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Fostering Fair Data Practices in Europe

# Reflections on institutional initiatives – FAIRsFAIR and RHUL 12/10/2021



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### Day 1 Monday 6 September

- 10:00-10:30 [Overall intro to RDM, FAIR and Open Science](#) 17
- 10:30-11:00 National context
- 11:00-11:20 [What does a data steward do?](#) 15
- 11:20-11:30 [Introduction to FAIR aware tool](#) 14
- 11:30-12:00 Group discussion of FAIR aware tool
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00-13:20 [Introduction to pedagogy](#) 15
- 13:20-14:15 [Course development activity \(Learning outcomes, design\)](#) 20
- 14:15-14:30 Coffee break
- 14:30-14:45 Feedback on course development activity
- 14:45-15:00 [Introduction to EOSC Pillar Training and Support Catalogue](#) 6
- 15:00-15:10 [Introduction to DMP exercise](#) 18 and close of day one
- Homework [Choose one of the DMPs](#) 29 to review and consider if/how it might be improved to reflect FAIR.

### Day 2 Wednesday 8 September

- 10:00-10:10 Brief recap of day 1 and introduction to day 2 aims and structure
- 10:10-11:00 [Understanding Responsible and Open Research: Roles for Data Stewards](#) 16
- 11:00-11:10 Short break
- 11:10-11:15 [Introduction to DMP group activity](#) 18
- 11:15-12:00 [DMP group activity](#) 21
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-14:00 Panel on National Approaches - examples and group discussion
- Homework [Read through RISE guide - \(section on Using capability models for self-assessment and planning\)](#) 26

### Day 3 Friday 10 September

- 10:00-10:10 Brief recap of days 1 and 2 and introduction to day 3 aims and structure
- 10:10-10:30 [Introduction of RDM service model and group discussion on challenges/issues](#) 6
- 10:30-10:35 Introduction to RISE group activity
- 10:35-11:00 [Group activity based on RISE model](#) 27
- 11:00-11:10 Short break
- 11:10-11:30 Feedback from group activity based on RISE model
- 11:30-11:50 Group discussion on future actions and goals
- 11:50-12:00 Summary and wrap up

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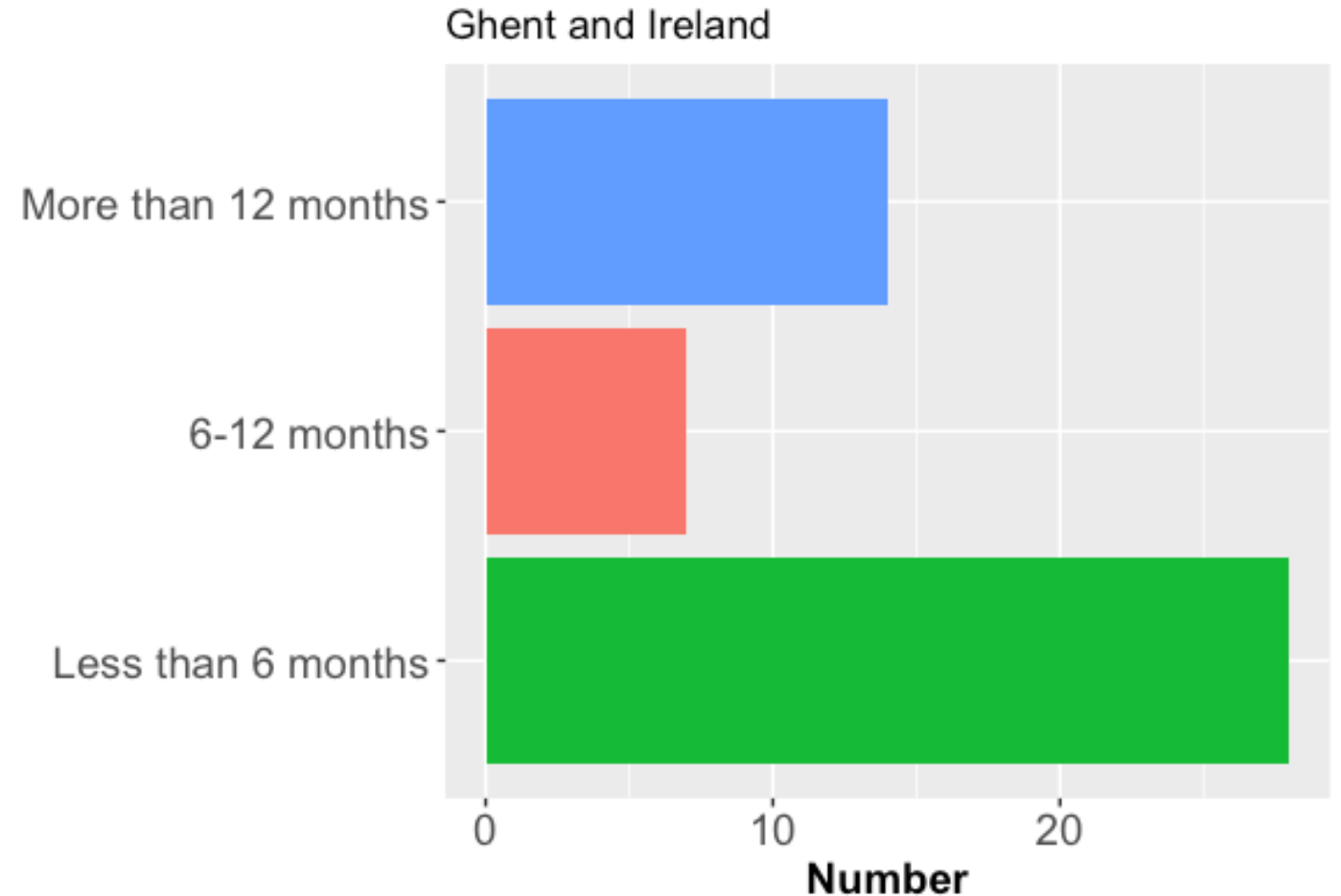
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# Findings

