

MERCIAN Research Data Management Support Group – Launch meeting

Date: Monday 24th April

Time: 1030 – 1530

- Tea and Coffee from 1000

Venue: Graduate House (Angela Marmont Building), Loughborough University

Description: The Mercian RDM Support Group (RDMSG) is a [special interest group](#) of the Mercian Collaboration, aiming to provide local support and exchange of experiences within membership organisations.

This will be the first meeting of the newly established RDMSG and will be a chance for those staff interested in RDM to get together and discuss questions and challenges in an open and friendly atmosphere. The makeup of the group will also be outlined.

The day will include:

1. Presentations on reviewing AHRC Technical Plans (from an AHRC reviewer) and on the development of the RDM service at Loughborough
2. A benchmarking exercise to identify the level of RDM support at MERCIAN libraries
3. Discussions around specific areas of support e.g. Data Management Plans, managing restricted data, RDM training materials
4. Future ideas for the RDMSG

The day will be led by Gareth Cole (Loughborough), Laurian Williamson (Leicester), and Ben Veasey (Nottingham) but all attendees will be invited to contribute.

Audience: This group is aimed at those who either: support RDM at their Institution; have a line management responsibility for RDM; or have a general interest in RDM.

Booking: Please register through Eventbrite -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mercian-rdm-support-group-launch-tickets-33238821209>.

Lunch: If you have any dietary requirements please contact Gareth Cole with the details.

Travel: [Graduate House](#) is centrally located on the University Campus. [Buses run regularly from Loughborough train station to the campus](#) (with a stop outside Graduate House – ask the driver for Computer Science)

Further enquiries: Please contact Gareth Cole (g.i.cole@lboro.ac.uk; 01509 222402) or Laurian Williamson (lw173@leicester.ac.uk) for more information.

Outline Programme

1000 – 1030. Refreshment and registration.

1030-1100 – Welcome from Emma Walton (Loughborough University Librarian) and introduction to the day and RDM Support Group by Gareth, Laurian, and Ben.

1100-1130 – Reviewing AHRC Technical Plans (Simon Dixon, Leicester University)

1130-1200 – The RDM Service at Loughborough (Gareth Cole)

1200-1300 – lunch – including a chance to choose discussion topics for the afternoon

1300-1330 – [Cardio](#) benchmarking exercise

1330-1430 – discussion topics e.g.

- Data Management Plans
- Managing restricted data
- Training materials

1430-1500 – wrap up and end