

With the second largest membership of any country in the RDA, the UK has an established and active research community. The national node supports and engages with this community, encouraging participation in RDA activities and adoption of RDA outputs, running events targeted at existing and new members, enabling discussion, coordination and support, the promotion of open calls for UK participation in the RDA, and the dissemination of RDA activities and outputs. The RDA helps to bring together various data-related EU projects with UK partners, reaching across borders to a global research community.

Themes

- Creation, organisation and management of a national / regional RDA community
- Interaction with national research funding bodies and RDA governance
- Promotion of open calls for UK participation in RDA (plenary meetings, support programmes, ambassadors, early career programmes, etc.)
- Organisation of events (meetings, workshops, training courses etc.) to disseminate and promote RDA activities and outputs
- Dissemination of RDA activities and outputs, and encouraging participation in RDA activities and adoption of outputs, leveraging on the knowledge of the local research system

Focus – to increase the UK members participation in RDA activities, adoption of RDA recommendations and outputs and support the sustainability of the RDA.

Events

- Launch of the UK node - Webinar (12 December 2018). 61 participants
- First workshop - Introducing the UK node (18 January 2019). 58 participants
- Second Workshop - Joint workshop with FREYA on Persistent Identifiers hosted by the Wellcome Trust (16 July 2019). 71 participants
- Third workshop - Joint workshop with OpenAIRE on EOSC activities (Spring 2020)

See <https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups/rda-united-kingdom> for details.

UK Membership / Engagement

- There are 834 members in the UK, the second largest membership (after USA)
- Organisational members: Digital Curation Centre (DCC), Science & Technology Facilities Council (STFC), The Alan Turing Institute, Web Science Trust, Wiley
- 44% of Working Groups have a UK co-chair
- 35% of Interest Groups have a UK co-chair
- RDA EU Ambassadors (UK members):
 - Media and Communications - Fiona Murphy
 - High energy physics / Fusion - Shaun de Witt

Engage by registering for the RDA, join relevant interest/working groups, adopt recommendations and outputs, speak to our Ambassadors, attend the next workshop, attend plenaries and BoF sessions, contact the UK node team.

Open Research in the UK

The UK node promotes open research activities in the UK.

- Liaison with EOSC projects
 - UKRI-STFC coordinates EOSCpilot and FREYA
 - UKRI-STFC participates in EOSC-Secretariat and FAIRsFAIR
- Links to other EU projects
 - OpenAIRE – Jisc is the National Open Access Desk (NOAD) in the UK
 - FREYA – joint RDA-UK node workshop to highlight the importance of Persistent Identifiers
 - FAIRsharing – WG recommendations and registry of curated and interlinked records on standards, databases and data policies <https://www.FAIRsharing.org>
- Liaison with UK funders and Infrastructure providers
 - UKRI-STFC's research seeks to understand the Universe from the largest astronomical scales to the tiniest constituents of matter.
 - Wellcome exists to improve health by helping great ideas to thrive.
 - Jisc provides digital solutions for UK education and research.



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