Workshop: Preparing qualitative data for sharing and re-use

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This workshop is for researchers interested or actively engaged in the creation and management of qualitative research data, and looks at the steps required to prepare data for sharing and reuse.

We will cover existing best practices and tools, looking at data preparation, ensuring that non-proprietary formats are used, and raw data are documented to capture as much context as possible. We pay attention to design of consent forms, and methods of anonymisation and controlling access, that seek to balance ethics with sharing research information for the public good. Finally we show examples of how data can be published (with various access restrictions, where needed) and look at the impact of sharing data as a valued research output, and of course, a great long-lasting asset!

We track examples of successfully archived qualitative data as it makes its way through the data assessment, review, processing, curation, and publishing pipeline.

Guidance

1. UK Data Service: https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/manage-data
2. Sage Handbook: Corti, L., Van den Eynden, V., Bishop, L and Woollard, M. Managing and Sharing Research Data: A Guide to Good Practice. Sage Publications Ltd. http://www.uk.sagepub.com/books/9781446267264
3. Sharing social data in multidisciplinary, multi-stakeholder research: Best practice guide for researchers: http://www.espa.ac.uk/files/espa/Sharing%20social%20data.pdf

Workshop presenter

Louise Corti is Associate Director at the UK Data Archive, since 2000, and currently leads the UK Data Service's Collections Development and Producer Relations team. She works closely with data producers from all sectors to ensure that high quality data are created and acquired. Her research activities are focused on methods for sharing and reusing social research data, and she has directed research awards relating to data support, management and sharing. She was instrumental in helping operationalise the ESRC's Research Data Policy from 1995 and extending this to fully accommodate qualitative data. Louise publishes and edits regularly in books and journals on aspects of data sharing and reuse of data, and regularly acts as a consultant for new qualitative archives setting up round the world.