

Weekly 11 - May 29 - June 5, 2012

Ushahidi Weekly Update (#11)

We are a growing community. This weekly report is for the whole community and team to share what you are working on and what you need help with. Highlight your presentations, events, code and more. These reports will go out every Tuesday.

Date: May 29 - June 4, 2012

Community and Deployers:

About: What are you working on? What do you need help with?

Deployment of the Week: [Operation Endgame: Policeman Killed post-1992 and 1996 operations \(Tribune Maps\)](#). See all the [Deployments of the Week](#)

[Slayer gave a workshop in Taiwan on GeoSMS and Ushahidi](#). The [Harassmap team \(PDF\)](#) has released their first Annual Report. Dave Leng and the HEAL team provided a comprehensive report about the [NEOC Cyclone Simulation](#), which included Ushahidi and the Standby Task Force. These and other resources are posted on the [Ushahidi community site](#).

A new deployment has been launched in [China to engage people in Urban Transport Planning](#). (This was a very complex deployment and we can't wait to see how it evolves.) See [Anahi's blog post](#).



Mapping elections, election monitoring and election rights is a big Ushahidi user base. In the US, this is relatively new. See the [Wisconsin Recall map](#).

The following projects used Ushahidi at Random Hacks of Kindness (June 2012) [Water Voices](#) (3rd place in Toronto), [Philly Votes](#) ([Philly Votes Facebook page/ Storify](#)), and [Taarifa](#) (Southampton) (building on the [Water Hackathon](#))

Collaborators Wanted:

Mikal needs a technical partner to help on his project:

"I'm proposing to use Crowdfunder to create a multimedia wiki of the "timber wars" period in the Pacific Northwest (1883-late '90s, but also tracking events to present), taking advantage of crowdsourcing to gather data of a breadth and depth not possible before. This significant period in history has never been properly documented and never quantified, so unlike many Ushahidi deployments that track current events, this will use modern

tools to recreate historical events."

I want to self-host the platform and it will likely need significant customizations once we begin defining end goals of the project a bit more. My web skills at present are limited, so I'll need help with both the self-hosting and customization aspects.

Kevin Mulhern is working on [Transition Shetland](#). His proposal is on the wiki on his user profile ([Kevin Mulhern](#))

Code:

About: What code are you working on? What needs help?

We're still collecting feedback for Ushahidi 3.0. What is at the top of your wishlist? We promise to share the roadmap as we continue to plan.

Bassem has been tweaking Boyan's Facebook plug-in. [Here's a test for you to review](#).

There are a few community members talking about [Embedding Ushahidi on Wordpress, Drupal and Joomla on a Github Issue #357](#).

Ideas / Plans:

About: What plans, projects, and ideas do you have?

Juliana Rotich interview: [For girls, 'it is possible to dream big'](#)

We're keen to find ways to support Open Data initiatives for action. This means closely following folks like Dave Eaves: "[This is the dirty secret about open data - is that to do it effectively you actually have to start treating data as an asset.](#)"

Events/Meetings:

About: Events, presentations and hosting by Ushahidi Core, Community. Share your presentations, your videos etc.

The Personal Democracy Forum is June 11-12, 2012 in NYC. Heather will be attending as [Google PDF Fellow](#). She'll be collecting ideas to assist with Election Monitoring and other deployments.

Are you in London (UK)?

We're participating in the [Elections Hackathon](#) and would love your company on June 16th. Here are our [draft notes on the hacks](#).

Save July 10th if you are in Seattle (WA). Brandon and I are planning [Design Events - 2012](#).