

N8 CIR Newsletter

Welcome

With the academic year well underway we're delighted to bring you our second newsletter.

We have announcements on new events and workshops, videos and slides from Melodee Beals' fantastic workshop for Python in the Humanities alongside an update on June's RSE Meet-up.

Reprohack is Back!

It's been almost 18 months since we last supported a ReproHack event. But that absence doesn't mean that things haven't been happening.

The team behind ReproHack have been developing a new online hub to help spread the word about reproducibility. On **Thursday 18 November** an online event will celebrate the site's launch. Similar to our May event, it will be a combination of talks and presentations about reproducibility as well as time for teams to try and replicate the findings of submitted scientific papers.

You can find out more about the event and reserve a place at: <https://n8cir.org.uk/events/repro-hub/>



Ethics Workshops



The first of a series of workshops focusing on ethics in computational research took place on 28 October. The event was led by Niall O' Loughlin and Catherine Brewer of Durham University along with colleagues from the university's information governance team.

The following two sessions take place on 4 & 11 November and will cover ethics around NHS and Health Data, and Machine Learning and AI respectively. You can read more about the programme and find links to book a place at:

<https://n8cir.org.uk/news/ethics-course/>

Python for the Humanities

In the last newsletter we teased the imminent upload of new videos from some of our summer events.

The first set to be uploaded are from Melodee Beals' informative series of workshops exploring Python in the Humanities. Over four sessions Melodee introduces the language, some common functions, explains how to clean and tidy data before plotting and presenting your information.

You can access these videos, as well slides and links from most of our other workshops on the N8 CIR website at:

<https://n8cir.org.uk/events/event-resource/>



RSE Meet-up

N8 CIR's annual meet-up is a great way to meet other research software engineers from across the partnership. The last two of these have been held online, for obvious reasons.

In the last few days we have put the finishing touches to the remaining videos for the day, meaning you can now see all of the lightning talks, whenever is convenient to you.

- Adrian Harwood, Mobile Development Projects in the Humanities
https://youtu.be/RjiY_eBAuMw
- Phil Hasnip, Accelerating CASTEP
<https://youtu.be/dGfO5EvYnU0>
- Peter Hill, Improving the Sustainability of the BOUT++ Project
<https://youtu.be/6GfMmVFg28A>
- Jannetta Steyn, Running Software Carpentry workshops, CarpenPI
<https://youtu.be/5zy0vxCK2-c>

Bede Update

We continue to see new and exciting requests for access to Bede. You can find out how to access the system at: https://n8cir.org.uk/supporting-research/facilities/bede/docs/bede_registrations/

If you're not sure that Bede is suitable for your needs then you can speak to a research software engineer who can offer advice about the system. Full details of how to contact your local Bede support can be found at: <https://n8cir.org.uk/supporting-research/facilities/bede/rse-support-bede/>

Bede's documentation, including general information about the system, hardware specifications, software environments and job submission scripts can be found at: <https://bede-documentation.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

As a Bede user you can also join the Bede User Group where you can discuss issues and network with other users. Details of how to do this can be found at: <https://n8cir.org.uk/contact/>



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