

Comparing Notes: supportDM from UEL

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Background

- University of East London, new university with a desire to build its research capacity
- RDM Policy March 2012, library-led support service
- Jisc-funded TraD project 2012-13 – training:
 - Generic staff/PhD researcher workshop
 - Embedded training for Psychology profdocs
 - Short course on RDM for geoinformatics
 - And supportDM...



Purpose of supportDM

- A gentle introduction to research data management for those in support roles
- Tested by UEL's academic liaison librarians but aims to be suitable for other central services
- Sought to build understanding and confidence



Constructing supportDM

- Collaboration between UEL (Stephen Grace and John Murtagh) and DCC (Sarah Jones and Monica Duke)
- Built Jan-Mar 2013, and tested at UEL as we were building it



Topics covered

1. About Research Data Management
 2. Guidance and support for researchers
 3. Data management planning
 4. What data to keep, and why
 5. Cataloguing data
 6. Sharing data
- Introduction to the subject
 - What support to offer from the centre
 - DMPs and what they contain
 - Selection and appraisal for long-term access
 - Metadata/ description
 - Sharing and archiving



A blended learning course

- 90min workshops incorporating
 - PPT presentation from trainer
 - Group/individual exercises
 - Discussion
- Xerte online learning module (1hr)
- Tasks to complete before next meeting (1hr)



Highlights

- Mix of activities within the workshops, and between them – both single and groupwork
- Interview a researcher (a very gentle approach to DAF*)
- *Data Asset Framework



Key materials

- Xerte modules available in Jorum
 - SCORM format means you can rework and import into a VLE
- PowerPoints of presentations
- Exercise materials
- Outline trainer notes for each topic
- Last three all zipped up in Jorum



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