



Perceptions from Young Professionals

- Attracting young surveyors
- Encouraging them to stay

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International perspective on how to...

INSPIRE

ENCOURAGE

SUSTAIN



pre-university

student graduate

young professional

our young surveyors...

1. How to inspire young people to become surveyors

- Lack of young surveyors is a problem in many Western countries
- Lack of opportunity, limited study and professional development opportunities may be problems elsewhere

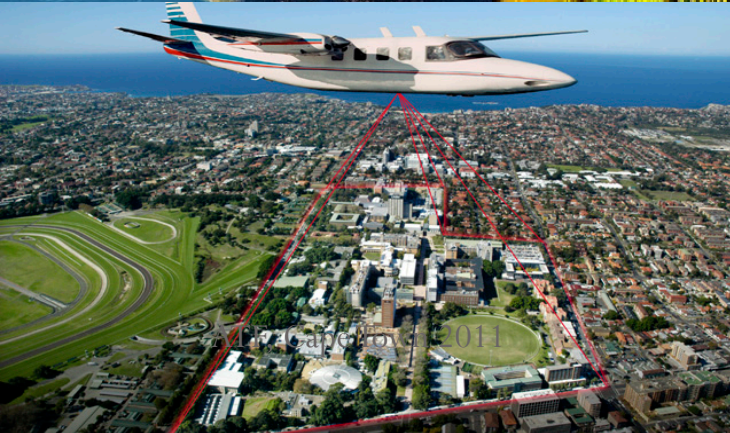
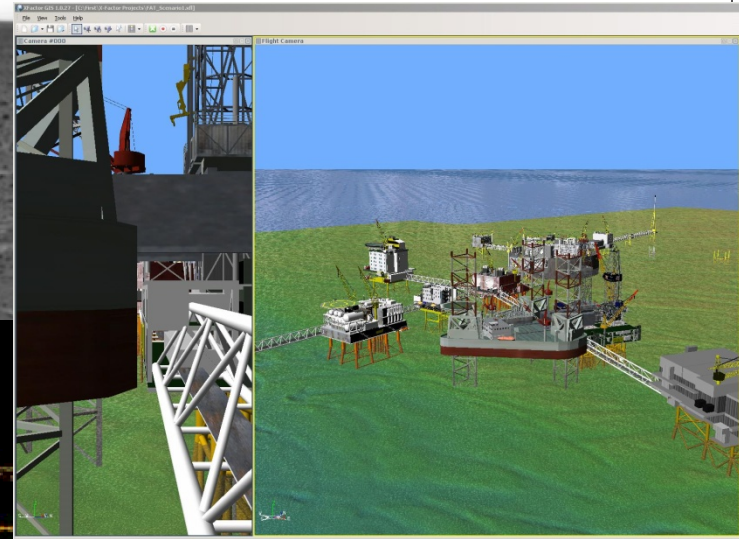
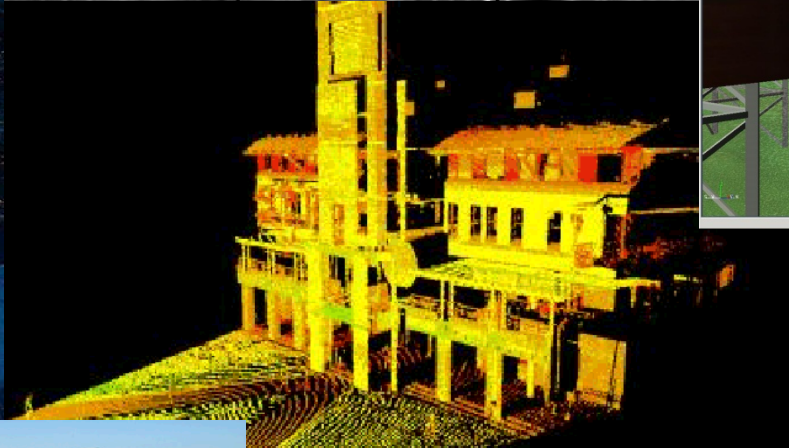
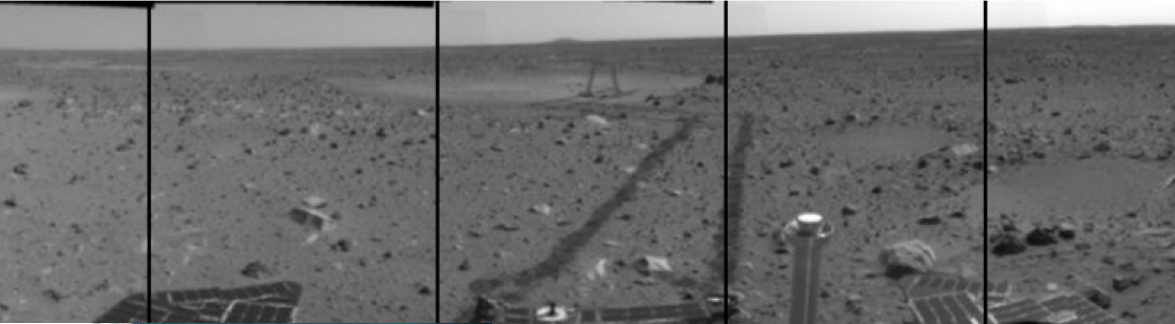
We can inspire young people by
-remembering what we love about our profession.
-setting a standard for involvement.

