

User-centric design events

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1 Background

The Committee first discussed the promotion of design seminars at its meeting in June 2016, seeing these as a way “to spread expertise among the IT developer community across the University”, anticipating that it would sponsor the events and that they should be held once per term.

The proposal to hold an event in Michaelmas Term 2015 was successfully completed with a well-attended colloquium being held on 4 December 2015, when Tom Loosemore (formerly of the Government Digital Service) attended.

The Committee subsequently noted at its February 2016 meeting that:

“a lecture series model appeared appropriate, helping internal work by exposing good and best practice from other areas. Members agreed that the activity should proceed with one event per term. Expenses of around £1,000 per speaker were considered appropriate, which would come from Mr Norman’s budget if required. Members agreed that it was important to gain the maximum benefit from any visits.”

There were no large scale events in Lent or Easter Terms but a series of primarily internal seminars were run within UIS by Paul Heath of Modern Human.

2 Discussion

Members are asked to discuss how a programme of user-centric design events might be developed and delivered, potentially considering:

- sponsorship
- promotion to appropriate audiences within the University, including interaction with TechLinks
- frequency
- suggested speakers and topics
- responsibility for arrangements