

How to get the most out of the Research Data Alliance



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There are various ways to engage with the Research Data Alliance and many benefits to gain as a result of participation. We provide two case studies focusing on how RDA members benefit from their engagement with RDA.

ENGAGEMENT	BENEFIT				
	Strategic influence	International network	Reputation enhancement	Support for development	New skills
Governance body member: Council, Technical Advisory Board, Organisational Advisory Board	✓	✓	✓		✓
WG/IG member: contributor, lurker, co-chair, adopter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Funder: Funding organisation, organisational member	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Plenary attendee: display poster, presenter, convene WG / IG / BoF session		✓	✓		✓

How engaging with the RDA has helped

Building skills and reputation - 23 (research data) Things in Australia

“23 (research data) Things provides a catalyst for large scale upskilling of the data support community within Australian research institutions and others interested in moving into research data support as part of future career skill needs.”



https://eresearchau.files.wordpress.com/2016/03/eresau2016_paper_39.pdf

From RDA Newbie to RDA Expert in 2 years – Tomasz Miksa

“I believe this [RDA] is the only place where researchers having a wide range of problems concerning data can meet with those who are willing to help them solve these problems, or point them to already existing solutions.”



[https://www.rd-alliance.org/blogs/"newbie"-expert"-less-two-years-how-engage-rda-activities.html](https://www.rd-alliance.org/blogs/)

ENGAGEMENTS

- Participating in the RDA Libraries for Research Data IG.
- Adapting the RDA Output for a local audience.
- Promoting and managing the 23-week programme nationally and internationally.

BENEFITS

- Building local RDM skills and capability, at individual and institutional levels.
- Inspiring the creation of additional resources and collaborations.
- Enhanced reputation.
- Amplified message.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Attended RDA Plenaries.
- Prepared and displayed poster.
- Started and now co-chairing a WG.
- Working on joint papers.
- Discussing possible future projects.

BENEFITS

- Meeting the most relevant people in the field.
- Links to interesting tools.
- Hearing people’s ideas and insights.
- Enhanced reputation.

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