we are if we were to raise funds elsewhere, does not stop the chapter from also benefiting from grants and applications from the Internet Society, if they wanted to. So, good question. Thank you.

Rex Wickham 14:43
Chat icon number from there, I can see what it says. There's no chat one,

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Olivier Crépin-Leblond 14:48

and there's someone in the chat who has said it is, Oh, I see there's more. It's easier to see from the website. It's been. Screen with the zoom. Yeah, that's right, thank you. Okay, so I guess I don't think we have to. Well, we certainly could look at the this accounts now that we have so the request which was made, but I mean, the board already shared the accounts that were filed with registrar with board members, and they all agreed to them said, Yes, that's fine. Let's proceed forward with it. So I guess this is just for transparency and showing how we function. Now that's one thing. The next thing in our agenda, I guess, is the confirmation of FY 23 accounts filed was done approval of FY 24 preliminary accounts. I guess this is what we're looking at now. And so this was the the request that we have made with the the Internet Society, and that was the chapter admin budget template. And let's see if we can share that. So again, very straightforward. Directors, liability insurance, something that we've actually had to have. It's needed these days. Bank charges are very low. We bank with wise I think it's not part of the expensive registration, annual return, 16 pounds. I think it's going to be motor series. It's going to come to 32 and then we've got Zoom video communications, the annual accounts, which are done for about 600 pounds, and the culturally bookkeeping, we do have someone because we are we are VAT registered as an organization. Making tax digital means that we have to ask someone to file the VAT every month. But it's a lot cheaper. Cost us 30 pounds or something, or 20 pounds to do it, lot cheaper than having to purchase the software, etc, etc. So the statutory stuff that we need to do in the UK, the website hosting is pretty good for what we're what we're getting. We have, not only our website, but we've also got the IPv six matrix that is hosted by mythic beasts. And they are very good. They we're not paying anything for IPv six matrix. They're fully sponsoring it. And then, okay, we've got the cost of the ATM. What we have here the cost of teas and coffees. You can see they're expensive. So, so eat them all. Don't leave any of them. Fine. And then, and then we got any promotion material, which, at the moment, consists of these, these wonderful you see that you go, these wonderful things that we have here, Internet Society. Now, we got these for free. So we've only got six. So you'll have to fight for them if you want, for those people online. Unfortunately, you'll have to deal with the an online version of them. So that's what we have. And so the total comes magically to 3499 I'm not sure how brilliant the pricing came exactly like that. We're very lucky, obviously, for another year, and we'll make sure that these are well spent with this year. Any questions or comments? No, okay, well, you know, we're not dealing with millions. Is that

Izaan Khan 18:39

just a quick one? Um, who do we use for our domain names, as our registrar?

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 18:45

Registrar? Is it pre registrations? Is it or who's the registrar? No, I have no idea. I don't think that's good that

Izaan Khan 18:58

you know, just wondering. That's all.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 19:02

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It's awesome, no. But these, I think these were for three years or something. This is for several years. Oh, no, no, no. The reason for the domain is because we got IP six matrix, or.net.com and then we've got ISOC E, Internet Society. Even there's, there's not just one domain name. Don't get thing. This is one domain name at 100 and something per year. I think it would be

Izaan Khan 19:26
helpful in that case today reflector, because it only says one count. Ah, yes.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 19:30
Okay, fine, yeah. Well, I mean, I always see it as this, like the lump sum of money adding all up, but the detailed accounts will show you that there's, there's about six, seven or eight domain names that are involved in this. And so I think some of them are 20 pounds, some of them are more, some of them are less. I'm not sure what the where the rate, how the rate goes, but because 120 echo, one would be no, I agree with you. Actually. I didn't look at the. Domain name? Well, there is an S in domain names, so, but, yeah, there are a few, a few costs relating to this. Okay, that's the thing. And then our accountants are Robert price, and we've had them for several years. And I guess they charge us about 600 per year that also includes any other filing of documentation and things that they need to file on our behalf. I've looked around, I can't find anyone else that is ready to work for this amount of money these days, so my recommendation would be to renew, renew them again, unless anybody has got a cheaper option? Are we inviting cheaper options, or are we comfortable with this? Because he knows us, and it's straightforward, yeah, I mean, he's, he's done the the accounts, really, for for several years now, and he has, he's actually retiring, but he's passed it on to some new people, and so there's been a handover period as well where do not go, and it's been pretty good so far. So I would, I would say, we can just sit with them. Okay, I think that's pretty much it. Any other questions or comments? AOB on on this part.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr 21:25
Olivier Cheryl, here,

Matthew Shears 21:26
anyone? Yeah,

Cheryl Langdon-Orr 21:30
go ahead. Cheryl. Cheryl, here, thanks. Thank you, Olivier, just hang on. Sorry, that's better. It helps if I unmute myself. It's one of those swing things on the side of your face that I keep forgetting. So sorry about that. Just a question. Do you need into the UK requirements for annual general meetings to have motions put and votes taken, to accept the accounts and to renew the the account. I think

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 22:02
that was the last thing after the questions. Yeah, we can put a vote through and, oh, okay,

Cheryl Langdon-Orr 22:06
it's just Australia. We do it. Each one is separately. So that's my that's my question. We have slightly different corporations laws that's done.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 22:16

No, we generally do the whole thing, approve the whole otherwise you just okay. I'm on the paperwork and so on, with millions at the moment. I guess if we were to look at significant segments, then we might have to do them in turn. But on this occasion, I think it's Thank you, because they are at the moment. So I guess I should ask of the members of the company that are in the room, all three of us, whether there is, there are any objections to passing the objections. No objections.

