DSpace Leadership Breakout Discussion (August 31, 2022)

BREAKOUT ROOM #1

Discussion Topic: DSpace Equity and Inclusion and Open Data

Instructions:

- If needed, conduct a brief round of introductions
- Identify reporter to report highlights of the discussion out to the larger group.
- Each group will use the following topics/questions to generate discussion and report back to the full group. You do not need to cover every question.

  - What is the DSpace commitment to equity and inclusion? How is it manifested? How is it communicated? How could it be communicated? Where does the project fall short? Where are there opportunities for learning, growth, and improvement?
  - How do we think about open data and the DSpace project? At the project level, what is our commitment to open data? How can we communicate at the project level our commitment to open data?

Participants:
- Jere, Michele, Tim

Notes
- Equity & Inclusion - maybe we are not documenting this well enough?

  - Very diverse governance group (worldwide membership, types of institutions, national user groups, at large seats).

    - Add a statement on how governance groups are established

    - Have a code of conduct for Steering/Leadership meetings?

- o Working towards translations of all public workshops/talks

- o Code of Conduct (for mailing lists, etc):
  https://www.lyrasis.org/about/Pages/Code-of-Conduct.aspx (Documented on our
  Support page: https://wiki.lyrasis.org/display/DSPACE/Support)

- o How we design the software. We had an ADA compliance test for DSpace 7. We
  have statements of this sort in the Code Contribution Guidelines:
  https://wiki.lyrasis.org/display/DSPACE/Code+Contribution+Guidelines#CodeContributionGuidelines-CodeContributionStandards

- o **A formal statement of values of Governance regarding DEIA (and link off to
  examples elsewhere on how we align with our stated values)?**

- Open Data guidelines?

  - o Difficult in that we cannot promise how DSpace is used locally

  - o However, we could again **have a formal statement of "open data" values (or
    openness) from Governance around how DSpace treats data.**

    - ▪ May need to include how DSpace uses data & aligns with GDPR, etc.

  - o Share some general configurations (or default configs) of the software which
    align with openness.

  - o DSpace is build for *openly sharing* data/information. Start with that sentence
    and build from there. Go back to the historical perspective of why/how DSpace
    was created

    - ▪ Metadata harvesting via OAI-PMH (metadata sharing/reuse)

    - ▪ Reusing data via REST API

  - o Examples of data repositories on DSpace. Harvard DataVerse. U of Edinburgh
    data repository.