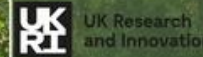


Why attend P17 – the hosts (and an event overview)

RDA's 17th
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What happens at a plenary?

- RDA working groups & interest groups meet to progress their work:
 - Early stages – defining problems, refining plans
 - Mid-term stages – sharing interim results, getting feedback, changing plans
 - Late stages – sharing outputs, seeking adoption
- Most sessions are a single group – some combine groups with shared interests
- BoF sessions – where ideas for new groups are examined
- Poster sessions – opportunities for 1:1 discussion
- A (very) few keynote presentations
- Some RDA business – governance committees, elections
- Associated side events of all types
 - This year, one of those will be a mini-IDCC
- It's NOT a traditional conference – we're not looking for papers and talks

But what about THIS plenary?

- All of the above, adjusted for either hybrid or fully virtual operation
- We're determined to create an environment:
 - Where real work can get done;
 - Where all participants can engage fully;
 - Where ad-hoc as well as formal interaction is facilitated
- With contributions from the wider data community in Edinburgh & the UK

Who is inviting you?

- In one sense, it's RDA – the global body whose work the plenary facilitates
- But it's also us, the local hosts:
 - The Digital Curation Centre 
 - Jisc 
 - UKRI-STFC 
- UK has second-largest membership of RDA (after USA)
- Edinburgh has activities and data infrastructure straddling academia, city government & tech industry
- It's time we brought the world here to share and learn together. We want you to be part of that.

More about the hosts

- DCC, Jisc, UKRI-STFC all have many years of development and action in data reuse
- As a research council, effective and efficient data reuse is fundamental to UKRI-STFC's activities
- It has decades of experience in policy development, creations of tools and standards and operation of infrastructure around data
- Jisc's programmes have enabled UK universities to rapidly develop services for research data, as well as investigating fundamental issues in data preservation and reuse
- It's now operating shared services enabling more universities to take action to support their researchers
- The DCC's mission is to enable organisations to use and reuse data more effectively, through services, training, consultancy and research
- We were established through Jisc funding; STFC were a founding consortium partner.
- We have a shared, linked history – and we all derive value from working with and through RDA

About the place

- Edinburgh is a small city with closely-connected activities in data reuse out of all proportion to its size
- Home to the Edinburgh International Data Facility
 - Linking data, methods, and users from universities, government and industry
- Applying data reuse in the sciences, humanities, performing arts industry, commerce, public policy and more...
- Whether or not you can join us in person – you can share in what’s going on here

Why attend?

- RDA lets us achieve together things that are difficult or impossible alone
- Contribute to activities that are of value to you
- Get support to work on your ideas in a global collaboration

- Your hosts are people who know how to run great events
- We know how to get the most of a plenary – and we want to you to do the same
- Whether in-person or virtually – Edinburgh has a lot to offer