



About Alaveteli

A Freedom of Information platform

[Alaveteli](#) is a tool that enables people to set up fully-functional freedom of information websites in their own countries. It is one of mySociety's most-used Open Source platforms.

Spun off from our highly popular UK site [WhatDoTheyKnow](#), Alaveteli enables international partners to set up and maintain sites that make it much easier to ask governments questions under Freedom of Information or Right to Information Laws.

What makes the service truly powerful is that, like WhatDoTheyKnow, it automatically publishes both requests and responses online for everyone to see, turning the site into a public resource of potentially wide interest.

The UK Alaveteli site has about 550,000 visitors a month and contains over 351,000 requests with their responses.

Citizens in countries across the world are proving just as hungry for information: for example [the Hungarian Alaveteli install](#) has published more than 7,000 FOI requests to date and the [Czech Republic's site](#), 12,000 (as of August 2016).

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Alaveteli was built so that it can, with little modification, be used in any country, within any legal system, and translated into any language. It is perhaps most powerful when run in countries which do not yet have a right to information enshrined within their law. In such cases, the mounting archive of requests stands as testament to the citizens' unanswered questions.

Alaveteli has fostered a worldwide community of people from many different cultures and backgrounds, who are united by the experience of running an FOI website. Regular online meet-ups, a forum and dedicated real-life conferences allow them to share their knowledge, frustrations and support.

More information

Alaveteli website: www.alaveteli.org

Places where Alaveteli has been deployed <http://alaveteli.org/deployments/>

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