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Data Steward Instructor Training Lesson learnt

Training the trainers: Data Management and FAIR Data principles in
University curricula
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Original vision

Run Data Steward Instructor training in parallel with CODATA-RDA school

Data Stewards and ECRs work together, learn together
and understand their roles



But this was flawed.

What was wrong?

Covid – but more than that!

Data Stewards can't spend two weeks at one school

Discussions with different regional groupings

North of England (University of Manchester/Leeds)

Belgium (Ghent University)

Ireland (NORF)

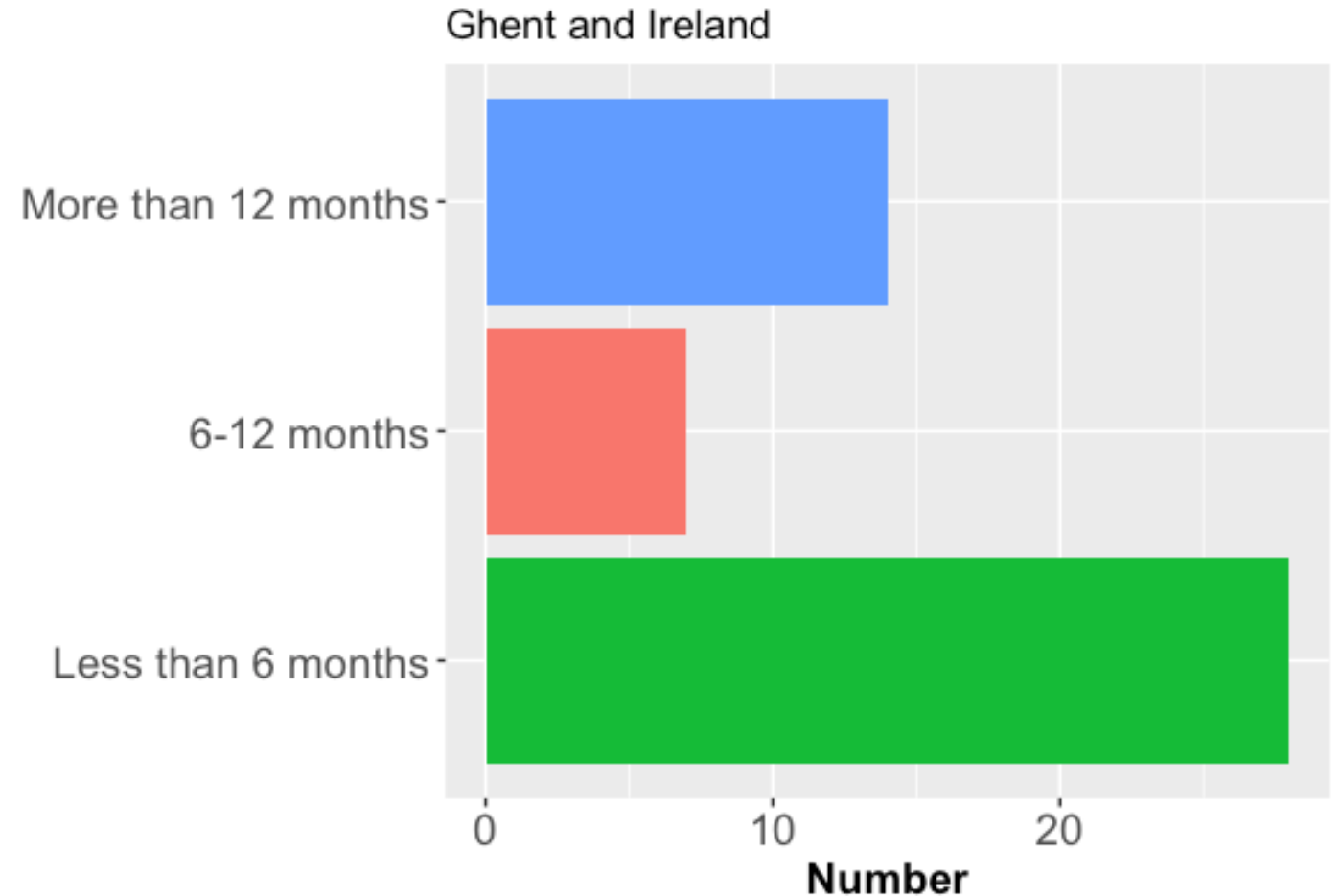
Poland (Gdańsk University of Technology)



