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General

The event was arranged at AIDC UK Ltd, to give members an opportunity to visit the Centre, meet the Management Team and see the wealth of demonstrations.

Chairman's Introduction

Geoff Doggett (SCNF Chairman) gave a brief introduction to the day, planned presentations and tours. He handed over to Ian Smith (CEO AIDC) for the 'Welcome' address.

AIDC Welcome & Introduction – Ian Smith

Ian Smith welcomed SCNF members to the event and the AIDC Centre of Excellence. Ian described passionately the focus, objectives, status and recent projects. He highlighted current EU funded projects, feedback from Ministers, recent visits hosted, consultancy assistance, working with the regions and plans for a major event in Leeds in March 2009.

Sheffield Centre – Sharon Green

Sharon briefly described the evolution of the Sheffield Smartcard scheme which is now hosted by AIDC at the Sheffield AIDC Smartmedia Centre. The current Sheffield card used is a Mifare 4K, which they intend to add other applications to. Sharon also briefly touched on other projects that they are working on and towards.

Card Testing – Kevin Farquharson

Kevin set out the rationale and requirement for basic testing of LASSeO encoded cards to ensure consistency of encoding, to identify weaknesses in the specification (i.e. opportunities for different interpretation) and to build confidence in the use of resident cards across council boundaries. Kevin drew on current plans for cards in London and the opportunity and risks for a Pan-London resident card. [Note AIDC is considering this requirement and the possibility of providing a flexible testing service along these lines].

Tour of Demonstrators

The attendees split into 2 groups to tour the Demonstrators. All the Demonstrators are staged with video presentations, props and settings. These have to be seen firsthand. The demo's include logistics, manufacturing processes, product authentication, food supply (field to fridge), underground assets, health service, retail, air travel, town hall, e-voting, self-service kiosks, library, school, leisure, asset maintenance and asset tracking. Backing up the demonstration suite, AIDC also runs a lab where they can test devices and setup demonstrations. Further space is available in the Centre for additional demonstrators.

Youth Cards – Gwyn Williams

Gwyn introduced the current Youth Card schemes (some independent and the 9 DCSF supported pilots). He described the motivations, aims, applications, issues and early feedback from these schemes. Members described experiences with Bracknell Forest schools, social inclusion, managing take-up and achieving change. David Wanless talked briefly about the potential for ID cards for young people.

This could be a rich topic for a SCNF event in 2009.

Chips with Everything – Mick Davies

Mick gave his light-hearted thought provoking view on topical issues and stories in the news. There was discussion around losing data, card/data security, tracing dog poo in Tel Aviv and special needs of older people. Having received his ENCTS card, Mick has become very concerned that next he will be tracked around his home, on what he has eaten and what he is doing – all watched over the internet (would he become an 'Internet Thing'?).

Interactive Session with AIDC – Facilitator Chris Poulter

Chris introduced an interactive session with Ian Smith, Ken Bellamy and Mick Davies to follow up the tour and take feedback from attendees. The demonstrations had stimulated a number of ideas and discussions. Subjects discussed included introducing 'Chip and Bin', incentivising re-cycling, post addition of applications on ENCTS cards, gaining positive PR for projects/pilots and special needs applications (e.g. SNAPI).   Ian added to his presentation this morning by highlighting a number of projects and initiatives. AIDC is planning to re-launch its website and invite interested parties to join a members Forum to gain access to AIDC services and information resources. Ian also talked about niche applications and the possibility of helping to develop and nurture new enterprises.

It was agreed that SNCF and AIDC should look at co-operation with future events, inviting members to join each other's organisation and making information and news available to their members.

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Overview: Demonstrators

A street view

Health care

Town Hall entrance

Food chain supply

The library