

Launch of Leiden Data Network

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- Blog post
- Personal invites via email
- Registration form:
 - **Personal details including role description.**
 - Interest in physical meetings in general.
 - Agreement for mailing list registration.
 - **Indication of topics of interest (for sharing ideas and discussing).**
 - Registration for the first Convening Event.
 - **Choice of topic preferred as the focus for the Convening Event.**



The screenshot shows the website header for 'Digital Scholarship @ Leiden' with navigation links for Home, In Depth, Contributors, and About. The main article title is 'Introducing the Leiden University Data Network', posted on May 14, 2019. The article features a photo of hands stacked together and a sub-headline 'Who are the data stewards and why do we need a network?'. The text discusses the role of data stewards and the formation of a network. The right sidebar includes a search bar, social sharing options (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+), an author profile for Joanne Yeomans, a tags section, and a related articles section.

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Introducing the Leiden University Data Network

Posted on May 14, 2019 in



Who are the data stewards and why do we need a network?

Many people across Leiden University have an interest in, or a responsibility for, good [research data management \(RDM\)](#) within their group, institute, or faculty.

Some have 'research data management' in their job title or official responsibilities (those we may call a "data steward"), whilst others have simply an interest which might have developed into recognized expertise or an unofficial role. Most of these people currently work in relative isolation, yet in a blossoming area where rapid developments and the continuous emergence of new examples of best practice require engagement and discussion with others in the field.

In order to help Leiden University's data stewards develop solutions to current challenges, stay abreast of new developments, and to give them a forum in which to discuss and share problems and results, a network will be established during 2019 by the [Centre for Digital Scholarship \(CDS\)](#). This network will be aimed at those with an official, or semi-official role in supporting RDM, but will also be open, during its emerging stages, to anyone at the university with an interest in RDM-related developments taking place at Leiden and beyond.

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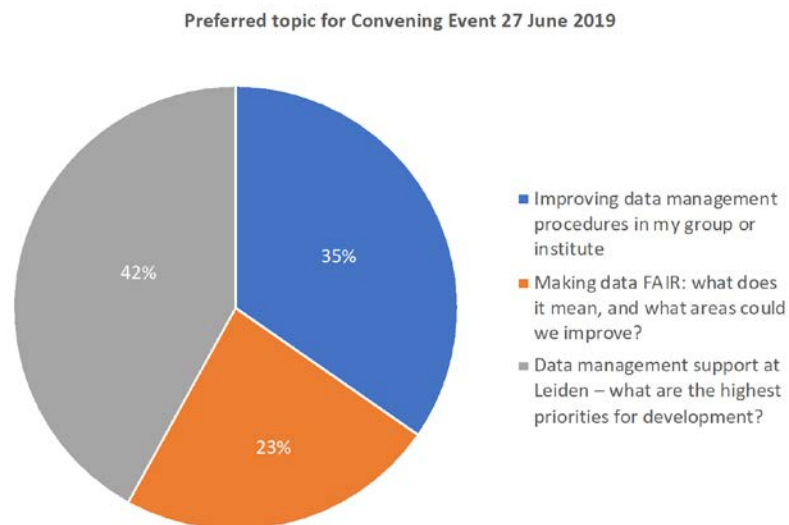
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Choice of topic

Encourages participants to a feel sense of ‘ownership’ for the event.

Designed to:

- be generic enough that all participants would be interested whichever topic was selected.
- enable us to build an agenda that would touch upon the three aspects we wanted to address:
 - roles and responsibilities,
 - our central data management implementation plan,
 - the future functioning of the network itself.



This has also given input for identifying a topic for the second meeting.

Convening Event agenda and format

Title selected by participants defined first part of agenda:

1. Data management support at Leiden – what are the highest priorities for development?

- Presentation by university project manager.
- Discussion in groups.
- Collection of ideas using Trello.

2. Network development

- Two data stewards invited to present one slide each.
- Open discussion.
- Identification of working groups.
- Identification of topic for second meeting.

The screenshot shows a Trello board with five columns representing different topics. Each column contains several cards with progress indicators (green and yellow bars) and text. The columns are:

- Other (no category yet)**: Cards include "A DMP is a good tool, but how to monitor them?", "handige tool om een DMP te maken", "WG 1. Datamanagement tool", and "Onderzoek: DMP's verspreiden".
- Archiving data in**: Cards include "webpage where to store data: data services catalogue is not up to date", "Clear information on where to store and archive your data", and "P3. Opslag van onderzoeksgegevens voor onbepaalde tijd voor grote volumes".
- Handling of personal data and GDPR/AVG**: Cards include "Tools for encryption and password management", "WG 2. Tijdens onderzoek", and "omzetten van AVG eisen naar het DMP".
- Roles and responsibilities**: Cards include "Who do you go to as a researcher? So many support roles?", "Bewustzijn voor de verantwoordelijkheid voor het hele proces", "Training and guidance", and "Relatie tussen... en de...".
- Software as data**: Card includes "Software should be archived as well." and a comment count of 5.

What worked well?

- 1. Asking questions on registration form has helped with planning of the first and the future events.**
- 2. Giving data stewards ownership of the network:**
 - Choice of topic.
 - Views on how to work.
 - Warm-up discussions to prepare them for actively leading.
- 3. Identified a working group that will aim to develop protocols for international fieldwork.**
 - Will work 'off-grid' and report to the next meeting.
 - Already includes people from 5 different faculties.
- 4. Trello.**



What next?

We need to work on the following:

1. Definition and scope
 - Define more clearly what the Data Network is for, and who is the audience.
 - Evaluate how participants find the network useful and valuable.
2. Visibility
 - Raise the visibility of the Network and its activities.
 - Share materials and knowledge amongst Network members.
3. Participation
 - Increase participation from all faculties and all known 'data stewards'.
 - Scientific staff or administrative staff who do not consider themselves to be data stewards and yet have an important role in data management.
 - Active participation if possible (in working groups or other roles).
4. Momentum:
 - Next meeting: September/October with new topic.
 - Keep meetings fresh and enjoyable.
 - Ensure success of the working group(s).

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