## Data Stewards are new to their role

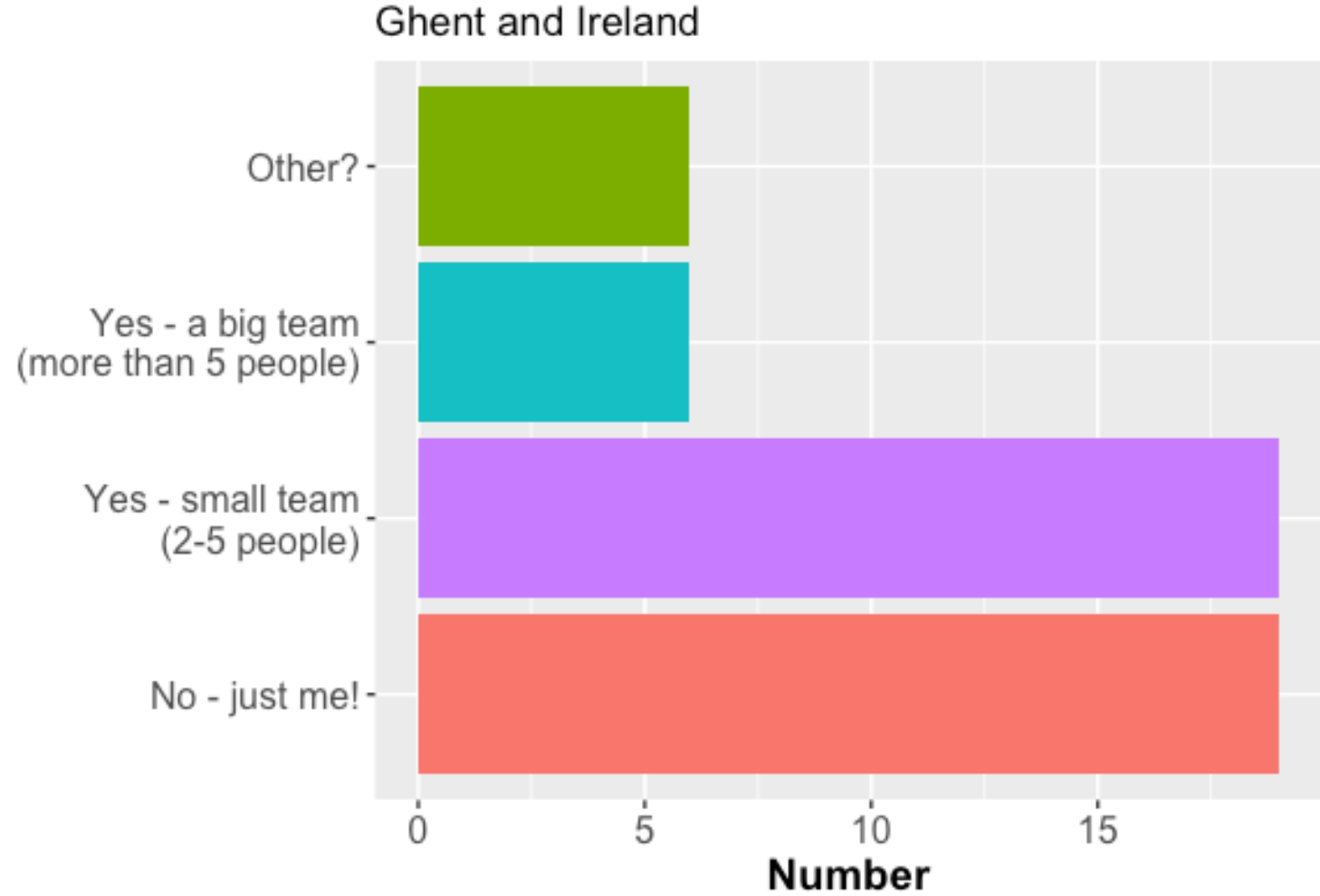
How long have you been in the Data Steward role?



