

## New Open Source Workshop

With cuts being announced seemingly daily at present, many organisations are starting to investigate using Open Source software. But what are the implications of this and will it actually do what your organisation requires? This workshop is aimed at anyone who is interested in using or investigating Open Source or free software for their organisation or department.

The day will start with a discussion the real meaning of Free and Open Source Software (FOSS), the real meaning of the licences and the pro's and con's of using FOSS.

The second section will examine in depth what is available in the world of GIS using FOSS, with particular emphasis on web based technologies.

The afternoon will take the form of a code workshop, where delegates can "get their hands dirty" writing some basic OpenLayers applications. Some knowledge of JavaScript is useful here but by no means essential.