Desiree Miloshevic 22:58

No objection, no

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 22:59

objection, no objections. Okay, and whether we have Any abstentions, I'm not sure if I should have stayed or not, but probably not. I think in the last I haven't been abstain No. What about Chris and Christian? Unfortunately, is not here. He sends his apologies. So Christina sent his apologies. So it's just three out of four. But that's that's fine in the majority, so the accounts are approved, and I think that's all. There is any other business in the company. No. Okay, so that closes one of the one of the meetings, we're even on time, which is incredible. In fact, we might even be be a bit early, but that's okay, because hopefully we've got a lot more discussion to have now on the ISOC, UK, England, and I'm going to share, sorry to share the chairs, the chairs report. If I can find it somewhere, I've got the annual activity here we go. ISOC annual Activity Report. Let's see if this can be shared. This again, I think is on the I think I've updated it on the website as well, so you can probably find them on there. And here we go. That's a lot better. And so I was just going to take you quickly through what's happened this year, which, on the face of it might not seem to be so much, because there were, we didn't have that many, or in fact, we didn't have any face to face meetings or gatherings like we have at the moment. But there was a lot that went on, not only behind the scenes, but we also asked our community to to take part in some of the things that were taking place. South there. So the key focus areas on this in this year, there's been a lot going on in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. And so we had a joint briefing on the Investigatory Powers Act bill, which we did with the Internet Society. That was done and sent over to the House of Lords. There was a joint submission of evidence to the Joint Committee on Human Rights regarding the Investigatory Powers Act bill, gee, it's the investor V powers bill. Now, I guess not act bill, but the evil joint submission of evidence to the House of Commons public bill, Committee on the Investigatory Powers bill. There was a second one, joint cross sector statement on the investor duty Powers Act. Bill, response to the OFCOM consultation on child safety and an open letter to the EU commissioner designate preserving the open Internet. And each one of those sections will provide some details about the contribution itself. There is a link in there which will take you to the actual bills and the actual contributions and so on. And we, we've made sure that we're very transparent with every with all our activities. So all of that is on our our website, and on many of these, we ask our community to chime in. There were various levels of of involvement from from people coming into this, but there was also a lot of discussion taking place outside the chapter. Did discuss a lot of things with other civil society organizations, including the Open Rights Group, including, I can't remember that the privacy International, I think, was another one, and other organizations. There was also a lot of work that came out of the Internet Society mailing list on encryption, because so many things seem to be related to encryption one way or another. So there

were several announcements made by other people out there, sometimes other chapters, sometimes other organizations regarding any consultations that were taking place, etc. There was also a high amount of interaction, I guess mostly me when it came down to following up with the statements that were sent. Because one of the things that happens in the UK is they have consultations. You send things over, and then you never hear about them anymore. So following up was an important thing, sending an email to the people in charge, sometimes even calling them and finding out what was going on, and certainly when it came down to the contributions that we make to the the the ECHR, so the equalities commission and human and equalities and Human Rights Commission, that's one of them. Now, that's a commission that is separate from the from Parliament, but it's a cross party commission that is mandated to look at everything that parliament does and making sure that things are are done that don't go against the all the laws, UK laws on equalities and on on human rights. And there's, of course, the Joint Committee on Human Rights, which is a cross parliamentary commission as well. So I followed up with all of them on the things that we sent, and the feedback was that most of the time they were listening, we've been heard whether they change the policy or not. Was a different story. As you know, the Investigatory Powers amendments bill went through with very few changes from what they wanted to what the government wanted to push forward. There was another bill that was particularly controversial. Should I say. And that was a bill about the privacy. What is it? It's, it's intellectual property and privacy bill. It was called, and it probably is listed in there. And that one, of course, didn't go through at the end because the government changed. So what happens with parliamentary procedure is you've got this whole amount of work that takes place for months and months, sometimes years, and then suddenly a general election is called, and anything that's still pending gets thrown away, basically, and the next government might pick it up at some point, might decide to reboot it and restart it from scratch. But at the moment, it doesn't appear to be the case, as the new labor government has got other things to focus on. So we'll we'll see how that how that goes. OFCOM has been very good, and having several consult. Applications. In fact, I think it's a big shift from many, many years ago. There are more and more consultations from OFCOM regarding child safety, regarding the the enforcement of the the the acts that they that were passed recently, like the InVEST Secretary of powers amendments bill. So they, they're they of course, implement things, and they've actually asked organizations and the public to bring opinion as to whether they're implementing things the way that originally everyone was hoping was going to be implemented. We had several contributions that were made, also several contributions made with other organizations and with the Internet Society, HQ. And then there was also an open letter to the EU commissioner designate preserving the open internet that was can't remember when that was, but that was yet Commissioner designate Hannah urquhar expressing concerns about ongoing efforts to undermine network neutrality principles in Europe, something different from what we've done as well. And again, there's so many policy topics out there, it's sometimes very different, difficult to to follow all of them. So if there are some members in the chapter or people participating that would like to help in those please do step forward, and I'll come to you in a moment. Andrew, whenever I've gone through the whole, the whole list that we've got correspondence to the Joint Committee on Human Rights and the equalities and Human Rights Commission, which is what I've mentioned earlier. And I think, yeah, I'll, I'll, so that's all the policy stuff. And maybe I can, we can take a little break and see if there's any feedback on any of these. And maybe starting with Andrew Campling, Andrew,

Andrew Campling 32:06

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hi, thank you. Olivier. Oh, hang on. I close my shutter again. Just reopen that. Thank you for running through that. Just an observation, which I'll caveat first by saying I didn't offer this at the time, so that's on me, not you, in my view, and we, I think we've maybe discussed this in the past. I think the Internet Society in general, overweight and is far too over reliant on encryption and overweight privacy versus other aspects of human rights, and sometimes to the detriment of those other human rights. And maybe looking forward that that's a conversation that could be useful to to be had for maybe the coming year. But certainly when it comes, for example, to your item five on child safety. There are plenty of other civil society groups that would disagree with some of the points in the summary there, but I'll stop there, because it might maybe trigger a discussion for the year ahead, rather than the year that's gone. Gone cost us. Yeah. Thank

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 33:22

you very much, Andrew for this. And indeed, yeah, I know there are quite a number of views held in the chapter on this. You're not the only person with slightly differing views to what to what is there. And I think this is maybe one of the topics for discussion that we need to have during the year with some open exchanges and discussions. So we'll have to put this in the list of activities that you know, we're not short of subjects, of topics, but this one definitely has come into into the light a number of times. Nigel Hickson,

Nigel Hickson 33:59

yes, thank you very much. Nigel Hickson, Department of science, innovation, technology. I mean, I would just be very brief. I mean, really, just to congratulate the chapter, and particularly you, Olivier and your colleagues, for all this immense amount of work. I just think it's, it's, it's so important. It's important to us in government, because it shows that, you know, there is a multi stakeholder model working, as we were discussing earlier. I mean, you know, sometimes we're a bit cynical, and if you go out to public consultation and you don't get any views, then the next time there's a public consultation, perhaps you'll make it, you know, smaller, because, you know, no one responded to the last one now, I mean, that doesn't happen anymore, but you know that is a consideration. And so I think you know your work, particularly on the online safety area, has been immense and really valuable. And I just hope that you know you'll keep going. So to speak, because the the detail that OFCOM will be coming out with in terms of the regulation and how this is all going to work is somewhere it is well, as you know, a lot of it is still to be determined in early 2025 or the first quarter. So you know, really, really not going on, and really compliments to everyone involved in this valuable work.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 35:30

