

## **JISC MRD Programme Evidence Gatherer Roles**

### **The role of the evidence gatherers in the Managing Research Data Programme is threefold.**

To help disseminate key messages and encourage open discussion within the programme; and to do this by encouraging the effective use of blogs as a reporting platform and means of dialogue between projects, by commenting on posts and by drawing attention to emerging themes.

To identify emerging themes, challenges and messages which arise across projects; to build up a narrative for these and to discuss them through periodic blog posts.

To identify benefits generated by the projects and build up an evidence base for these benefits. Projects will be encouraged to use the summary of potential benefits and metrics identified by the report on 'Benefits from the Infrastructure Projects in the JISC Managing Research Data Programme'; they should establish a lightweight and pragmatic benchmark and provide evidence for beneficial change achieved.

### **Activities**

Reading and commenting on project blogs.

Tweet and otherwise disseminate interesting issues.

Liaising with projects where appropriate to encourage projects to think about benefits and evidence matters; and to consider emerging themes.

Highlight project outputs, benefits, impact, evidence.

Fortnightly Skype meetings with the Programme Manager to discuss progress, emerging issues etc.

Ad hoc blog posts and the newsletter will be posted at a single, shared blog post - possibly the existing Programme Managers' blog.

Ad hoc attendance at related events and reporting thereof.

Support for project launch meeting - workshop on evidence gathering - and other programme events.

### **Specific Outputs will be:**

Regular comments on project blogs.

Short, ad hoc blog posts on specific themes, issues as they emerge.

Monthly 'newsletter' blog posts, particularly on the subject of benefits, but dealing with other issues and themes as they arise.

Compiling an evidence-base, documented through blog posts and other means, primarily concerned with benefits and evidence thereof, but also dealing with emerging themes, challenges and likely recommendations for future work.

This evidence base will provide material for a digest of programme findings and - in part - for the impact and evaluation study.

The digest is to be compiled by the Evidence Gatherers in conjunction with the Programme Manager.

### **Effort**

Three x 0.2 FTE, or the equivalent, Evidence Gatherers will be sought to support the programme.

In the first instance I have approached Laura Molloy, Glasgow; Meik Poschen, Manchester; and Jonathan Tedds, Leicester to take on these roles.

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