We love ... *the Diversity*

- FIG definition of a surveyor
 - *A land surveyor, a valuer, a hydrographer, a spatial data manager etc.*
- FIG Commissions

Commission 1:	Commission 6:
Commission 2:	Commission 7: Cadastre
Commission 3:	Commission 8:
Commission 4: Hydrography	Commission 9:
Commission 5:	Commission 10:
- The aim of the FIG Young Surveyors Network is to connect young surveyors around the globe

We love... the technical challenges



Kate Currie

2. How to encourage those who have already chosen surveying as their career

- Industry linkages university studies
- Work experience and internships
- Scholarships (*perhaps linked to later work*)
- Networking and links with the wider profession

Eg. have student and young professional representatives and give them responsibilities

Eg. Identify projects at your workplace that are suitable for university assignments

Encourage – with opportunities



- These young surveyors have received support from colleagues and mentors.
- These young surveyors may also be mentors themselves.
- We **all** have a role to play in inspiring others.

3. How to sustain existing young surveying professionals

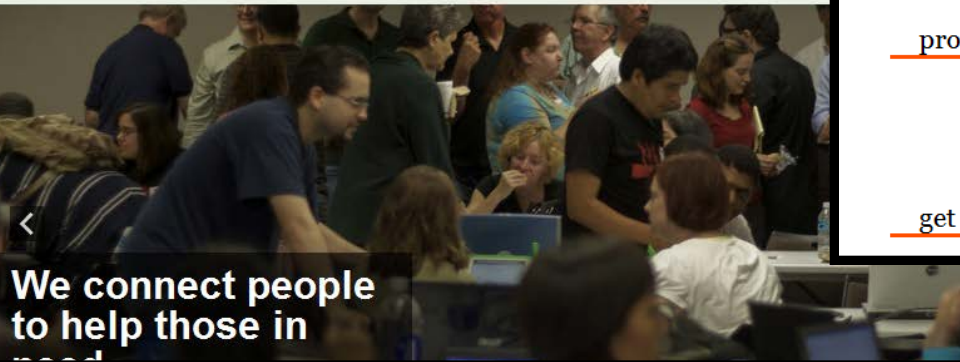
- Professional Development
(*inc. through pro bono work?*)
- Networking
- Mentoring
(*including training of mentors*)
- Involve in policy development

- Opportunities
 - Eg. Map My Town
 - Eg. Spatially Smart Wine
 - Eg. Map Kibera



Other 'sustain' ideas

- Online professional development linked with other nations?



We connect people to help those in need



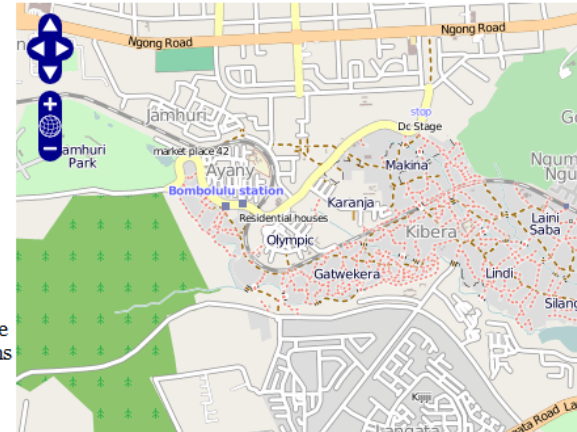
Participatory Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Discussions Members Promotions Jobs Search More

MAP KIBERA

citizen mapping | citizen media

Kibera in Nairobi, Kenya, was a blank spot on the map until November 2009, when young Kiberans created the first free and open digital map of their own community. Map Kibera has now grown into a complete interactive community information system.



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