Yeah. Thanks very much, Nigel for these kind words. I should add actually, that DSIT has been very good in also in having several consultations. I'm sure you've kept track of these as well, although they're not your immediate department, but we have been in touch with some of your colleagues in DSIT, in parallel with the work that the chapter has been doing with you and with your department, and it's it's great to be able to collaborate and to also be provided with updates from what's going on. I'm not sure if this is an automated system that is being used to keep everyone up to date, but we certainly do appreciate the personal messages that are received when there is something that is taking place at DSIT, and then we're just told, by the way, you contributed to this as a chapter thing. There's one particular process that we contributed to last year, in a way, when it's a year and a half away, you kind

of forget about it, and certainly you get told, Oh, by the way, your contribution was used in the latest thing that's now come out, and so on. So it's, it's great that the this is this heralds this collaboration, I guess, between government regulatory departments or departments that write regulations and so on. And the chapter itself, I'm not sure if anybody wants to comment or so. Matthew,

Matthew Shears 37:02
not really a comment. I just wanted to thank you, Olivier, because I know that you've probably shouldered the large part of all the work you've just walked through. So much appreciation. Thanks.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 37:21
I have too much spare time. So anyway, no, it's, it's thank you for this, Matthew, but you know, it's thanks to, of course, everyone being able to bring their input. And I do hope that next year we can or this, this forth coming year, as Nigel mentioned there, there's a lot more coming up, and we'll be able to have, you know, a small team, or being able to discuss those things, you know, ultimately drafting those statements. We We are helped by the Internet Society on many occasions, because they've been very good at also following on on what's going on. So we also, I must admit, have the the help of these days, taking very, very large documents and sum, with some tools that allow us to go through an enormous number of things, and then, of course, rereading the important bits, because often in those documents, you know, 90% of it is stuff that we've already heard about before, but the important paragraphs are the ones that need to be focused on. So I think one of the things that we might wish to do, perhaps, is get more involved with the WSIS plus 20 with these issues, which we haven't followed through so much. But I guess the the what was happening at home this year, with the previous government trying to push through a number of regulations, all in parallel, by the way, so So, in fact, Parliament was so over worked that they took unusual routes, one of them being that, instead of going through the standard route, which is to start with the House of Commons and then pass it to the House of Lords, they did do the other way as well, so as to balance the work between the two houses, and still starts with the laws and then move it to the to the Commons. So there was a bit of a criss cross, and a bit strange for some, because it's not, it's not that common to do something like this. So there were a few unusual items. And as you will know, at the same time, there was also the discussion about the asylum bill and the Ruanda bill. And that was very tumultuous time, I think, in Parliament, as you will have probably watched on TV, quite bewilder, but bewildered about some of the discussions and some of the behavior in the house. Anyway, I think that's what there was on policy. One more thing, I guess I'm not seeing any other hands up. I don't know if there's anything I. No, there's nothing on the chat. So, yeah, preserving the open Internet was one of the last things we did have something else that happened more recently. I have to look at it afterwards, IPv six matrix, another thing that's been going on. So that's a project that's that's lasted for a very long time. We started it back in 2010 I think it was tracking the spread of the internet. Well, the IPv six internet, Internet Protocol, version six. We thought that by now 100% of the internet would run on IPv six. Some of you might have read the, sorry about 5353 Yeah, well, exactly so some of you might have read the news from ripe, that there was a ripe article, in fact, Desiree. You might know much about this. Can you say a few words about this. So Desiree has got many different hats, and one of the other hats, she is one of the co chairs of the ripe Coordination

Desiree Miloshevic 41:10

Group, yeah, the ripe cooperation working group. But we didn't have a discussion there. I think the maybe you are referring to the article, which was written as as a brief or response to Jeff Houston's participation in the ripe meeting that just passed that was in Prague. And I think some of the things he was noticing that the IPv six has not taken, you know, as much route, or has not been implemented as widely as it should have over the last 30 years. But what I mentioned was 53% you know, there is deployment, and there is a deployment of IPv six, especially in the core of, you know, content providers, if you look at GAFA, you know, Google, Microsoft and others, now, they're running IPv six in their core services because it's also more efficient and the end user now would save some hoops into getting to their services if there weren't any nuts now, translating from IPv four at the edge. So there's also another very good, interesting presentation at CDC last Monday that talks about, you know, the infrastructure and how network operators should, in the long run, really get the IPv six implemented to save even on latency. Of course, there are challenges on investment and some security as well, but I think the article you referred to was saying good things about the IPv six ongoing deployment. Yeah,

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 43:03

thanks for this Desiree. And whilst you were speaking, I shared the IPv six matrix website, which is run by the chapter. And in fact, I see the last run was in June. We might need to do a run, a more recent run, but you can look here, click on this, and you can see it's still growing post percentage by country. So if we look at the UK in particular, and we will see that the UK is growth. It's growing. Here we go. Here this needs to be reduced. Why can you see this? There you go. So you can see how this is growing up. I think I might have clicked on the wrong thing. Now. I've clicked on Hungary, right. Here we go. So you can see, so there was a little notch. I don't know why. That's probably some, some kind of bug or something. Back in the in the 19, in 2019 but you can see they're still growing, and they've got 22% host percentage at the moment. So this looks at the sources of information so IPD six hosted websites, and that includes not just the hosting of the website itself, but also the name servers, etc, the infrastructure around it. But it's, it's still growing. It's not completely stopped, and we'll continue running it. As I mentioned earlier, mythic beasts is hosting it very kindly, free of charge. So, and, you know, we had, the whole thing was read on any kind of runs itself. So we'll be able, hopefully next year, to look at it again and reach about 90% penetration. Suddenly, we'll all wake up and think we need 96 but maybe not. Okay, so that's that's another one. And. And what else can I share with you? I think that's the whole report. If we go back to the and your activity report, here we go. So that's the six matrix. And then, of course, the work at the UK Internet Governance Forum. Several of us are part of the team at the UK IGF, building the building the agenda every year, and for those people that weren't here earlier, the suggestion that IP the UK IGF this year happens before June, because the global Internet Governance Forum won't take place in June, and as national and regional IGF are usually feeding into the global IGF, it would be important to get things done earlier rather than later. This year, the UK IGF was in October, so we had a bit of time the European the equivalent of the European IGF, eurodic, European dialog in Internet governance. This year was in June, and it was in June. Yes, it was in June. Next year it will be in May, so that it's happens before the global IGF. The global IGF will take place in Norway, which is not too far from here, and you do have cheap flights, so maybe you might be interested in going and taking part in the IGF, definitely cheaper than the solid flights this year. But at the same time the UK IGF is happening in London, Simon, that many of you will be able to take part in it and also make suggestions. There's always an open call for issues, etc. There's a whole process. And for this you go to you just do a search, UK, IGF, and you'll find out the website. It shouldn't really

