

Call Notes - 09 Oct 2019

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Difficulty Level

Discussion was focused on the [Consistent Levels](#) issue. Additional research had been done and was linked to in the Issues thread. Conversation chiefly concerned two issues.

First, in the current proposal, four terms were defined for the controlled vocabulary to describe levels, and there was some discussion as to whether the terms proposed ('Open to All', 'No Experience Required', 'Beginner', and 'Experienced') were the correct ones. After some discussion, it was agreed that the distinction between 'No Experience Required' and 'Beginner' was indeed useful. However, it was felt that the term 'Intermediate' should be added to the list because widely used within the sector.

'Open to All' was more problematic. It was briefly proposed to be treated as an umbrella term subsuming all the others, but this was felt not to allow for correct behaviour, as all Opportunities would then presumably be included within it. Some debate was then held as to whether it ought to be considered synonymous with 'beginner'. However, the experience of an 'Open to All' class and a 'beginner' class was felt to be quite distinctive, and existing practice for a number of activity providers was to treat this as a distinct category. In the end, it was decided to retain 'Open to All' as a term within the controlled vocabulary.

Prerequisites

Prerequisites proved to be a more intractable question than difficulty level. Although the general principle of treating prerequisites as a subclass of `oa:Terms` was agreed to be sound, it was felt that the existing proposal failed adequately to address situations in which more than one prerequisite might be possible - e.g., where either completion of a class or ability to perform some specific act (for instance, swim 100m) might suffice for admission. To this end, it was proposed that `prerequisite` be converted into a multi-value property, and with `requiresExplicitConsent` being moved up into the parent entity: that is to say, fulfillment of at least one of the Terms listed would be mandatory.

Discussion then turned to the question of mappings between qualifications, as in, for instance, equivalencies between Welsh and English diving qualifications. Debate quickly turned hypothetical, and it was agreed that more research was needed here to determine both the scope of, and possible solutions for, the problem.