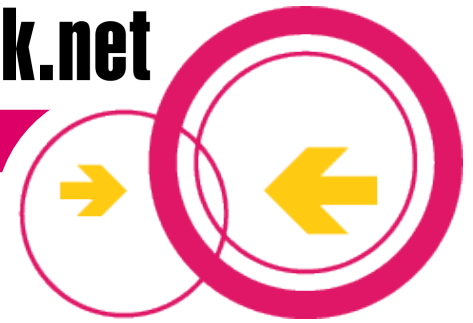


# WSFII – **W**orld **S**ummits on **F**ree **I**nformation **I**nfrastructures

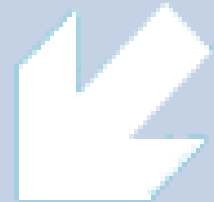
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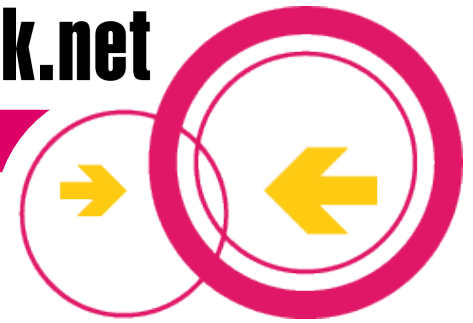


WSFII –  
an ongoing international process



WSFII is an ongoing international process of multiple, local action oriented events which provide space for people to come together, to share experiences, present practical solutions, to learn and to build, all kinds of Free Information Infrastructures.

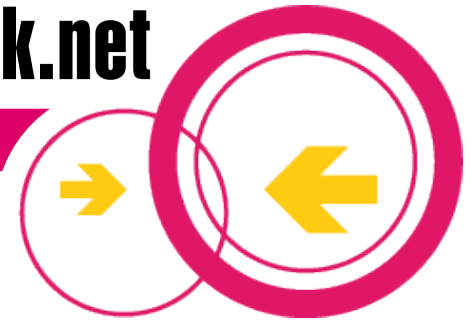




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# The physical Layer becomes part of the commons

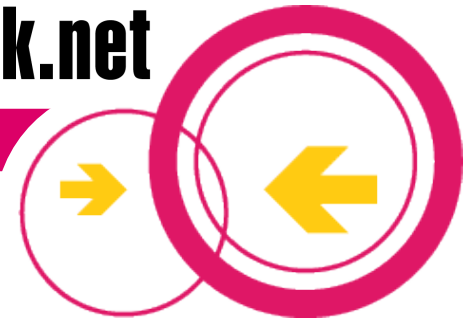
Like Free Open Source Software (e.g. LINUX, OpenOffice.org) and free content (e.g. Wikipedia, FDL-/CreativeCommons-Works) today free communications infrastructures (the physical layer) are also becoming a part of and many times also a prerequisite to the digital commons.



## WSFII - OpenSpace for the “Digital Commons”

“To keep and expand the space of publicly available knowledge and digital tools, it is a necessity, that not just software, but also the hardware and the networks are free and open.”

Prof. Dr. Eben Moglen, Consultant of the Free Software Foundation

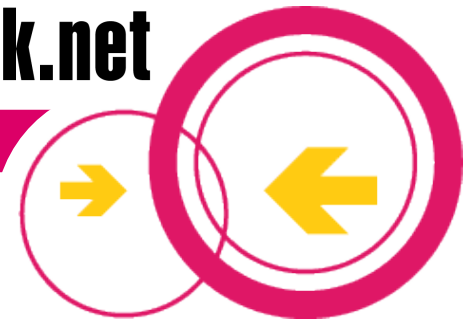


## WSFII - A Picknick for Learning and Teaching

WSFIIs are open processes of exchange of knowledge and experiance, questions and answers and hands on prctical work.

The agenda is set by the participants more or less in ad-hoc mode.

Everyone donates their questions and knowledge – like at a picknick



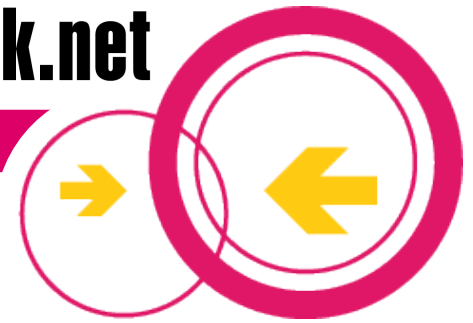
## WSFII - A World spanning Social Network

WSFII means to get in touch with each other, to meet, and to get to know the different people and FII projects around the world.

It is not just about contents and presentations, but much more about the „Social Networking“

Only the growing social networks enable us to expand FII in larger scales – locally and globally.

WSFII is about making friends in other regions in your country, your continent, in the world.



