

EVAN ODELL

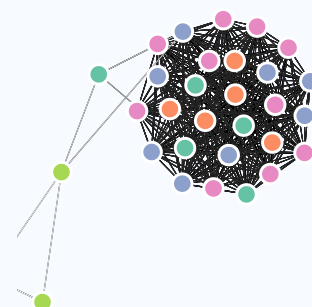
Currently searching for a position using data to solve problems and improve people's lives. I've built many [R packages to streamline scientific research](#) and maintain a widely used dataset of UK parliamentary speeches. I make interactive maps of things like the [relationship between housing prices and public transport services](#), or [the amount of land given over to golf courses](#). When not working I spend my time running ultramarathons, befriending every cat I meet, and trying (and failing) to read more novels.

EDUCATION

- 2015
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2014
● **MSc in Comparative Social Policy**
University of Oxford 📍 Oxford
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2013
● **Visiting Student**
University of British Columbia 📍 Vancouver
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2009
● **BA (Honours) in Political Science**
Laurentian University 📍 Sudbury/Barrie, Canada

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Nov 2020
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Aug 2020
● **Freelance Project Manager**
Disability Rights UK 📍 Berlin
 - Managing a programme of public engagement and communication to inform the UK government's forthcoming Disability Strategy.
- Aug 2020
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Jun 2016
● **Researcher**
Disability Rights UK 📍 London
 - Conducted original quantitative research and data analysis on a range of topics, with an emphasis on health and welfare state issues.
 - Produced statistical briefing papers and presentations based on my analysis of a range of sources, using national and international surveys and administrative data.
 - Communicated findings to professional and public audiences, including testifying before House of Lords Economics Select Committee and appearing on BBC News.
- May 2019
● **Instructor in Health Studies**
Queen's University, Bader International Study Centre 📍 East Sussex
 - Designed and taught "Disability Studies: Issues, Research and Policy", a final-year undergraduate course with a particular focus on public health and comparative analysis of welfare states.

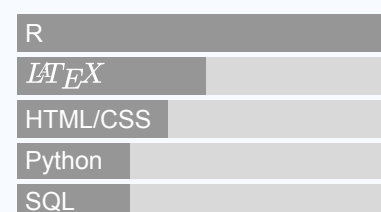


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SKILLS



Last updated on 2020-10-07.

- Oct 2018
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Jun 2018

● **Freelance Data Analyst**
London Business School 📍 London

 - Designed a [methodology to analyse parliamentary speeches using structured topic models](#), and wrote methods section, data visuals and statistical tables for use in a future paper.
- Jun 2016
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Oct 2015

● **Performance and Impact Officer**
Future Leaders Trust 📍 London

 - Conducted primary and secondary analysis of school performance data, disseminated results internally through presentations and internal reports, and externally through press releases.
 - Co-authored the [first original research report published by the Trust](#), responsible for data collection and methodology, and contributed to the writing of the report.



SELECTED PROJECTS

- Aug 2020
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Mar 2020

● **NHS Unified Information Standard – Protected Characteristics**
NHS

 - Developed a schema of 11 categories and a range of nested subcategories to identify public health inequalities amongst people with disabilities.
- Apr 2020
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Jan 2020

● **Use of apps in healthcare treatment**
NHS

 - Conducted a series of interviews on behalf of the National Health Service on patient experience of public health apps.
 - Wrote report advising on future strategies for integrating apps and other technology into healthcare personalisation efforts in the UK.
- Feb 2020
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Dec 2019

● **Access to Advice Services in London**
Nuffield Foundation

 - Identified civil society organisations providing ad-hoc advice on different topics, using open charity data and web scraping.
- Aug 2019
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Apr 2018

● **Young People's Attitudes to Disability**
Lottery Community Fund

 - Conducted focus groups with 42 children aged 12-14 with and without disabilities on their attitudes to and experiences of disability.
- Jun 2019
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Dec 2018

● **Inclusive Education and Co-Production**
European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities

 - A systematic review of research on attitudes to co-production in education amongst teachers, parents and students.



SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

- 2020 ● [Getting it right the first time: Financial penalties to improve disability benefit assessments](#)
LawArXiv. [10.31228/osf.io/jksyp](https://doi.org/10.31228/osf.io/jksyp)
- 2020 ● [Energy Impairment and Disability Inclusion](#)
With Catherine Hale, Stef Benstead, Jenny Lyus and Anna Ruddock
 - Responsible for analysing and classifying over 2 000 free text survey responses listing chronic health conditions, and for data visualisation.
- 2019 ● [Special or Unique: Young People's Attitudes to Disability](#)
- 2019 ● [External evaluation of the Bridge to Work Programme](#)
With Jane Aston, Lauren Bennett, Hannah Murphy and Tony Stevens
- 2019 ● [Hansard Speeches 1979–2018](#)
A dataset covering almost 40 years of UK parliamentary speeches.
- 2017 ● [Lonely schools: The relationship between geographic isolation and academic attainment](#)
Educational Research, 59(3), 257–272.
[10.1080/00131881.2017.1339285](https://doi.org/10.1080/00131881.2017.1339285)
- 2017 ● [Disability, Rights and Vulnerability in British Parliamentary Debate](#)
SocArXiv. [10.31235/osf.io/tqf5j](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/tqf5j)
- 2015 ● [Isolated schools: Out on a limb](#)
With Katy Theobald



SELECTED R PACKAGES

- 2020 ● [threesixtygiving](#): Download Charitable Grants from the '360-Giving' Platform
- 2020 ● [ukpolice](#): Download Data on UK Police and Crime
With Nick Tierney
- 2019 ● [guardianapi](#): Access the 'Guardian' newspaper open data API
- 2019 ● [cqcr](#): Access 'Care Quality Commission' Data
- 2018 ● [nomisr](#): Access Nomis UK Labour Market Data
Journal of Open Source Software, 3(27), 859. [10.21105/joss.00859](https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.00859)
- 2018 ● [fixerapi](#): An R Client for the 'Fixer.io' Currency API
- 2018 ● [refuge](#): Locate Trans and Intersex-Friendly Toilets
- 2017 ● [hansard](#): Accessing Westminster Parliament Data
- 2017 ● [mnis](#): Easy Downloading Capabilities for the Members' Name Information Service
- 2017 ● [parlertools](#): Tools for Analysing UK Politics