

# EVAN ODELL

Currently searching for a position at the intersections of public policy, health and data. I've built many [R packages to streamline social science research](#) and maintain a widely used dataset of UK parliamentary speeches far superior to the official version. I make interactive maps of things like the [relationship between housing prices and public transport services](#), or [the amount of land given over to golfing](#). I believe in opening up data to allow people more control over their lives.



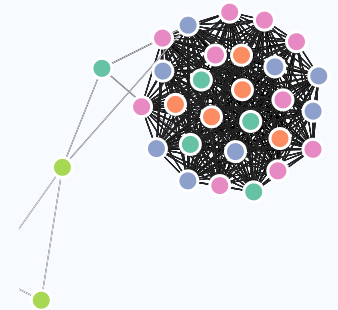
## EDUCATION

- 2015  
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● **MSc in Comparative Social Policy**  
University of Oxford 📍 Oxford
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● **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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## CONTACT

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## LANGUAGE SKILLS

R	
Python	
SQL	

*Last updated on 2020-09-10.*

- 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 data visualisation and survey analysis.
- 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 comprehensive and widely used 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 ● **parlitools**: Tools for Analysing UK Politics