# Findings

## Data Stewards are isolated in their institutions

Are you part of a Data Steward team?



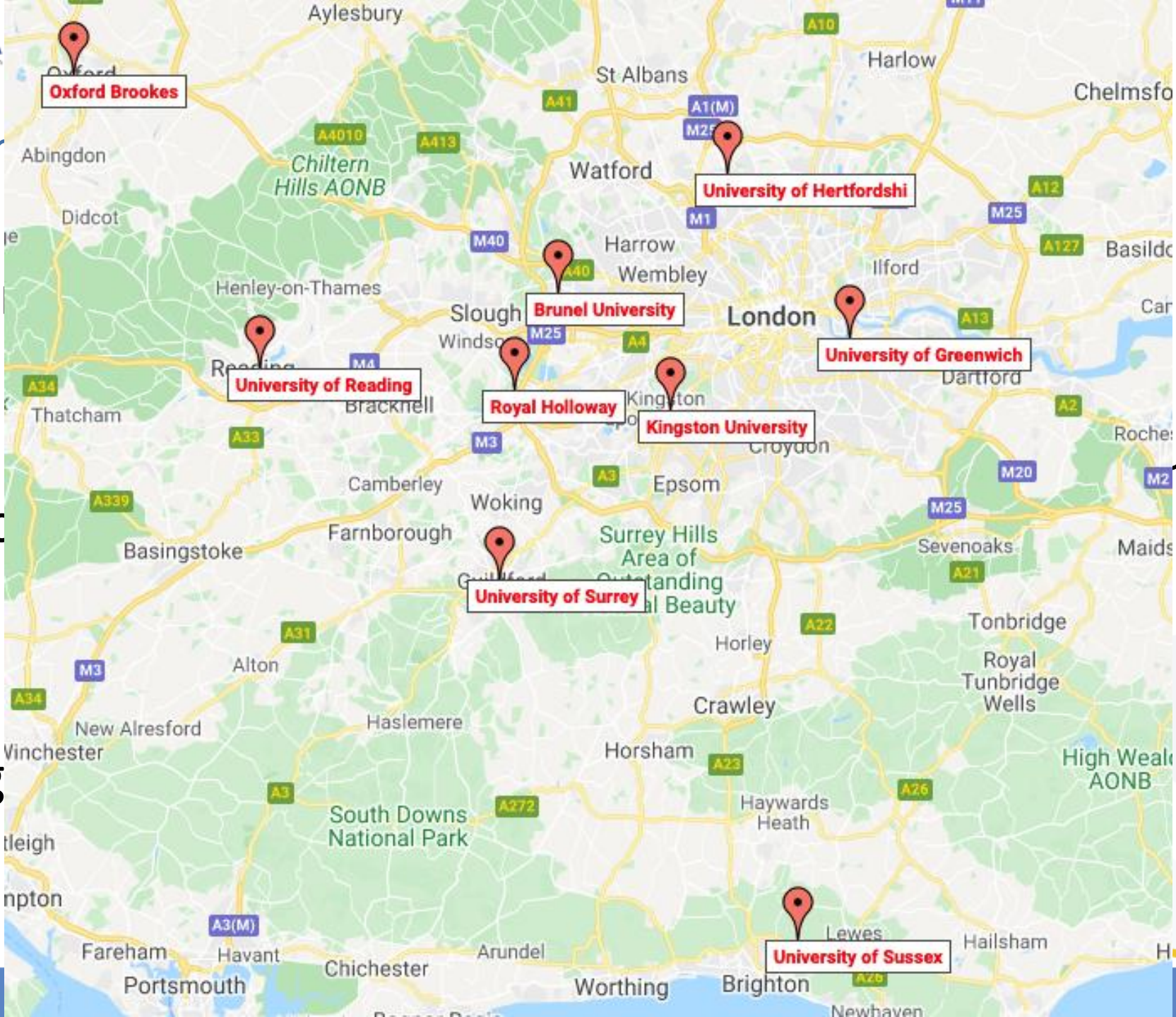


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# Conclusions

- “You have to understand – we’re very far behind everyone else”
- Data stewards are new and relatively isolated
  - Build communities on a regional/national basis
  - FAIR adoption handbook gives Data Stewards a reference point
- Researcher-led initiatives
  - Shortage of materials in general
  - Lesson plans will be of assistance.

# 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 29<sup>th</sup>
- Week of Dec 6<sup>th</sup>
- Call web location
- <https://fairsfair.eu/events/fairsfair-eosc-synergy-data-steward-instructor-training-workshops>

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