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put the website on there. Oh, here we go, UK, igf.org.uk, well, there you good? We've got that. So this year, the chapter also, because I think that the UK IGF relies too much on a single source of funding, which is effectively Nominet funding the whole thing. We really would like to see more organizations out there considering sponsoring the UK IGF. And so the chapter itself made a request from from the Internet Society, and we channeled 2000 pounds towards sponsoring the UK IGF. I know that ICANN also did so, and I think the DSIT also send some some contribution. And there's several organizations, but not enough, not enough. So if you know of any organizations that are involved in Internet governance in the right that are actually not just Internet governance, but in the internet itself, then please, internet in the UK, please try and get them to consider sponsoring the UK IGF get involved. I think I've said that a number of times, we have more and more members every year, or whatever membership is in this world, because it's more like a mailing list. We have more and more people who are interested in UK issues and who register in the UK. We've now reached 1923 I think we've got even more since this was written a few weeks ago. It's hopefully we passed the 2000 mark. I know a lot of silent people, they'll, they'll read things, but they won't be actively active, but it's, I guess, a good source of information for some people out there. We do have several mailing lists, and I'm not sure that everyone is aware of these. First there is the UK policy mailing list, that one is the most active. It's simple to you can. You can access those by list on ISOC e.org and you got CGI being mailman list, and so you can subscribe to these mailing lists. They're free, of course, they're free. And the UK policy mailing list does exactly what is said on the tin. And we have had plenty of discussions on there. We also accept people who are not based in the UK, but who are interested in UK policy issues. So there are quite a few people who are on the mailing list that come in from other chapters and so on, that are interested in this, in these topics. We used to have an active, open trust discussion. Now, at some point, the Internet Society had a one of its strategic issues was open trust. This year it's coming back so the the ISOC global, 2024 No, 2025 actually. And has got a topic on this. So I hope that we'll revive this and get some discussions going on there. And then we have the ISOC UK universities, and I was mentioning this earlier, one of the difficulties we've had is whoever volunteered to help with this at some point graduates from university, which is terrible. Oh, very good for them. They're terrible for the chapter, because then they're going no longer inside the universities thing. And then that's the other discussion we had during the break here is everyone gets older, and nobody is a youth for that long. So we definitely would be happy if some people could step forward and get more young people involved, to get more diversity in our chapter. It's amazing that most young people think that the everyone uses the internet. Of course, it's super active, but then how many people really know how the whole thing works, and how important it is to defend the principles on which the internet was built because of, you know, the whole innovation thing, etc, etc, and how, I guess, we could say how fragile this, this ecosystem is, especially when you start looking at what happens in some other countries. Albert, and you can see that the world is not, for some reason, doesn't seem to be getting any more democratic than it was a few years ago. I'm not going to appoint in any direction, but no, no, I didn't say that. Whoever's listening. Okay, sorry, yeah, go ahead,

Izaan Khan 51:47
just a quick one on the UK University's mailing list. Pretty sure, a lot of young people these days don't actually know what a mailing list is anymore, and I think the best way to attract younger people is to try to diversify what types of channels we reach out on. At the very least, I'm not aware of ISOC. At least ISOC England chapter having, for example, a Reddit or a discord or Twitter, like Facebook, whatever

social media platform presence. Is there an intention at some point for us to create this so that we can, you know, start to begin, like, you know, reaching out and creating content, like short form content to compliment the work that we're doing over here, and to raise awareness of like events like this and so on. Or, you know, calls for, you know, things like, you know, if we're having a discussion on some particular policy issue or response to a consultation or whatever, I think it would be much easier to target and reach younger people through that, or, you know, have it as a stepping stone along a longer process to try to drive more youth engagement in the UK chapters sort of work. So what do we have an intention to do that at some point, and if so, how are we going to collectively agree to do so, that's my main question.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 53:10
So So first and foremost, I'm just starting to get old Twitter, and it's excellent. So obviously, been around for too long. Most would say, what is Twitter? Don't remember that one. But yes, no, we have a Twitter, or, sorry, an X account that that is used. The discussion regarding discord was actually mentioned a few years ago, I think a couple of years we had, during one of our AGMs, there was a suggestion that we use other channels, indeed, and including instant messaging, there was some discussion regarding slack and then discord, and I think that was the one that most young young people were using. And then we had this, this fundamental discussion as to do we want to use? Was it channels that are basically private channels as such. I mean, not private but but proprietary channels. There you go, rather than using Internet Relay Chat or some open, open systems. And I don't know if we went anywhere from there, there was a, you know, someone popped a question, and it was, Oh, I'm not sure really, do we? Should we? I must admit, I did play around with discord and have a look. And I think others, also in the in the team, have have looked at it. I don't know it's, it's really, it's something that we should discuss. Maybe now's the time to discuss it, during the discussion part of this. But yeah, it's, it's a good point that you're making. And yes, mailing lists, I think a lot of people now, definitely young people, have their eyes running backwards and thinking, Come on, grand you know this, this is a bit like if you speak about Holstrom. Carriages these days, not really helpful. So, you know, we'll definitely something to push with, and maybe there should be a test. I don't know. How do others feel about this?

Matthew Shears 55:15
I mean, I think it's worth trying. I think we've had this discussion two years

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 55:23
ago, the people who were younger the time no longer are now they don't speak

Desiree Miloshevic 55:27
about it anymore, yeah, well, we should definitely test it. And I think, yeah, Olivier, there's hand up in the in the chat,

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 55:40
but perhaps

Desiree Miloshevic 55:41

Telegram, you know, could be or something that we could put on our website, and then people could could join if they wish to communicate differently. I think the main thing is to really have the activities plan, and then to see if they wish to join, and then have different channels for different types of activities. One

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 56:05
of the questions that came through in our discussion, one of the concerns that was expressed was the liability thing, if we have a channel that is branded as ISOC, then we need to have someone wa ISOC UK, there needs to be someone who's going to be there to moderate or there's not nothing nasty happening on it, etc. And I don't think anyone had the the knowledge about how to run a discord channel to be able to answer this. So maybe if anybody has the knowledge and the experience, then that would be helpful if you know, rather than us having to recreate you know, sort of recreate the ball. I'll give the floor over to Andrew first, and then Rex afterwards. Andrew come in.

