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Police Data Accessibility Project
August 23, 2022 Community Call

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Remainder: Open discussion, Q&A

Note: this format was ~~inspired by~~ stolen from Dave at the decentralized social impact collective called Future Foundation.

Welcome

0: Introductions

Welcome! Grab a sticky note or create your own.

- Your name
- Your discord handle or social tag
- Something about yourself, why you're here, and/or a project that matters to you

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Multidisciplinary designer, working full-time on PDAP.

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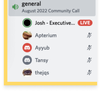

Ecosystem & helping wall

1: Ecosystem updates & helping wall

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- What are you working on?
- Is there anything you're looking for help or guidance on?
- Are there exciting things going on in the world of police data?

At PDAP I've been working with people using police data to understand their wins & struggles → designing tools to help them.

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I could always use more connections with people working on police systems, or in municipal data management.

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Tansy @ 1m4 doing a new membership drive; looking for info about police misconduct

Ayyub @ innocence project: Louisiana law enforcement database; still in private phase

Alex helped w/ the hiring process & is looking to lend software industry knowledge

Goals & milestones

2: Goals & milestones

Feel free to comment or make notes.

We're focused on making it easy for people to find public information about the police. Instead of being a primary source, PDAP is a collection of resources pointing people in the direction of public information, then making it easier to consume.

Data Source management & archiving
A permanent home for Data Sources (fka Datasets), with tools to query and manage them.

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Data Source grouping & reporting
Tools to facilitate collaboration and automation around groups of Data Sources

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Shared scrapers, extractions, & analysis
Tools to help people submit their Scraper code for use on-demand by the PDAP community.

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PDAP-published extraction and analysis
Studies and reports on the status of police transparency by our staff and community.

If a Data Source has a URL, it is automatically archived.

PDAP community

3: PDAP community, strategy, and roles

Feel free to comment or make notes.

We succeed when we help someone answer a question about the police. This could be a journalist, activist, policymaker, municipal data team, or anyone at all looking to learn what they can from the data our criminal justice system makes public.

These groups overlap.
We're bringing independent actors together to compare notes and share sources.

Data Consumers
Using police data for a variety of projects at any scale

PDAP Volunteers
Data nerds with a shared goal of police transparency

PDAP Staff
Designing and coding open-source tools for accessing police data

Expert Community
Our board and network of advisors, giving us guidance

For example,

- policy analysts comparing police budgets in similar cities
- journalists uncovering information about critical events
- activists deciding where to focus their efforts
- a city trying to address police misconduct

Do you know of anyone we should be taking cues from?

Contributing

4: How to help

Thank you for being here!

- Contribute valuable Data Sources to help build the foundation for more progress. Scrape them, or find them manually!
- Make a recurring donation to help cover our expenses.
- Keep sharing your time and perspective!

Wrapup

Any final thoughts?

Catalyzing people interested in police misconduct to contribute → template for CTA