Findings

Data Stewards are new to their role

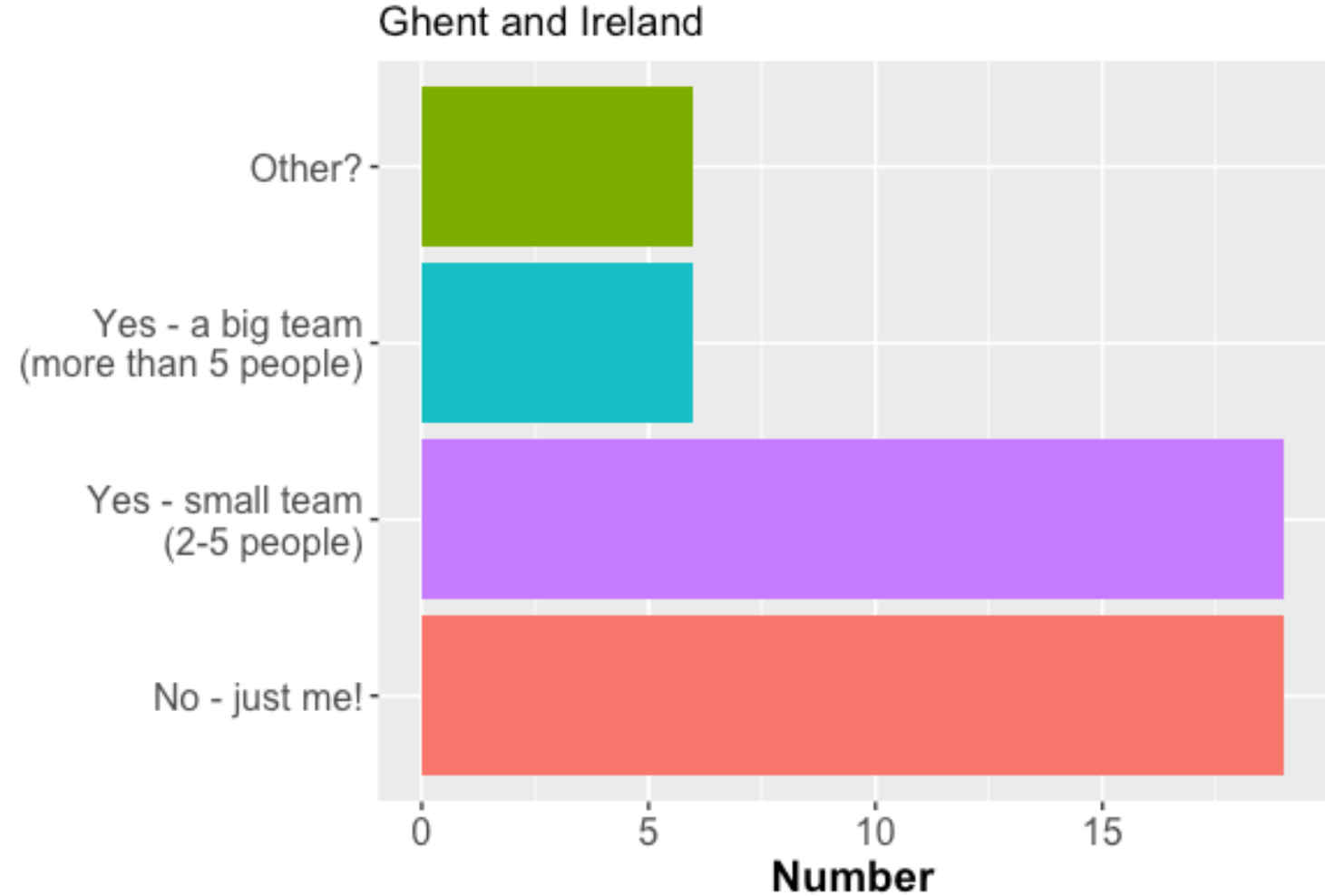
How long have you been in the Data Steward role?



Findings

Data Stewards are isolated in their institutions

Are you part of a Data Steward team?



Other findings

- Many people are doing Data Stewardship but with a different title
- Clear demand for practical advice, e.g. Data Management Plans
- Role requires significant amounts of training/communication
- Interest in Ontologies but requires a much bigger amount of training necessary
- Different regions have different levels of contact with community.

Training – final iteration (partnering with EOSC Synergy and EOSC Pillar)

- Three half days – online example [here](#)
- Day 1, introduction to data stewardships, FAIRaware, pedagogy and EOSC pillar training catalogue
- Day 2, Open and Responsible Research, DMPs, Panel from other regions
- Day 3, RISE tool and RDM service model, group discussion on shared goals.



Workshop make-up

- Around 30 attendees
- From multiple institutions in one region/country
- Strong emphasis on team work
- Encourage members to get to know each other
- Build communities



Lessons learnt

- **Focus on community building**
- people need to know that there are others in the same situation down the road from them
- **Focus on “all the data stewardship they can use”**
- More advanced topics (e.g. ontologies) can come later
- **Remind them of pedagogy**
- In the rush to communicate they need to step back and think about design

Two more training sessions

- Open to all (up to 40 participants per session)
- Week of Nov 29th
- Week of Dec 6th
- Call web location
- <https://fairsfair.eu/events/fairsfair-eosc-synergy-data-steward-instructor-training-workshops>

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