Andrew Campling 56:50
It was only a brief point, just to draw your attention to what it says in your own document, which you're right. You say that this came up in 2022, at the AGM, but to date, nobody's volunteered to take on the task. So maybe the first question is, find a volunteer to actually sort of take the lead on it, including, as you rightly say, Olivier on things like content moderation, etc, which is a non trivial aspect of it.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 57:21
Thanks very much, Andrew. I'm still waiting for someone to volunteer. Oh, I see that somebody. Yeah, I'm happy to I

Izaan Khan 57:34
will, yes, if you need somebody to sort of set the accounts up and stuff, I'm happy to give it a go. Sorry, yeah, I'm happy to volunteer. I'm happy to put it in the official minutes. If Discord is the channel or the platform that we've decided on, I'm pretty sure we could explore other options as well. But for now, yeah, happy to throw my hat into the ring for that.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 57:58
Call it a pilot. Yes.

Izaan Khan 58:01
Now we need are the young people sitting there moderating with nothing. Oh,

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 58:10
sorry, Olivier, then we'll have Cheryl afterwards.

John Paschoud 58:13
Yeah. I mean, my concern about these, you know, these highly modern and untested systems is the sort of siloing of views, is that that could, that could happen if there's different channels that people don't sort of see between them, and that's where maybe a moderator role is key, and they really have to be engaged, because if something's happening kicking off on One Channel and the main list isn't

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aware of it, etc, or vice versa. Or it could be, it could be, I mean, that's a negative aspect. It could be a positive actors as well. Somebody on the main list says there's a really good topic happening on the main list, we've talked about this, and puts it on the discord, and then gets a different viewpoint on that topic from that channel. But I think it is quite hard to merge them. I know in discord you can have a mail, an email summary, or that kind of thing, but I think it's, it's still not if you're used to using the mail list, you're going to carry on using the mail list. And so there is the that risk to it really is siloing and proliferation of channels and, oh, let's, let's just do one on, you know, Telegram this week, and then, you know, it sort of withers away and that kind of thing. Yeah, that's my only concern. But I fully support having a pilot, and we'll see where it goes. And, you know, if it grows and develops, then that's this that's always good. And, you know, we are all, some of us are getting older. We're all getting older at the same rate, I suppose, but we're not there forever, so we have to, we have to embrace change one way or the other. Thank you. Anyone else?

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 59:50
Thank you. Let's, let's have Cheryl first and then, okay,

Cheryl Langdon-Orr 59:55
thank you Olivier Cheryl Lang for the record. Again, I just wanted to. You, I don't mind whatever channel was going to work is what we should be exploring Absolutely. But I think just to remind everybody to choose wisely, and the whole churning of one to the other to the next, that really is a particular issue. So you know, we can all continue to be in a in catch up mode if we're if we're not careful, especially from you know, my fossilized position, one thing with discord, I actually cringe every time I hear that word, other than when I'm typing it in a more verbose document and not referring to the channel at all, and that is because we currently, at least in Australia, in our cyber savvy training for younger youth, those in the sub 16 space. One of the warnings that the school education programs. Does you know if someone tries to lure you to discord, that's when you hit the problem? You know to speak to a trusted adult or report the the issue to the gaming channel. So you know, we need to choose wisely that there are not changes in the nature of these channels as well. Otherwise, there's other liability issues. I guess we could, we could look at in reputational harm. One thing that I do note, however, is often it's whatever is visual. So you know, Tiktok works because it's little videos. Don't underestimate cleverness of using the visual cues to take the youth to whatever space is current. So I sort of have one anchor that just allows you to moderate and send out information and receive information in a managed way, but has the flexibility of maybe changing that, that particular platform target as it will be churning very, very quickly, because that's the nature of the business, if they're all in thanks. Thanks

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:02:18
very much for these, these words, Cheryl and I see is that you've got some interesting task to deal with here, challenging, I would say, even. But we'll keep a close eye on this, and we might well, we'll see, we'll see

Izaan Khan 1:02:34
how it goes. It's not insurmountable. I'll speak with you separately.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:02:37
No problem. Stanley?

Stanley Osuonza 1:02:38
Yes. So

Andrew Campling 1:02:41
I rooms muted again. Oh,

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:02:58
sorry about that.

Stanley Osuonza 1:02:59
Yeah, sorry so I'm just gonna, like, you know, start, yeah. So fine, yeah. So I just like, I'm a recent graduate, let's say like, I graduated last year from uni, and in terms of, like, discord and all that, you know, I mean, students, yeah, they love discord now, they engage and all of that, you know. But one of the things I've seen, like, you know, that is more effective for us here is coming to, like, you know, student unions. You know, there are, like, so many organizations, right? Um, when they try to reach students, the first thing they do is they try to, like, you know, get some kind of contact with Student Union, and then even email, yes, Student Unions even TLD. It's been, like, over a year, right? I still get like emails from my student union, and sometimes I pick interest from there and from like, picking interest. And then if they have like, other communities here, for instance, you know, maybe like discord, Facebook and all of that, that's when I can join. But

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:03:54
we seem to be back up. Sorry about this. For some reason the internet seemed to have we mentioned discord and the whole thing, it's going to be crazy. I hope you're all back here. Um Sorry. So let's try it again,

Stanley Osuonza 1:04:08
yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, that's fine, yeah. So my opinion, yeah, regarding like, this discord and all of that, because I'm just just saying it, because the focus now is, like, on universities, right? So I'm just sharing my own personal experience. Now, how like organizations here, including Microsoft, like the bigger ones, you know, and all of that. Now, how they reach students, you know? Some of them, they go through, like, Student Union first, you know, and then they start like, you know, sending email list and all of that. Now, through Student Union. So you just see some kind of email, um, let's say my university is a Birmingham City University in conjunction with, like, another um organization, they sent you an email talking about, like, what they are offering and all of that, you know. So sometimes now, some of us speak interest from there, and then we can let maybe join the discord and all that you know. So um, in as much as Discord is quite good now for, like, younger people and all of that, but what I've seen here from like, you know, my prayers now going to uni. Sometimes, if it's not so fun, yeah, they don't want to be there. I joined, like, me in person. I like, I literally joined like, um few discord, um communities, and then servers, rather, and then some of them, yeah, if it's not like gaming, if not something like, maybe quite fun, and all of that. Now you see people like, exiting those um servers and

all that, you know. So I feel like the approach, um, that may be more effective is, like, you know, still, like, you know, the emailing thing here is still okay. But I mean, trying to, like, you know, get in contact with some universities and, you know, maybe like, Sug, student unions and all of that, you know. And then you can go from there, see, like, how students are actually, like, opening the open rate of those emails and all of that now you they're engaging. And then without you can say, you know, what, from this region, yeah, some of these students are actually engaging with the content we are pushing out via emails, you know. And then you can then see if there's actually need for you to, like, you know, have that discourse server for like, a particular, like, maybe location and all that, you know, because, I mean, with every channel like, you know, come to the complexity of managing these things, you know, again. So there are, like, so many times. So you need to, first of all, see if this is actually worth it. First of all, before you start like, you know, pushing ourselves. So that's my own opinion. Du Bo, I mean, which university I went to? Birmingham City University. Yeah, yeah.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:06:10
We did have some links with LSE for quite some time, because they had, of course, some involvement in Internet governance and the courses that were related to this. I think we had some people from UCL as well. We did some things. And a long, long time ago, there was also with Ron Holloway. But I don't even know if we're all Holloway still, yeah, it's still around. Yeah, it's a good, good thought, maybe we can have the, you know, doesn't really young people section. Or, you know, did you want to say something prime as well? Yeah, pretty close to Yeah. And then we'll go over to

