Workshop: Internet of Squirrels
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Workshop Questions

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  - (as opposed to Luxury Internet / Internet of Affluence / Gargantuan Internet / Gilded Internet / Capitalist Internet of Surveillance)

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  - (squirrels as a symbol for non-geek-humans, animals & ecosystems.)

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Why Squirrels?

- Squirrels are symbols for

  - (extreme end of spectrum of) End-Users

  - extinction of innocent non-human species - an extreme consequence of Internet of Ecocide

  - Nature Fighting Back

- "Speaker For Squirrels"

  - similar to "Speaker for River" in "Fifth Sacred Thing"

  - similar to "Spekaer for the Dead" by Orson Scott Card

- Mascot of UnCivilization Community : UnCiv.nl

More about Squirrels & Tech

- https://wiki.techinc.nl/Hackers_tribes#Consider_the_Squirrels.21

- https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:Vesna_IAB-BIAS-Workshop-Basic_Internet_And_Squirrels.pdf

- https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:PILL-Internet_of_Squirrels-BECHA.pdf

- https://wiki.techinc.nl/File:Zine_Pitch_-_Speaker_for_Squirrels_-_Vesna_Manojlovic.pdf

- https://becha.home.xs4all.nl/Speaker_for_Squirrels-GogBot-2016.pdf

- https://events.ccc.de/camp/2015/wiki/Session:Ants_and_Squirrels_UnCivilization_ReUnion

Time Planning

- 5 minute LOGISTICS intro (by Vesna)

- 2+2 minute exchange in pairs, to get to know each other

- 10 minute CONTENT intro (by Vesna)

- 3x3 minutes exercise in groups 3 people (expression of interest / brainstorm project proposals)

- 20 minute round of presenting PROPOSED mini-PROJECTS

- 5 minute break

- 35 minute exercise in groups 3-5 people (WORKIGN ON PROJECTS)

- 20 minutes round of presenting outcomes

- 10 minutes closing

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Alternative Media for RFCs

- Video-making for Gen-Z

    - https://www.euronews.com/culture/2024/04/14/encouraging-gen-z-voters-at-the-european-elections-through-video-making-workshops

- Zine making by academics

    - 1 https://conf.researchr.org/track/ict4s-2024/ict4s-2024-ict4s-24-zine

    - 2 https://diymethods.net/

    - 3 https://morethanhumanfreedom.wordpress.com/

Individual Activities

- Level 1:

    - Join one mailing list

    - Make a post on a forum

    - Follow one of I* orgs on social media

- Level 2:

    - Download an RFC

    - Watch a short video by I* org.

    - Make a post/reply to the mailing list

Lists of Mailing Lists

- RIPE lists: https://www.ripe.net/membership/mail/ripe-mailing-lists/

- Arin lists: https://www.arin.net/participate/mailing_lists/

- IETF lists https://mailman3.ietf.org/mailman3/lists/

- Sustainability: https://wiki.techinc.nl/Sustainability#Mailing_Lists

Diversity Groups

- [RIPE-TF] ripe.net/diversity

- [systers] https://www.ietf.org/participate/ietf-systers/

Group Activities

- Read a (part of) RFC together

- Discuss alternative media representation of an RFC

- Work on a zine

  - 1-page (to finish today)

  - multi-page (keep on working after the workshop)

- Work on a video (Tik-Tok, YouTube, Instagram, (etc?)!)

- Make unusual parallels?! (chakras & OSI layers ; media art & undersea cables?)

Interesting RFCs

- [RFC8890] https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc8890/

- [RFC8280] https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc8280/

- RFC7962 https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc7962

- RFC9547 https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc9547

Interesting Drafts

- https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-irtf-nmrg-green-ps/

- https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-almprs-sustainability-insights/

- https://github.com/mallory/draft-beyond-carbon

Follow-up Activities

- Follow a training

- Register for on-line particpation at event

- Apply for a travel grant

- Submit a talk proposal

- Contribute to a draft document

- Apply for a position (note-taker, task force member, working group chair, Programme Committee member…)