

University of Nottingham – ADMIRe Project Faculty Focus Groups

Objective

A substantial effort has already been made by the ADMIRe project, the Information Services team and faculty members to capture Research Data Management requirements.

In order to consolidate this work and to surface it in a way that will be meaningful to the wider university community and to senior management, the next step is to develop a series of Researcher Use Cases (or scenarios), involving at least one from each of the five faculties. These will be constructed in a standard format (2-3 pages) and should be readable without in depth research domain or IT systems knowledge.

In order to elicit and develop those Use Case scenarios, the project team is holding focus groups (2 hours duration) with volunteers from each faculty. These workshops should take place in November and will be facilitated by Sero Consulting (www.sero.co.uk), who will also author the Use Cases.

Focus Group Format

The format seeks to cover the areas required to define the uses cases but will be flexible in order to encourage open discussion of practice (general and personal) and exploration of issues. We intend that the focus will be on working practice rather than on legal / ethical / policy issues, except where they determine process. No special preparation is required of participants, though we hope there will be interest in reviewing the resulting Use Cases.

- 1 - Welcome & Introductions
- 2 - Overview of Use Case framework

- 3 - Typical ways of working
- 4 - Types of research data and links to other assets

- 5 - Timing and conditions of release
- 6 - Surfacing for the target audience
- 7 - Links to individual and research group profiles
- 8 - Preservation and disposal

- 9 - Wrap up: Key benefits and special domain requirements

For more on the ADMIRe project see <http://admire.jiscinvolve.org/wp/about>

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