

APLAWS+



An Institutional Open
Source Community



*Accessible
Public
Local
Authority
Websites*



Projects Funding

- *APLAWS Pathfinder Project*
 - *London Borough of Camden lead authority*
 - *Funded by Cabinet Office (2001/2002)*
 - *Freely adoptable by local authorities*
 - *Focused on web standards*
- *Local Authority Websites Project*
 - *National Projects Programme*

The APLAWS+ CMS

- *Based on Red Hat's CMS & Portal Server*
- *Project hosted on SourceForge.Net*
- *Zero License Fee (Open source)*
- *Standards integration*
 - *Interoperability: e-GIF*
 - *Metadata: e-GMS, Dublin Core*
 - *Accessibility: WAI AA*
 - *Taxonomies: LGCL, LGSL, IPSV*

Current Status

- *IPR handed over to Camden, August 2005*
- *30+ UK local authorities users*
 - *Internet, Intranet, schools and other sites*
- *10+ international users*
 - *UNDP, Malaysian university, Chinese metrological bureau, Australian local authority & now South Africa*
- *6+ local APLAWS+ suppliers*
- *Recommended by European e-Government Good Practice Framework (GPF)*

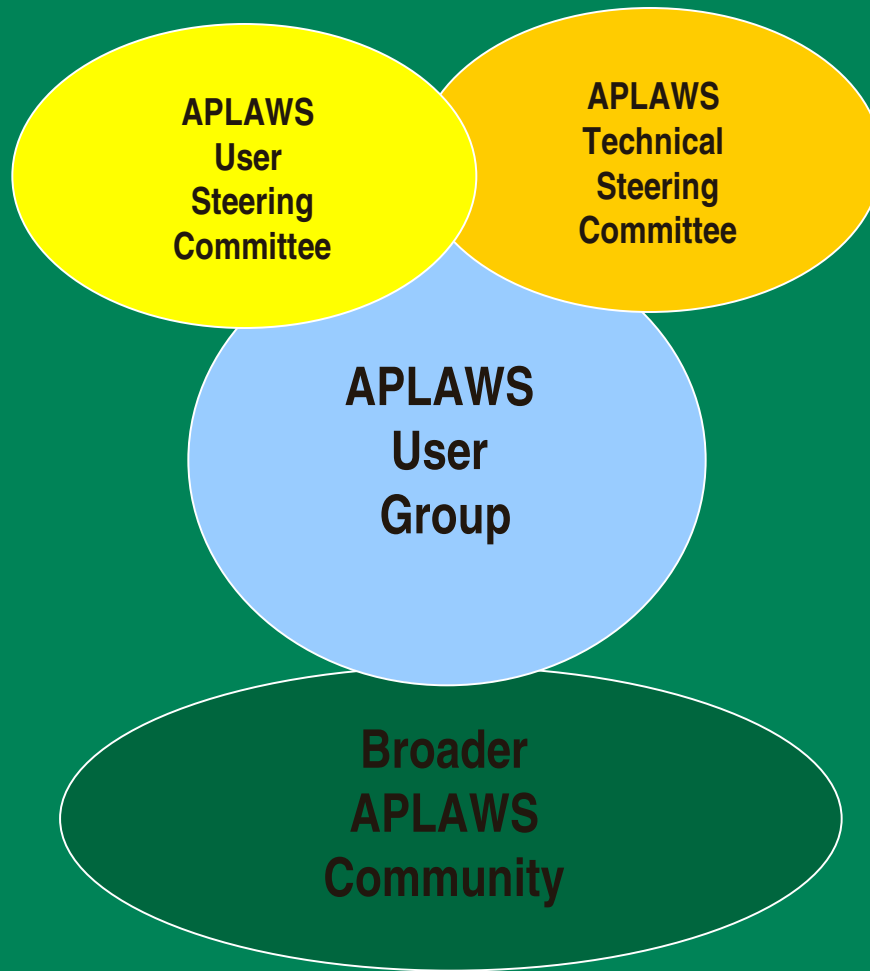
The Application

- Quick start guide & Core documentation
- Adheres to open standards
- Structured development
 - E.g. use of a templating engine
- Use other open source software
- Explicitly stated development process
- Establish a release framework
- A single official release
- Code submission criteria
- A single public code repository
- Published release schedule

User Community

- *Sustain and promote APLAWS+*
- *Vertical open community for local authorities and allied agencies*
- *Understand open source and benefits of combining efforts*
- *Share best practice and technical expertise*
- *No restrictions to membership*
- *Actively communicating, collaborating and cooperating*

User Groups



Supplier Community

- *Provide varying services*
 - *Support & maintenance*
 - *Development / Customisation*
 - *Quality Assurance*
 - *Consultancy*
- *Invited to participate via open tender*
- *Local regeneration as well as competition from off shoring*
- *Attracted by innovative & standards compliant product suite*
- *Pay for user group lunch*

Open Source License

- *Originally released under GNU Public License (GPL)*
- *Also required copyright assignment for dual licensing*
- *Later released under Lesser GNU Public License (LGPL)*
- *Added interest from suppliers to integrate and resell APLAWS+*

The Websites

- Complete resource for all things APLAWS+
 - Facilitate active communications & collaboration
 - Promote APLAWS+ (Demo instance)
- Currently in the process of upgrading from a LAMP based site to an APLAWS+ site
- Need a mascot

Joint Procurement

- *Investigated three “partnership vehicles”*
 - *Contractual vehicles*
 - *Administrative vehicles*
 - *Joint venture vehicles*
- *Another option is the subscription model*
- *Establish a market place through shared services E.g. Training and training materials*

Protagonists

- *Application*
- *User / Developer community*
- *Supplier community*
- *License*
- *Websites*

*Thank
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