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Venue: Chancellor's Conference Centre, University of Manchester
Dates: Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 November 2017 (from late afternoon to late afternoon)
Twitter hashtag: #rdmf18
Event homepage and registration: http://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/research-data-management-forum-rdmf/rdmf18

Intended audience

Representatives of library, information and research organisations; repository managers; data curators, data centre managers and other data professionals; publishers; research administrators and CRIS system managers; research funding organisations; researchers and research networks.

Background

There's an infamous Chinese blessing or curse: "May you live in interesting times." For better or worse we unquestionably do. The opportunities and challenges presented by the emergence and rapid growth of data science, which is approaching now the point of ubiquity, in many ways validate the effort invested in both developing institutional research data management services – which are now business-as-usual at most universities and academic research organisations, in the UK at least – as well as the funder policies and mandates which spurred them into existence. Beyond the UK, European shared data infrastructure continues to develop and mature, although our influence over it, as well as our input and access to it, must be in considerable doubt due to a looming Brexit, the impetus for which does not appear to have been entirely data-driven…

This event, the eighteenth regular meeting of the Research Data Management Forum, invites the perspectives of a broad range of stakeholder types on the uncertainties and opportunities that characterise our current situation, from the Director of a new, interdisciplinary Data Science Institute at a large and research-intensive university, to a software vendor with one foot in the UK and another in the EU, to a colleague seeking to raise the profile of research software management and engineering as an emerging discipline and focus, to those with institutional and/or domain-centric needs to meet and support. Each of these requires the development of new, outward-facing connections between data and other things, and the event promises to provide diverse food for thought for the growing research data community.

PROGRAMME (ALL TITLES TBC)		
DAY 1 (Monday 20th November)		
15.30	Arrival, registration, tea and coffee	
16.00	Welcome and introduction	Martin Donnelly (DCC)
16.15	Keynote	Professor Magnus Rattray, Director, Data Science Institute (University of Manchester)
17.15	Discussion / Q&A	Chair: Martin Donnelly (DCC)
18.30	Networking reception and dinner	
DAY 2 (Tuesday 21st November)		
09.00	Introduction to Day 2	Chair: Martin Donnelly (DCC)
09.10	Institutional case study: CRIS, research data and institutional reporting	Becky Gordon (University of Lancaster)
09.40	Institutional case studies: Using APIs to customise repositories and engage audiences at University of Sheffield (UK) and St Edward's University (USA)	Megan Hardeman (figshare) and Jez Cope (University of Sheffield)
10.20	Coffee break	
10.50	Presentation: Managing research data throughout its lifecycle, and across multiple services	Professor Paul Jeffreys (The Institute of Cancer Research)
11.20	Presentation: Scaling and empowering culture change	Shoaib Sufi (Software Sustainability Institute)
11.50	Intro to breakout groups	
12.00	Lunch / breakout group sign-up	
13.00	Break-out session 1	Topics and facilitators to be identified during the event
13.45	Break-out session 2	As above
14.30	Coffee break	
15.00	Report back from groups / discussion	Chair: Martin Donnelly (DCC)
15.30	Summary / parting remarks	
16.00	Ends	