Why are we bidding for FOSS4G 2016? We are passionate about FOSS4G. Usage of FOSS4G in all sectors is growing in Ireland. We invite the global FOSS4G community to gather in Dublin in 2016 to celebrate FOSS4G's 10th anniversary, expand OSGeo's global reach and to network, learn, collaborate and socialise at the FOSS4G conference. Hosting FOSS4G 2016 in Dublin provides exciting opportunities to promote OSGeo and FOSS4G in Ireland but also to use the conference as a means of further diffusion of OSGeo and FOSS4G to other countries. We shall be developing and strengthening Ireland's participation in the UK OSGeo Local Chapter.

Support from The City of Dublin and Government of Ireland: Lord Mayor of Dublin, Christy Burke. Minister Richard Burton, Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation. Minister Pascal Donohue, Dept. of Transport, Tourism & Sport. Minister Alan Kelly, Dept. of Environment, Community and Local Government

Conference chair: Dr. Peter Mooney. Senior Research Fellow at the Irish Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Computer Science, Maynooth University, Ireland.

Our local organizing committee (LOC) We are a very knowledgeable, experienced and enthusiastic local organizing committee (LOC) who will work with OSGeo in hosting FOSS4G 2016. Our core LOC comprises people from education, government, volunteer groups, industry and research: *Dr. Daniel McInerney:* Irish Forestry Board, *Dr. Padraig Corcoran:* University College Dublin, *Dr. Vyron Antoniou:* Hellenic Military Geographical Service, *Dr. Andrea Ballatore:* University of California, Santa Barbara, *Prof. Maria Brovelli:* Como Campus of Politecnico di Milano *Dr. Marco Minghini:* Como Campus of Politecnico di Milano, *Dr. Declan Dunne and Dr. Yassine Lassoued*: University College Cork, *Dr. Jennifer Hannifin:*, techworks.ie *Mr. Dominic Byrne*, Fingal County Council, *Mr. David Dodd*, Environmental Protection Agency *Dr. Tracey P. Lauriault*: ERC Programmable Cities, *Dr. Denis Parfenov*, Open Knowledge Foundation, **Mr. Justin Gleeson** All-Island Research Observatory Ireland (AIRO), *Dr. Elaine O'Callaghan:* Convention Centre Dublin, *Mr. Richard Cantwell* - Co-President IROLGI and OpenStreetMap Ireland, *Mr. Dave Corley* - OpenStreetMap Ireland. Our LOC also comprises of many other people who have committed to volunteer assistance for organising FOSS4G 2016.

What is the experience of your committee members with similar events?
Our core LOC (and additional LOC members) have very considerable experience organizing and managing conference events in Europe and globally. This includes AGILE, GeoComputation, ACM-GIS, GIS-RUK and FOSS4G Europe 2015. The LOC have been involved in the organization of hundreds of smaller scientific workshops (e.g. EU COST Actions & European Research Council), symposiums, meetings & training courses. To ensure FOSS4G 2016 is run proficiently and efficiently we will engage the services of a professional conference organizer (PCO) with Dublin Convention Bureau. Our PCO has excellent local knowledge and appropriate experience for organizing events with over 1,000 delegates.

What is your venue? (include access to Internet, room sizes, max attendees)
Our chosen venue is the iconic Convention Centre, Dublin (The CCD). The CCD is superbly located in Ireland's capital city and is located just 20 minutes from Dublin Airport. This dedicated, purpose built venue has hosted over 1,000 events since opening in 2010 including conferences with up to 4,500 delegates. The CCD includes a 2,000 seat auditorium, 22 multi-functional, flexible rooms, generous exhibition space, conference and banqueting halls, dining and coffee facilities with ample meeting rooms and breakout spaces. It is one of the finest such venues internationally. The CCD's free WiFi can serve up to 12,000 simultaneous connections. The CCD will provide

professional on-site technical event support during the conference.

What is the price range and general location of your proposed accommodations?

Dublin offers over 18,500 competitively priced bedrooms. Options are available in all price ranges within 10km of The CCD. Over 6,000 bedrooms are within walking distance of The CCD including a variety of international hotel chains, boutique hotels, hostels and B&Bs. Sample pricing includes: The Marker, a 5 star hotel, costs approximately €260 single B&B while Jurys, a 3 star hotel, costs approximately €150 B&B single for 2016. Hostel accommodation is available at approximately €20 - €60 B&B. In addition to easy access to the CCD by walking and free city bicycles excellent bus and tram connections to the CCD make travel from accommodation in the city very efficient.

Are you partnering with other local organizations?

Structural Support Partners: We have secured support from throughout Ireland to host FOSS4G in Ireland in 2016 including from our universities and research centres, our National Tourism Development Authority - Fáilte Ireland, Dublin Convention Bureau and The CCD.
ICT & Knowledge Partners: Dublin is European headquarters for many major ICT, financial, manufacturing and pharmaceutical companies. These companies will be engaged as sponsors, delegates and members of the LOC. The major drives on open data and public access to geospatial information amongst governmental organisations in Ireland will also be a driver for the conference. We are partnering with Government agencies, academic institutions, OpenStreetMap Ireland, IRLOGI, Open Data Ireland, Open Knowledge Foundation and several SMEs.

What makes FOSS4G in your proposed location compelling?

There are many many reasons why Dublin, Ireland is a compelling location for FOSS4G 2016. We look forward to being given the opportunity to outline these in greater detail in a full proposal.

Growing FOSS4G penetration in Ireland:
FOSS4G is being supported and adopted at all levels in Ireland (local, regional and national government, academia, industry, research, SME).

Our LOC: Experienced, well-organized and enthusiastic. The LOC is also distributed amongst members based in Ireland, Europe and North America. This will greatly facilitate attracting sponsors and delegates from a worldwide audience. The LOC intends to deliver the strongest academic programme possible for FOSS4G. Involvement of government and public sector organisations will be a priority of the LOC.

Europe's ICT Heartbeat: There is incredible potential for integration and collaboration with major ICT, financial, manufacturing and pharmaceutical companies located in Dublin and Ireland.

Driving Open Data forward: There are major initiatives in Ireland (following from global and European initiatives) around Open Data and driving efficiencies in the provision of public services. FOSS4G 2016 in Dublin will provide additional energy to this.

The Irish People and Culture: Attending a conference is not just about presentations, workshops and networking. It is an opportunity to experience the culture in other countries and cities. Ireland is famous worldwide for it's hospitality it's welcome. While there are many attractions in Dublin delegates can use the city as a start/end point for some vacation days before/after FOSS4G to explore the country, its heritage, landscape and culture.