# OSN User Groups

This page is to provide the OSN User Group organizers the resources they need to run an effective local user group with regular and productive meetups. If you'd like to learn more about the OSN User Groups, see the OSN User Groups web page here and the OSN Meetup account here. Our network is now up to over 30 groups in 20 countries with over 8,000 group members! Thank you to all our organizers who have made the users groups program what it is today. We want you to continue to be successful and are providing new resources to help you hold great meetups. **Please address any questions to osnug (at) linuxfoundation (dot) org**.

Under LF Networking, we're covering even more of the open source networking stack and creating new opportunities for engagement, collaboration, and innovation across the open networking stack and the many integration points between them. We're encouraging organizers to hold between 2-4 events a year that cover multiple open source networking projects as well as meet both the needs and interests of local members. If you would like suggestions for speakers/topics, please email the mailing list or Brandon.

Upcoming OSN User Group Meetups

You can see a list of upcoming meetups on the Open Source Networking Meetup account and the Linux Foundation's Networking Events Calendar here. Please flag us when you post your event on meetup.com.

Organizer Resources

- **Mailing List**: All the OSN User Group organizers are welcomed to join the OSN User Groups Organizers Mailing List. We will send out periodic emails to keep you up to date and please use this channel to collaborate as a group. You can communicate with other user group members by emailing networkingmeetup@lists.linuxfoundation.org.
- **Organizer Folder:** You will find presentation decks from recent OSN meetups and OSN Days Tours in the OSN User Groups Organizers Content Folder. Peruse these presentations to give you ideas about topics and speakers. The community will be adding presentations to this folder regularly so check back often for new materials. Note: If you use slides from this folder, be sure to credit the source.
- **Organizer Calls:** In December we'll be hosting a call between LFN staff and organizers to discuss the areas of focus within the LFN, content, topics, and best practices that organizers can apply to their meetups in 2019. The meeting schedule for 2019 will be determined soon and the next meeting is listed below.
- **Networking:** Introductions to other regional community members and speaker/content recommendations can be made upon request.
- **Food and Beverage:** The Linux Foundation will reimburse F&B costs for meetups (up to $12.50/person $250 max per event). Upon completion of your meetup, sign the authorization form here and email the corresponding receipts to osnug (at) linuxfoundation (dot) org.
- **Swag:** There are networking project related items (T-shirts, hoodies, stickers, water bottles, etc) available for sale in the Linux Foundation online store. Codes may be available for ordering discounted and free items for your group. Please inquire if interested.
- **OSN Days Events:** OSN User Group organizers are encouraged to consider an OSN Day event in their region. OSN Days are an expanded version of OSN meetups (full day, sponsors, LF speaker, 50+ attendees, catering, etc.). See the OSN Days website for information on the latest tour and an OSN Days web page is coming soon. Let us know if you are interested in hosting an OSN Days event.