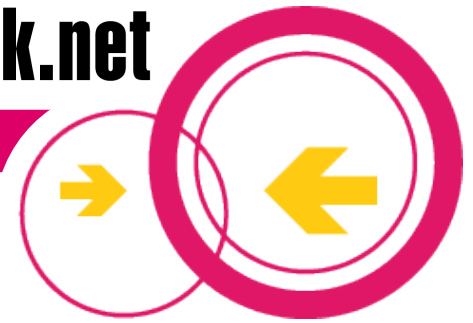
WSFII -

## London – Dharamsala (India) in 4 years

After a visits of Julian Priest, Adam Burns, James Stevens, Armin Medosch and other free network activists from consume.net (London), and Sebastian Büttrich und Tomas Krag from Copenhagen in Berlin in October 2002 there have been a series of international meetings

- October 2002 – BerLon (Berlin)
- Februar 2003 – Copenhagen Interpolation (Kopenhagen)
- September 2003 – freifunk.net summer convention (Berlin)
- August 2004 – “fresh air – free networks” (Djursland)

The Djurslands event was visited by more than 230 from 32 Nations and 5 Continents.



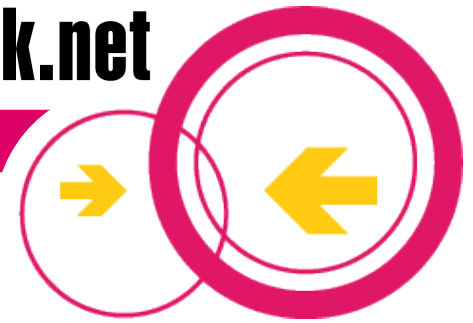
## WSFII - From Vision to Reality

While meeting in Djursland people from Asia and Afrika asked, wheather we could organize such a meeting outside US or Europe ? Many of us thought: Why not?!

Saul Albert after the 1. WSFII preconf in London, Oktober 2005:

*In Djursland last year, during 'Fresh Air, Free Networks 2004', someone mentioned the idea of a 'World Summit on Free Information Infrastructures', and after we had a good laugh at how grand it sounded, everyone took it seriously.*

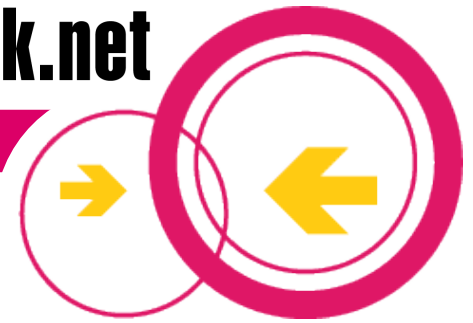
**... and finally In 2006 we were all guests of the Dalai Lama! ;-)**



## WSFII - from freenetworks to free everything

While the first meetings were basically about the technical aspects of wireless network infrastructures, today there are talks about:

- Free Software, Free Hardware, Free Networks
- Open Spectrum, Open Broadcasting
- Public Information Infrastructures, Public Knowledge Infrastructures,
- Open Geodata (Free maps)
- Open Social Infrastructures and Communities



## WSFII – who is WSFII?

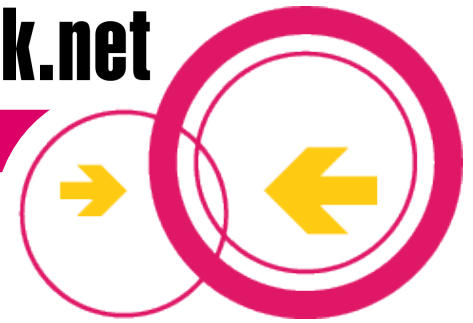
WSFII – this process has no central structure of organisation

Who ever is willing to organize a get-together in the context of WSFII defines all paramters.

Organising basicly means to provide „the Space“ for the meeting (Location, Food und Logistics).

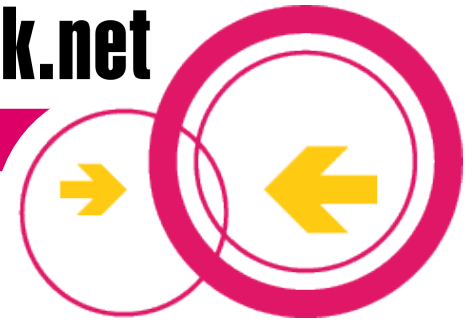
To reduce the costs of participation hosting the participants is supported by the local Community (e.g. SofaNetworks und Camping).

WSFII means common action of all people involved into the process



## WSFII – what's the outcome ?

- After the Djursland's Summerconvention the local community received a lot of public attention and almost 1 Mio. EUR from the EU.
- The PicoPeering Agreement (<http://picopeer.net>) was a result of the first two meetings in Berlin and Copenhagen. Today it's a template and guideline for many free network communities
- By the help of Rob Flickenger the book “Wireless Networking in the developing World” was written during and after the meeting in London in 2005. It's a free e-book about the design and installation of WLANs (<http://wndw.net/>)
- Lots of community owned free wireless networks have been built at many places around the world
- Many friendships have been made



WSFII – just join and share!  
SAX was wonderful!  
Now let's go to Ghana!

more information is provided <http://wsfii.org>

and on the WSFII – Mailinglists.

Salut, Amor i Xarxa! ;-)