Brian Tshuma 1:06:50
talking about so I was also thinking about my own experience when I first went to the UK IGF, I I mean, the population profile there was very striking. I was coming from a different world, where the IGF was predominantly youthful, kind of people attending and the UK one, it was like CEOs from serious corporations. They also university professors. I thought it had some kind of advantage, but that population gave was very, very, you know, clear that, but I even remember talking to my professor colleagues there that. But what kind of IGF is that? I thought it was more of civic society and people from out there, and then most of these CEOs would come as resource persons, but they were the people that were actually participating there. So I was just thinking of my own experience, how I came into this IGF a business, and that was in the context of Africa. This, what they call a continental initiative, is the African internet School of governance, and it comes pretty close to what he's saying. So they recruit a rotate across the whole continent. This year they're in this region. The other year they're in that region one week, very intensive program. And the I think it's very rare that after that program you look back you one way or the other, you find your way in. And those are the people that are going around setting the national I want to call it IGF structures, or ISOC, and they end up just about everywhere. Yeah, I'm also one of the graduates of that very initiative. But I've seen something even more interesting in London, in the field of Effective Altruism, right? There are fellowships in the form of discussion groups, yeah. So they go there over six or so weeks. Again, they drill you more on Effective Altruism. At the end of it, you are something else. Again, you want to participate in the movement and all that. And I was thinking, which comes closer to him, this kind of initiatives really could help in recruiting young people and filling that gap. Sure. Thank

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:08:51

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you. The Internet Society had some fellowships, and I'm not sure what next year's ones are going to be, but there was, there was certainly fellowship courses that were taking place that you would take online, and you'd be able to follow them in various I know that exchange. It changes every year, so I'm sure about this year's one. So all the forthcoming ones that are there. There's also, of course, the European summer school in Internet governance Europe. I think that is happening in the region. There is also a virtual school of internet governance that I'm aware of as well that does courses both in English, but they also have some in Spanish, and I think they also have some in French as well. So there are quite a few of these, and perhaps it would be interesting for the chapter to publicize those more with everyone, because I don't think we're well, the chapter isn't directly linked with any of these courses, maybe apart from any of us individuals, perhaps giving a lecture on one or one or the other. Them, but maybe having more formalized information about those and pushing them forward. So because I do agree with you that, yeah, there's before you follow one of these courses and after, and sometimes it's a total eye opener to see see this, you think, wow, I wasn't aware of any of this stuff. So it's quite, quite, maybe, you know, quite a good way forward. Harry,

Pari Esfandiari 1:10:29
for my organization in California, one of the easiest way we find to attract younger people was through universities. But rather than having a formal relationship, we spoke to them, and they publicize in their newsletter or event. So that generated a lot of students joining the event and then joining the organization. And that really, I mean that doesn't mean that we shouldn't try these various platforms, but I think approaching at least two, three really big universities that would be a good way. We did it with UCLA and USC and Princeton, I believe, and that has been extremely helpful for us with no work really.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:11:15
Thank you. Helpful. Any other comments or suggestions I'm trying to see. Let's have a look. Now. A lot of people have to drop out because Simon is getting on hold on I've done the IPv six matrix update. I think we've got, I mean, well, of course this will all be summarized, and then we'll have a summary of the of the discussion you've had here. But I think next steps on this, obviously, there's the discord, the test that we'll have, the pilot, and then maybe once we've got a framework of the different points that were made here, we can take it up further, maybe as a small group, or if any of you are interested in volunteering to help out directly with those so we have a follow up, and we can share with other members, and hopefully other people will be interested in taking part as well. Steve, you have quite, quite some knowledge of associations. So on your work? Well, work, no, not work. You are involved with the was it BCS as well, and several other things. I get a

Steve Karmeinsky 1:12:35
few points. I'm just, I'm on BCS Council. Well, British society used to be called Next it is the British community society. And also I'm on the program committee for net UK, which runs a conference for

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:12:52
when is net UK? Because that I'm not sure everyone is aware.

Steve Karmeinsky 1:12:55

It's an organization that runs a conference that is on a techie conference for techies about infrastructure with DNS. So you it was initially mainly people that involved in peering in the UK, but it's expanded to anything really to do with telco internet infrastructure.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:13:18
So there's so there's this potential also for synergy with more for those people that are more technically minded in this we spoke a lot about governance earlier, internet governance and the legislation and so on. But there's also this potential for expanding on the technology, bearing in mind that the DNA of the Internet Society was with the IETF, the Internet Engineering Task Force, and we did, in the past, also sponsor some young, young people in in taking part in the IETF. Many years ago, it was good, but quite some time. So yeah, the UK, the network is, is one of these conferences that is that just really interesting. Then there's also the BCS. Now, what's the BCS up to these days? Because it's, I

Steve Karmeinsky 1:14:10
mean, British community is very much to stem and they accredit courses at universities, and they also are involved with government policy, and they are either consulting or as in as responding to consultations or directly involved with ministers and giving advice to strategy for UK, Internet or not internet computing issues. And they've got various you can now be a you can be a chartered Information Technology practitioner, which used to just be a generic term, but now they've doing one for quantum and for AI specifically, and you have to meet a certain set of credentials to get. So to use those letters, and then they are going to expand with other but they are the big concentration is actually stem and getting more people into computing and more computer science.

