



# Open Source Consortium

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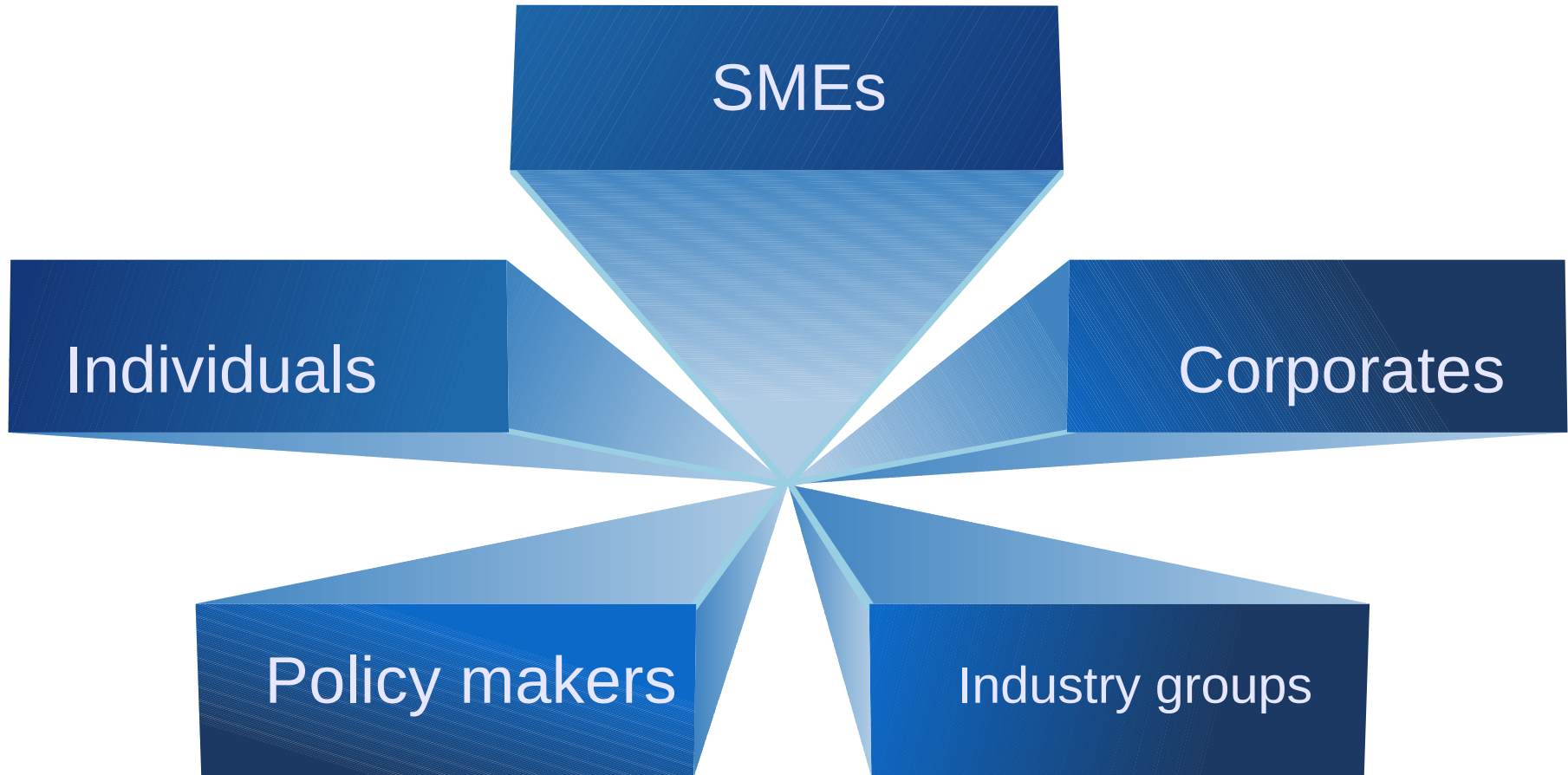
# Introducing OSC

Leading and advocating the **use** and **development of** open standards and open source software and hardware in the UK;

Representing a **body of expertise and experience** in the field - **a voice for the industry;**

A point of reference with peer **support** and **partnership opportunities** for members.

# Who is the OSC for?





# What we do

## Top – down

promote open standards and the adoption of Free and Open Source Software, challenging barriers to adoption, working with other organisations to assist with implementation of policy, raising awareness

## Bottom – up

information - what's out there in the industry: suppliers, applications, licenses, current issues



# We support

- CodeClub and similar learning initiatives for adults
- Linux User Groups
- Open Hardware Society
- Software Freedom Day
- Consultations concerning policy on open standards
- Open Document Foundation, interoperability events
- Plugfest
- Open Forum Europe



# Our Aspirations

Through our current initiatives, we are working towards the following aspirations:

- Raising the profile of our industry
- Creating a marketplace of Open Source product and service suppliers
- Becoming the go-to place for Open Source skills in the UK
- Promoting practical Open Source principles and showcasing successful implementations
- Improve services and resources for members
  - database of applications
  - case studies of open source success stories in business
  - showcase members' services as suppliers
  - use members' expertise to comment on current issues, licensing issues



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# Membership

2 Types:

- Associate
- Ordinary – Corporate / Individual

Some of our members:

2<sup>nd</sup> Quadrant

Basho Technologies

Birmingham Open Source Solutions

Canonical

Catalyst IT Europe

Charter Software

Credativ

Embecosm

LinuxIT

Open Source Control

OpusVL

Parliament Hill Computers

Rackspace

SUSE

Neova Health

TDM

The Learning Machine

Transitiv Technologies

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