

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 31 and 31 inclusive.

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

I realise that this has been a strenuous exercies for Nominet and acknowledge the difficulty in building consensus to this proposal. However, I have now had time to reflect on this topic and believe we are not addressing the fundamental underlying issue here in that Nominet is a not for profit operation and it is making a profit. Thus my conclusion is that the category of organisation does not reflect its fiscal operation. To address this has resulted in a mish mash of suggestions which in all fairness have highlighted some worthwhile causes. Should we choose to accept the foundation as a way forward then we will introduce a bureaucratic process which is not reflective of the business in hand - the Internet. Therefore I oppose the foundation proposal in favour of looking once again at the potential for making Nominet a profit making entity. This is a reverse of a decision Total Web Solutions made several years ago however we are not politicians, we are business people with business ideas and the structure of Nominet and its functions could benefit from a business strategy. Afterall Nominet is a monopoly but this does not mean that it is immune from market forces and a stronger business influence will undoubtedly improve its longevity.

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

Should it be decided that the foundation is to be the vehicle of choice for disposing of the surplus I would like to see children's charities or education for the underpriviledged benefitting.

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

I am a regular donator to children's charities and events and I find the NSPCC a worthy beneficiary.

4. What other comments do you have?

I think we must seriously consider why Nominet exists and how it came to be. We are in real danger of loosing sight of what it is trying to achieve and it will start to separate itself from and lose creditibility with other registries. Total Web Solutions amongst other organisations helped turn Nominet into the organisation it is today and we do not wish to facilitate its downfall by promoting it as one of over 200,000 UK charities instead of the forwarding thinking Internet operation it has always been known as. There is plenty of room for charitable donation but not at the expense of maintaining creditibility and promoting Internet growth and usability.

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