

Nominet Foundation

The idea of a Nominet Foundation was floated in 2005 and we are now proposing to create a Nominet Foundation as a charity and company limited by guarantee, with a first year donation of £5m.
Please read the full details of the proposal on Nominet's web site.
This survey contains four questions.

This document contains respondents between 15 and 15 inclusive.

1. What do you think about the proposal for a Nominet Foundation?

I think it is a great idea!

2. What are your views on the types of potential beneficiaries and are there any you would like added to this list?

education particularly the IT aware children which are not catered for by current educational processes.
For example there are restrictions with age on 3D games development. The young people are our future we need to empower them with technology.

3. What projects or organisations are you aware of that could benefit from a grant from the Nominet Foundation?

Certainly children's welfare on the internet figures highly with ones concern, but the process should be one of empowerment through positive action and use of technology. A good analogy is the National Playing Fields Association that campaigned for adventure playgrounds in the 70s. The Association recognised that children like to play in challenging environments. The alternatives were at the time playing on railway lines or building sites.

A UK equivalent of websites such as <http://www.ted.com/> and <http://www.netfamilynews.org/> might be appropriate.

4. What other comments do you have?

We have to focus on our youth as a way of driving technology and particularly the Internet forward.
Support for Business for young people projects for example. Aspirational projects which unites communities, the internet is a great leveler of boundaries based on prejudice.
There is a huge gap in what the educational system delivers and the needs of young people. The internet can deliver unique and lasting values and learning to our communities. It is the young people who should be driving these future advances in communications not government directives and policy. I was teaching Chinese students (post graduate MBA) recently in Hong Kong and asked them what is the youngest age to be in business and there response was that they were not aware of any age limit - may be we should be a bit more flexible in our own approach? watch out Western ideologies. These are areas where the Nominet Foundation can deliver real and lasting value to our future, an investment and perhaps a model that other organisations would aspire to.

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