Rex Wickham 1:15:19
How can I engage with the members or young

Steve Karmeinsky 1:15:22
I mean, that's, that's one of the things that I stood for, is that they, they, I mean, they have a mailing lists and they have special interest groups, but they also are, I don't think they attract the it's, it's, they get a lot of students joining because it's free, and then they, as soon as you have to pay, they drop off. And I think they're trying to, you know, one of the, one of the things I was trying to do is getting to engage with startups, and because they don't, at the moment, they don't see the value. So if you get into shortage, you went to any of these creative tech startups, they in how many of them are BCS members? I would say the percentages is extremely low, and it's, how do you engage with those people and get them to come on board? And you know that's and that they are the future of what's coming out with the next technology and and BCS is seen as an academic BD organization, and that they are slowly trying to change. That

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:16:28
BCS is very much involved with universities, isn't it? Isn't one of the organizations that, if you follow a computer course credit

Steve Karmeinsky 1:16:36
courses, but they

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:16:39
because, I think it was the same also with the IET, the Institute of engineering and technology, also you become an IT member. I don't know if it's still the same these days, but back in, back in prehistoric times, when I did my degree was

Steve Karmeinsky 1:16:55
back then. So I mean, it's same, but they are just more of technology in general, rather than specifically to computing. But they're, but they're both organizations are trying to attract younger people and get into STEM but they in some way with the it's because they are more of if you go into some careers, you have to have an IT accreditation. So if you are, because they do all the wiring standards and all the stuff like that, so it's, it's got more of a practical thing, rather than than just having a you're a member of the BCS and you have some initials after your name.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:17:38
Are there any chances of any joint webinars or discussions or things that we could have with any of these organizations on any, you know, common topics. Well,

Steve Karmeinsky 1:17:51
in the basic the thing of the BCS is there lots of sig special interest groups, and the special interest groups are run by the special interest group, and therefore that, yes, you can do collaborations with any of them, but it's, it's approaching the right special interest group. It's not, they're not run centrally, as, I mean, they are, but they're managed centrally, but they're not run centrally. So it's the actual special interest group that runs the special interest group, and some of them are much bigger than other ones and but they are individually run, so it's not and then I see, I don't know they, they actually know what they do have London sessions, but I don't know what, How you

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:18:38
There's also quite an active I triple E UK section, I can remember correctly. I don't know what section

Steve Karmeinsky 1:18:46
eight section, yeah, which is Ima. It's not just

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:18:51
EMEA, yeah, yeah. And, oh, they don't have your local chapters as such. I should know I'm a member with these guys. But never mind. The other thing, of course, the chapter has in the past, taking part in joint events with the digital Policy Alliance the DPA, especially when it came down to matters, when we were involved with parliament and things taking place over in the houses of House of Lords, I think it was nothing on the cards at this very moment in time, although I did speak with some people, maybe we should do some some more things with them. And I think that was the the what other organizations have we worked with in the past? Well, of course, IETF, but that's part of the Internet Society, so izan, you wanted to get there.

Izaan Khan 1:19:49

Sorry, thanks, yeah, just a quick one on there, not being much, so the rehashed version of the data protection and for. Information bill that the previous government was trying to put forward but ultimately failed to do so has been, in a sense, resurrected with the data use and access bill, and it's currently in the third reading. I think I'm not sure it might go to the committee stages in December. So yeah, it we can act on it pretty much now or at any point in the next year or so, early on, assuming that they don't rush to, you know, try to finalize it, which I don't think they'll try to do. But yeah, there are a couple of provisions in there that we definitely feel like we could sort of raise awareness off and say that this is not necessarily, perhaps the best thing, or at least solicit, you know, views from the group. But this is just to say that, yeah, it is something that you know is should be, at least on anyone who's interested in internet policy, their their sort of radar. At the moment, say, I just wanted to clarify on that. That's all. And also, there's an ICANN event happening at BCS. I just remembered that I think day after tomorrow there's like a WSIS event, so worth mentioning that in the context of what BCS is up to. But yeah,

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:21:09
yeah, thanks. Chaired by the very person in front of you. Oh, really

Izaan Khan 1:21:14
moderated. I wasn't even aware. That's great. That's great. That's awesome. Yeah, thank

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:21:21
you for this. And one of the things, I mean, just was you mentioned this, I thought, oh goodness. And I thought we were going to have a bit of respite in what was going on in Parliament, but it seems that they've woken up to to pick up the ball on this. And I hadn't noticed that this was the case. So Wil, obviously, thanks for pointing this out. We'll have to pick this up and look at it again. I love the steady camera work so well. That's plenty of things that we've got plenty of potential activities we are in our basic discussion, I guess future activities for 2025 we've been very much into it already. Are there any other suggestions? This is a very in your paper. Aha, that's a good point. Always go back to the paper. Always go back. Let's first share it and find out. Where are we here? So, oh, there was a thing on the new AMS. Forget about this. The it's been an absolute nightmare to run the new association management system. Hopefully it's going to be improved next year, and then on 2025 Yes. So other UK based Association, so net UK was one of them. Tech UK, we have worked with on the joint statements, and so we have contacts over there, although at some point they didn't do very much. They were a little quiet. And then the continued engagement with BCS. There you go, Steve, when the latter is ready to ramp up activity. UK, IGF, same thing. We've got several people on the on the committee, so we'll continue in the same capacity as in previous years. And probably we'll be very busy January, February, if they're to have something before June, engaging with DSIT. Well, Nigel has had to go, but we've, of course, taking part into two parallel processes. They used to be called the MAGIG multi stakeholder Advisory Group on Internet Governance, and they've changed the name now, so there's still one group which has no name, which is engagement on ICANN matters, and that's Nigel that's leading this. And it's basically before each ICANN meeting, there is a rundown on what's going to happen there. And parts and people in the de generic name, supporting organization and other parts of ICANN say a little bit what's going to happen. And they're part of of ICANN. It's a good cross community thing with the UK ICANN enabled, or ICANN engaged, I think is that what you're called ICANN engage, community, community engaging. And ICANN matters. And then there is the second one, which is to do

with ITU and UN engagement, and they've changed name now. They called in multi stakeholder Internet governance group, because there's no advisory part anymore. They felt a little worried about this. And Patrick Wheatley is the person, I think, who's in charge now, who's taking over? Taken over on this. And I'm, I go on the calls. I don't know. Desiree, Matthew, you're, you're on these as well the MIGG

Desiree Miloshevic 1:24:45
calls. Yes, we try to be both these calls. And there's been a lot of coordination. I think there was one last last month, and there will be more. Coming for sure, because of the, you know, busy landscape in Internet governance matters,

