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

MSc in Comparative Social Policy
2015 | 2014
University of Oxford
📍 Oxford

Visiting Student
2014 | 2013
University of British Columbia
📍 Vancouver

BA (Honours) in Political Science
2014 | 2009
Laurentian University
📍 Sudbury/Barrie, Canada

💻 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Project Manager
Nov 2020 | Aug 2020
Disability Rights UK
📍 Berlin

- Managing a programme of public engagement and communication to inform the UK government's forthcoming Disability Strategy.
- Responsible for producing a report prioritising policy areas for Disability Rights UK's future campaign work.

Researcher
Aug 2020 | Jun 2016
Disability Rights UK
📍 London

- Conducted original quantitative and qualitative research on a range of policy areas, and used that research to develop original policy proposals and respond to government policies.
- 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.

Instructor in Health Studies
May 2019
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 the process of policy development and comparative analysis of welfare states.
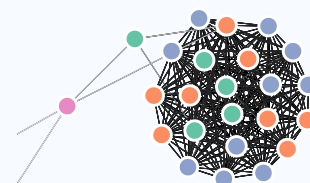
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SKILLS

Data visualization
Policy analysis
Interviews
Focus Groups
Statistical methods

R
$\LaTeX$
HTML/CSS
Python
SQL
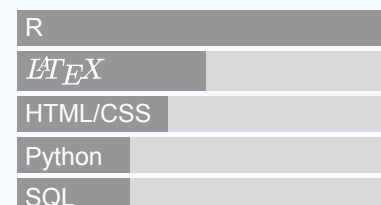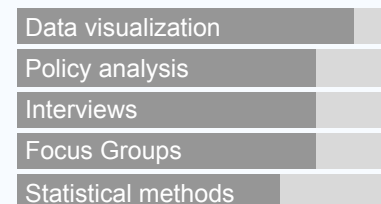
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Oct 2018
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Jun 2018

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
£8 640   *Funded by:* 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
£10 000   *Funded by:* 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
£5 000   *Funded by:* 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
£40 000   *Funded by:* 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
€4 000   *Funded by:* EASPD

- 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

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.

2020 ● Hansard Speeches 1979–2020
A dataset covering over 40 years of UK parliamentary speeches.

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

2017 ● Lonely schools: The relationship between geographic isolation and academic attainment
Educational Research, 59(3), 257–272.
10.1080/00131881.2017.1339285

2017 ● Disability, Rights and Vulnerability in British Parliamentary Debate
SocArXiv. 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

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 ● `parlitools`: Tools for Analysing UK Politics