

We see a mix of commercial and NGO partners in this project. When a commercial partner is approached we will try to negotiate a reduced rate, because of the humanitarian nature of the work and the potential long term business benefits to the company, and to Canada.

E-mail:

the options are to:

1. work with an individual e-mail consultant, such as Sam Lanfranco, of York University and the IDRC's Bellanet, who has set up e-mail networks in other Central American countries

2. work through an organisation such as:

- York University's Distributive Knowledge Project, which is run by Mr Lanfranco;
- the University of Ottawa's Human Rights and Education Centre;

3. work with a commercial e-mail consultant.

The advantage of options 1 and 2 are that these individuals and organisations have had experience of dealing with e-mail networks in the Central and Latin America.

We will also use an intern, sponsored by the Foreign Affairs International Trade Youth Intern Programme and managed by the Ottawa based organisation, Human Rights Internet. Human Rights Internet is offering a one week, initial training session for the interns. The intern chosen would initially work closely with the e-mail consultant and will stay when the project has been launched to help ensure that it runs smoothly.

Internet Training:

We will use a second intern, from the Foreign Affairs International Trade Youth Intern Programme, again supported by Human Rights Internet. This person would be responsible for training human rights workers how to use the internet and would stay when the project is running to ensure its smooth operation.

Internet Web Page Design:

While it would be possible to use an intern to do this as well, there are many Canadian commercial companies involved in Web Page design, who could be persuaded to participate. This would produce a very professional product, and have the Canadian stamp of expertise on it.

Among the possibilities are Seagate (who specialise in Web and E-mail security) Webwurx, and Webworks Worldwide. None of these companies have yet been approached about possible participation.