



Who we are

Since its inception in 2000, the Digital Content Forum (DCF) has grown substantially in membership and influence, reflecting the way in which digital content itself has grown in importance, and underlining its position as a key driver in the UK economy.

DCF membership includes over 30 trade associations and representative organisations from digital and traditional media industries whose business interests lie in the creation and commercial exploitation of digital content. Current membership includes representation from the music, film, web design, internet, software, newspaper, periodical publishing and advertising industries as well as book publishers, picture libraries, TV producers and others.

How we operate

DCF holds regular Industry Action Groups (IAGs), where industry members come together to discuss issues affecting the sector. These groups ensure an efficient process of formal liaison with government and facilitate effective information exchange between DCF Members.

Public Sector Information Re-use

DCF runs a key IAG on Government Information re-use. The group's main objectives are to stimulate awareness of the importance of the re-use of PSI in the UK, and to utilise PSI principles in support of industry interests.

DCF's recent PSI Activities

- Responded to the Office of Fair Trading's (OFT) Market Study into the Commercial use of Public Information (CUPI).
- Consulted widely with the Office of PSI (OPSI), highlighting cases and activities which act against the spirit of PSI re-use.
- Presented at the West Midlands Information Governance Forum, which shares best practice in matters relating to Information Governance across the region.
- Closely engage with governmental initiatives on PSI: e.g. *Independence for Statistics* consultation, the planned extension of the click-use license, Constitutional Affairs Committee evidence sessions on *Freedom of Information one year on*, the National Audit Office's *Wider Markets Initiative*.
- Monitored the work and activities of ePSINET - the European Gateway for PSI.

Future DCF PSI Initiatives:

- DCF is supporting with the Software and Information Industry Association's (SIIA) Global Information Industry Summit to be held on September 14-15, 2006 in Amsterdam.
- DCF will continue to develop its relationship with newly launched trade association, Locus Forum, which is devoted to PSI re-use issues.
- Two members represent DCF on the Advisory Panel on PSI (APPSI) and DCF will continue to play an active role in influencing APPSI's focus and direction.
- The DCF website will continue to run its section dedicated to recording Industry comments and experiences regarding the reuse of PSI.

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