How to engage with Plenary 17 in Edinburgh

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Why engage in RDA?

- Find your data family
- Build international networks
- Learn from and collaborate with peers
- Get more impact and success for your work
- Career development opportunities e.g. chair, TAB, Council...
Submit a session proposal

- Birds of a Feather – speculative ideas
- Interest / Working Group session – to progress topics
- Co-located events – take advantage of diversity of attendees

Important dates
Call will open on 29 October 2020
Deadline for submissions on 12 January 2021
Notifications scheduled for 12 February 2021
Review and join groups

- Search for relevant groups by topic and discipline
  https://www.rd-alliance.org/rda-for-you

- Check plenary pathways
  e.g. from P15  https://www.rd-alliance.org/rda-15th-plenary-pathways
Attend the Plenary

- In person (if feasible)
- Online / remote options
- IDCC as a good grounding - [https://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/idcc](https://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/idcc)
Key networking opportunities

- RDA for newcomers
- Early Career Interest Group
- Inform your funder to sign up to funders forum
- Hybrid / virtual social events – more info to come!
Make the most of it!

EXPLORE
5-6 MONTHS BEFORE THE PLENARY
- Participate in webinars
- Explore groups and outputs
- Follow social media
- Read RDA blogs
- Read RDA for newcomers guide
- Connect to RDA members

PREPARE
1 MONTH BEFORE THE PLENARY
- Explore pathways

ENGAGE
4-5 MONTHS BEFORE THE PLENARY
- Join RDA in Australia group
- Join working and interest groups
- Suggest sessions or co-located events
- Register for the plenary
- Become a member

ATTEND
RDA PLENARY 17
EDINBURGH, UK
20-22 APRIL 2021
- Visit poster sessions
- Attend co-located events
- Attend sessions remotely
- Attend RDA for newcomers and social functions
- Learn about new outputs
- Attend RDA on a global stage

POST-PLENARY
- Represent RDA work on a global stage
- Propose groups
- Volunteer to chair groups
- Adopt outputs and provide feedback
- Inform your local community about RDA groups and outputs