

DSpace Leadership Breakout Discussion (August 31, 2022)

BREAKOUT ROOM #3

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:

- Pascal Becker
- Scott Hanrath
- Tim McGeary
- Bronwen Sprout

Notes

Open Data: this is hard, and maybe not applicable to us

- How can we encourage people to think about issues like Open Data, but let's be clear about our limitations?
- Maybe add a section to the dspace manual how to achieve Open Data/Science when using DSpace, showing best practices in this area.

- Can we provide feedback to COIs about categories that might not be applicable to everyone?
- Think about open data from a standpoint of how the software supports open access/data/science and how we can influence open science/access/source by what a model repository platform looks like and what (functions, data model, ...) DSpace as software supports

"Commitment to equity and inclusion"

- Can this be scoped to the formal DSpace community? Governance, DCAT, events?
- Do Lyrasis hiring practices/statements from the recent Program Coordinator search provide evidence of support?

Code of conduct is a starting point. (Unsure if we already have this).

- We want to be equitable and inclusive of everyone joins the community as representatives from their institutions.
- Statement of openness to any organization who wants to join. Emphasize low barrier and international reach (National user Groups).
- Emphasize community at large seats that are intended to expand the leadership group. Opportunity to better articulate this intent and process

Do we need to determine what equity and inclusion mean to us?

- We are a global community and should be aware for not focusing on US-centric context for equity and inclusion