

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 26 and 26 inclusive.

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

As the Hatty clause Article 19A is unlikely to ever be removed, we think it is a good idea.

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

Nominet should focus spending the money to the benefit of its members e.g. research in to EPP and DNSSEC. It is important that the Nominet 'brand' doesn't overtake that of its members.

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

There are already many projects like the www.iwf.org.uk - Nominet should be careful not to conflict with any of these existing projects.

4. What other comments do you have?

We are concerned about the proposed governance of the foundation:

"The Foundation will be governed by a board of Trustees - people with appropriate skills and experience. For example, this may be experience of being a charitable Trustee or direct experience of the UK Internet industry. Our current thinking is at least one Trustee should also be a Nominet Board member and at least one should be a Nominet staff member, and the other Trustees should be appointed by an open and competitive appointment process."

As Nominet is a membership organisation and the foundation will be spending money that members have generated - shouldn't members have a say in how it is spent?

We believe there should be elected members on the board of trustees or at the very least the appointed Nominet board member should be an elected non-executive.

5. Please give us your contact details

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