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:25:06
and I think that we'll try, and I'm going to try more often now, to maybe share what's going on in those groups for as much as we can share openly. These are by invitation only, so the chapter was invited to send representatives to these groups and and we all wear different hats, and so on. And it's a bit of a historical thing. It's gone on for a good 10 years so and you know the but some of the what, what is said in there is you receive from a.gov.uk address, and it says confidential, so that you can't say anything about it for the time being. So it's a little tough sometimes in finding out where the boundary goes as to being able to publish things openly, because some of the discussions, especially when it comes down to UN engagement, and itu engagement, reflect the UK government's perspective, and already being able to share it in a small group like the one that is there that is multi stakeholder in scope, is a great step forward by the UK government. But some, some of it might be very important in the overall negotiations and obtain obtaining leverage with other countries that don't necessarily think the same way. And I'm, of course, speaking about the world's greatest democracies that might have a different view from the UK so and of course, the UK's partners, which in general are the European European group and others in there. So anyway, so that's, that's, that's ongoing. There's the policy consultations, and thank you izan for telling us there's a lot more coming up. We are looking at liaising with other ISOC chapters in Europe and the EU when it comes down to the impact on internet, especially things that are happening in the European Commission. There's a lot going on. There was, of course, the NIS two directive that, of course, the European things, but they affect everyone. Ultimately, because for any company or organization that wants to trade with European organizations, they then need to follow those, those those issues, and they need to follow those recommended, even recommendations regulations as such. So it certainly makes things a lot harder for everyone. And then we've got the involvement, the continued and involvement with the global encryption Coalition, which we have spoken about already in the past, and that is, by the way, an open mailing list, so if anybody else is interested to represent, because some people wear many different hats. So if you are member of another organization that is involved with encryption issues and so on, then please, you can ask to be part of that group. Then we've got emerging issues. Ai, did I say the naughty word. This one is just another world. In addition to everything else we you thought we had enough, and there's just so much more here. We're still in the very early days, and that's as some of us have been in the very early days of the Internet. We never knew how it was going to turn out to be, and sometimes we might have thought we should have done something about it before waiting for it to become an absolute monster. And AI is one of those topics that has the potential of becoming an absolute monster. So hopefully we can find a way, maybe for the for the chapter, to be involved in in input on any of those AI consultations that are

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about to land on our doorstep, especially with what's now going on in New York, and this, this process of formalizing a whole set of government departments that will be looking at AI. And then there's, of course, the potential for regular newsletter or channel that might be an opportunity to gain subscribers in an independent revenue flow. We spoke about the independent revenue flow earlier, with being able to get external sponsorship that we used to have the chapter used to have a regular newsletter, but you need to have a some kind of a someone that will be able to write it. I know that there are tools these days to write newsletters. You just put everything in there. Unfortunately, it looks more like a potpourri at the end than anything else. I don't if a virtual potpourri smells good or not, but given the amount of crap that is out there. That's the only word I can use. The potpourri might not smell the right direction. So we have to be a bit careful with using tools. I know some are saying, Ah, it's easy. You just do it. We do have a news feed that is happening on the Internet Society website that Christian has very kindly worked on. But. Based on some old technology. I think it was RSS technology. Those of you that lived in the prehistoric times will remember what that stands for, but we haven't got the regular newsletter, and maybe these days, people don't watch these. Maybe we need a regular podcast or a regular video or discord. Channel, or anyway, anyone interested in volunteering for some new channels, new ways of keeping people involved and interested in topics of internet, please volunteer. You will see the V word mentioned in several different locations, then we have our key topics. And I've taken those from the Internet Society website the and that's the big internet so the global Internet Society countering internet threats, defending the internet in the United Nations, they are very much involved now. They have someone in New York. Not quite sure whether, let me not say anything. Let's extend an encryption. Is another one, and that's, of course, one of the topics that we've spoken about, guiding constructive internet policy, helping shape. And you can see there came into this shape internet legal precedent. Now that's that's part of the amicus briefs that the Internet Society are doing, and few people around the room seem to be okay, whatever, sharing cutting edge knowledge and securing global routing, we're not going to use the American word a routing. It's rooting, as we all know. So that's it, is, isn't it? So English is from England. Thank you very much. So if it's rooting, it's rooting. I think that we've reached the end of the Yeah, the potential topics. I mean, these are the topics that the Internet Society is interested in. Of course, we can we as a chapter, can also add other topics that we're particularly interested in. Obviously, local topics are really important. But if there are other topics that you want to suggest, not that we are short of topics so far and more so volunteering. So if you want to lead on something, then we can create your own discord channel, Twitter x, we haven't explored going into tech talk, but who cares? Maybe you can get, you know, get a Tiktok ISOC topic. It's your organization, so you make it what it needs to be. Any comments questions? I think everyone's waiting for a drink over here. Anyone online who wishes to comment on on any of these points?

Matthew Shears 1:33:06
Yeah, so Olivier, I'm happy.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:33:22
I don't know why I mute. I keep on pressing this my finger, isn't it? Go ahead.

Matthew Shears 1:33:28
I'm very happy to take an initiative to see come up with some kind of outline of work or some proposal for what the society could do, the chapter could do for any area of the WSIS, okay, okay, and maybe

that will comprise a proposal for a gathering of sorts to address some of the issues in the in early 25 so I'm happy to do that that falls under at least the first two bullets of the internet, societal strategic priorities. Okay, thank you.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:34:03
Anyone else volunteering? I think we all are very, very busy with with all of our lives as well. But I mean, thank you Stan Lee and Brian and you know is, I think the young people track is authentically important. We need to and do something before we get too old. We need to find another set of young people to pick it up. I think that's it. Really anyone else? I did ask whether anybody online wanting to say things, wanted to add anything to this. I see we've lost a lot of people because it's been a long meeting so far. Cheryl, Charles Samuel,

Cheryl Langdon-Orr 1:34:51
all good for me. Thank you.

Olivier Crépin-Leblond 1:34:54
Okay. Thanks very much. Everyone here is waiting for. Next phase of the meeting, which will take place offline. So yeah, I see that. What you can't see is the number of people who are gesturing the the angle of a pint, because we are in the UK and we are in the pub, after all. So we haven't got to go too far with this, but I think that's it really. Thank you very much everyone for taking part in today's AGM. And as I said, sort of the follow ups to this there'll be, hopefully soon. And there's so much going on. Because, as you know, there's the IGF coming up in a few days time. There is, of course, another event in two days away. So we'll try and do some summary of the discussions today and few action items, and we'll post them on the web page that is the web page for this for this meeting. Now I'll send an announcement out on the mailing lists, but please do get involved more, and hopefully I can see others can't grab a pint, but we definitely will grab pines for everyone who's following us around. Thank you very much for joining and have a I usually say, have a very good morning, afternoon, evening or night, wherever you are, but you're all here, so have a very good evening. Everyone. Take care. Bye.

1:36:42
Last lesson.