

A group of people at a festival, with one person in the foreground using a laptop. The background is dark and out of focus, showing other attendees. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent grey box.

This is the story
of the world's first open
knowledge festival, an
international team and
experimental new ideas.

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An aerial photograph of a courtyard between several multi-story apartment buildings. The buildings have light-colored facades and many windows. In the center of the courtyard, there is a blue dumpster with the logo 'TIE&PRISV' and the website 'www.europress.fi' on it. In the foreground, there is a green stage or platform with a yellow light fixture. The text 'Our names are Kat, Juha, Petri, Massimo, Jussi and Antti. We are the OKFestival Organising Team.' is overlaid in white on a semi-transparent dark blue background.

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We live and work around the world,

from the Open Knowledge Foundation in London to the Aalto Media Factory in Helsinki to the Finnish Institute in London to Forum Virium, EIT ICT Labs and Otavan Opisto in Helsinki.

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To define openness,

We use the Open Definition: A piece of content or data is 'open' if anyone is free to use, reuse, and redistribute it without legal or technological restrictions.



Open Knowledge
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Together with

a diverse global team of guest organisers, we are planning the first Open Knowledge Festival ever in Finland this September.

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The Open Knowledge Foundation is a network that fosters tools, projects and communities that promote this kind of collaborative openness.





And every year, the Open Knowledge Foundation has held two big annual events: Open Knowledge Conference and Open Government Data Camp.



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Source: <http://ogdcamp.org> and <http://okcon.org>

#OKFest 2012

will combine these events for a week-long celebration in Helsinki.



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For this festival, the first of its kind, we decided to explore experimental new methods.



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The first submission round allowed us to determine the festival's 10 key themes, from open democracy to software.

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Source: <http://okfestival.org>



With a focus on open knowledge in *action*, we've offered festival participants the chance to plan over 2/3 of the week's programme.

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A man in a dark suit and glasses stands with his arms crossed in the foreground of a large, empty theater. He is looking towards a large projection screen in the background. The theater seats are visible in the foreground, and the lighting is dim, with a spotlight effect on the screen.

But we still want more.
More submissions from local
communities around the globe.
Leadership on emergent topics.

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A blue-tinted photograph of a modern urban walkway with a person in the distance.

Most of all, we want to see
your passions come to life!
We encourage crazy, new, innovative
ideas. Share them using the hashtag
#okfest on Twitter or on our public
discussion list and wiki at okfestival.org.

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An aerial photograph of a cityscape featuring a prominent building with a colorful, pixelated facade. A semi-transparent blue text box is overlaid on the image, containing white text. The background shows various urban buildings and rooftops under a clear sky.

The next deadline for
proposals is June 1st.
Apply at okfestival.org.
We look forward to working together.

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