

UNLOCKING THE GLOBAL INFORMATION FORTRESS

Conference at the World Social Forum in Nairobi, January 2007

Organised by:

The Progressive African Library and Information Activists' Group (PALIAct), the Network Institute for Global Democratisation (NIGD), the Copy/South Research Group, and Innovations in Civic Participation.

Main themes:

1. Library and information policy for Africa (PALIAct)
2. Critique of the global intellectual property regime (Copy/South)
3. The contribution of the libraries to the WSF process and global democratization (NIGD)

Background papers and materials:

Information for Social Change, No. 24, Winter 2006-2007
Special Issue: Libraries & Information in World Social Forum context (will become available before the Nairobi WSF).

The Copy/South Dossier. Issues in the economics, politics and ideology of copyright in the Global South. Edited by Alan Story, Colin Darch and Debora Halbert, Canterbury 2006. Can be downloaded at <http://www.copysouth.org/>

Related to:

Documenting the WSF in libraries

Preliminary date:

Monday 22 January Duration: 3 hours. Target groups: librarians, information activists, documentalists, computer networkers and nerds, continuators of the WSF as an open space.

Aim of the activity:

Reinforce the cooperation between social movements, librarians, library associations, information activists, researchers and the computer programmers. Make resistance against the new information enclosures. Create the conditions for the extension of the social forums to the public libraries. Another information society is possible.

Partners:

We are looking for partners among, for instance, library associations, university and educational networks for civic participation and social

responsability and software developers.

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Prepared by the Group The social forum goes to the library.