Setting up a Research Data Management support service at LSE

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About the LSE library and me.
LSE Library

- 1896: British Library of Political and Economic Science
- Library for LSE and researchers in the social sciences
  - Economics
  - Statistics
  - Political science
  - Public administration
LSE Data Library

• Est. 1997: North American model of institutional support.
• Data advice service
  – “Where can I find/How can I access…”?
• Manage data resources
  – Company
  – Country
  – Commodity
  – Survey
  – GIS
The treachery of images

Ceci n'est pas une librarian.
My CV

- Political science degrees

2003-2011 UK Data Archive

2011-2014 GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences

2014- London School of Economics and Political Science
The (brief) story of Research Data Management at LSE
Who is taking the lead in delivering RDM?

Question: In your institution which units are taking the lead in delivering improved services for Research Data Management (RDM)?

April 2011

EPSRC Research Data Expectations released.
April 2011

LSE sets up a working group

• Drafts a research data policy
• Recommends a 12 month pilot RDM service.
Summer 2013

Appointed a project manager
Winter 2013

Project manager left
Spring 2014

Project revived
September 2014

Project produces recommendations for service and draft RDM policy.
Research Data Management at the LSE
LSE RDM Service

- General principles and declarations on open data
- LSE Strategic plan
- Legislation
- Journal/Funder policies
- Researcher needs assessments
- LSE policies
- Research standards
- Existing external support
- RDM and digital preservation community
- LSE data policy
- Existing RDM competence at LSE
- Academic researchers, departments, and centres at LSE
- Library
- IMT
- Research division
- Governance
- Estates
- LTI/TLC/Methodology
- Research norms
- Technology standards
Levels of RDM support at LSE

There is no “done”

High-level
- Re-use infrastructure
- Data curation

Mid level
- Metadata support
- Facilitating data deposit
- Consultations

Basic level
- Offering DMP Review
- RDM website
- RDM Drop-in sessions
What does it take to build an RDM service?
An RDM service takes a...
An RDM service takes a…
An RDM service takes a...
An RDM service takes a...
An RDM service takes a...
What are the barriers for access to data?
Cost

SHUT UP AND

TAKE MY MONEY!
Licences
Security
Anonymisation
Say "big data" one more time.

I dare you, I double dare you.
METADATA IS A LOVE NOTE TO THE FUTURE
Culture
Terminology

- “Open data”
- “Data sharing”
- “Open access”
Next steps in RDM at LSE
Work with DCC on repository options
Training
Administrative data
Thank you

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