



The relationship between sfct and SOL

SFCT and SOLWorld have much in common:

- They are interested in promoting, building and developing the SF approach in organisations
- They embrace a collaborative sharing ethos (in an innovative Microsoft/Firefox-like way)
- They want to retain the open source ethos of SF
- They operate from a set of their own, yet complementary principles
- They are quite distinctive and not in competition with each other: the two can co-exist in harmony. [The only obstacle we can see to the two continuing to thrive side-by-side is that the same people are involved in both and may not have the time or energy to continue to nurture both.]

	SFCT	SOLWorld
Purpose	Ensuring the standards of quality of SF training and practice	Sharing and building SF practice in organisations
Governance	A legal entity – a membership organisation with office holders and a bank account. There will be criteria for membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a legal entity. Anyone can take part in SOLWorld activities. The (local) organisers of SOLWorld events are solely responsible for them: they take the financial risk and reward; they decide the theme and who should speak
Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF Trainers • SF Practitioners • Customers of the above – current and potential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants, coaches and managers who are either enthusiastic or curious about SF practice in organisation Consultants, coaches and managers looking for new tools for their portfolio
Customers' Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accreditation or approval • Information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to network and make connections • Information
Products	Member access to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learned, peer-reviewed journal • Quality assurance for Trainers and Practitioners • Research data 	Open access to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual conference • Occasional Summer Universities • SOLUTIONS-L and NING
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional status • Kudos and reputation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility • Sense of community • Low cost • Can dip in and out
Offers other party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionalisation • Reliable research data • Could take over the SOL-LAB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source of new members • Source of development ideas emerging from conferences and discussion forums