

DRI Retreat - Round Table - Interconnected Professionals

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UKRI Priority Aim:

*“We aim to **break down silos** and **promote collaboration** within the DRI landscape by creating a more **interconnected, open, inclusive, and user-friendly infrastructure**. This involves fostering community engagement, promoting the creation of federated infrastructure, and ensuring that DRI funding addresses the technical challenges of operating across disciplines.”*

Workshop Goal: Explore and discover the DRI roles that exist in and across institutions, and how they work together to reach a shared goal of better research.

Overarching Discussion Points:

- Discuss how aware you are of the roles and responsibilities of the other DRI professionals in your group.
- Where are the overlaps between your roles and when should you be advocating for redistribution of work
- How could future collaboration between your teams increase your impact?
- What opportunities are there for shared communities and special interest groups?

Aims of the Exercise

Understand work activities and responsibilities of the other DRI roles that exist inside and outside your institution and any potential overlaps.

Activity Brief:

Guess who/ job title (10 mins)

- On a post-its note write something you do regularly in your day to day work, this could be big or small (e.g. create data dictionaries, help researchers fine tune their research project).
- Fold the post-it note up and put it into a hat (or something similar)!
- Go round the table and each pick a post it note. Read out the post it note
- Try to decide the **job title and team** of the person that wrote the note. If you wrote it then play along until someone guesses correctly at which point announce that it is yours.
- Discuss in the group if this is a standard activity for this role or if the activity could have fit in another role

The great RTP spectrum (10 mins)

- On your table identify a corner for each of the RTP roles on your table. Try to group these into similar roles.
- With the post-its from Guess who/ job title (or create some more [a second round of all table members]) arrange these on the table into each role. Begin to arrange activities and responsibilities that are shared or sit between two roles.
- Can you draw a distinct line between any of these roles?

And now discuss (5 mins)

- Discuss the additional discussion points reflecting on the previous activities.

If time (10 mins)

- On a post-its note write something you do regularly in your day to day work ***that you now believe fits better under a different job title than your own.***
- Fold the post-it note up and put it into a hat (or something similar)!
- Go round the table and each pick a post it note. Read out the post it note.
- As a table try to decide which job title it appropriately falls under, and which job title you think it was written by.

Or if less time

- Discuss which activities you do in your role that perhaps belong to another role

Final Discussion (10 mins)

Plenary (10 mins)