

[#odcamp](#): open data for community groups - making it easily accessible:

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Day 1, Session 5, Room P1

Notes:

Is there a gap between communities for tech & data and community activists & CVS/VCS organisations? Yes!

Where's the 101 guide for community groups on accessing and using open data? Perhaps we need to create one including:

- What is open data?
- What exists already to help you?
- What you could adapt?
- How to easily lift & use data from open data platforms / OSM?
- How to use data to explain outcomes or potential interventions (cf the session on social value)

@jorgelopezlogo: created a tool for people to expose data through APIs - learning experience!

What do we mean by 'communities' - tech guys or 'average people'?

Pauline Roche - room for building more tools that people can use to map and understand their local area

VOSCA (Bristol City Council) - how can community groups make the most of open data?

Need to tell people what open data is!!!!

Who could I talk to?

VCS organisations have open data - they need to understand more about their own data & how it could be opened

Perhaps needs a small wiki - an intro on what exists

In the voluntary sector, perhaps there isn't an awareness that standards are important.

How can we break out the contents of lookup directories to find support organisations or projects?

164,000 charities in the UK - most don't publish or use open data. OpenCharities is an interesting thing here. The charity sector needs money to do these changes. Could Big Lottery fund the publishing of data?

In the tech community there are lots of pizza/beer meetup nights.

Actors for change:

- CAST (Centre for the Acceleration of Social Technology) - Keiran Copeland's brother
- Comic Relief
- TINDR foundation
- Possible that libraries may help

- ODI Belfast (colocated with BCS)
- Karl Wilding (NCVO)
- NAVCA (VCSS Camp)
- NetSquared

Tools for change:

- DataCampFire: Stories to help communities to understand what open data is & what it is - making the learning about open data more accessible (Natalie)
- Round tables between communities (open data folks, openstreetmappers, local activists, council officers etc)
- Simple access platforms (e.g. <http://opendatacommunities.org/>)
- HOTOSM: good way for ordinary people to contribute to OSM
- Need tools to make OSM more accessible to use (overpassturbo++?)

Existing resources:

- <http://greatbritishpublictoiletmap.rca.ac.uk/>
- Big Lottery Fund (10 years of data)
- <http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/idmap.html>

Could we help VCS organisations to open up some of their older systems?