

# EVAN ODELL

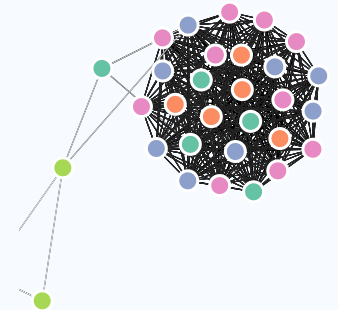
Currently searching for a position at the intersections of public policy, health and data. I've built many [R packages to streamline social science research](#) and maintain a widely used dataset of UK parliamentary speeches far superior to the official version. I make interactive maps of things like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

## 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 three month 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.
  - Testified before House of Lords Economics Select Committee on serious issues in the UK's flagship welfare policy.
- 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.
- 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.
  - Analysed speeches in Hansard to identify differences in the topics and language style between male and female Labour MPs, and between female Labour MPs selected through open or all-women shortlists.



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## CONTACT

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## LANGUAGE SKILLS

R	
Python	
SQL	

Made with the R package [pagedown](#).

Source code is available [on github](#).

Last updated on 2020-09-10.

2016  
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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

- Conducted 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  
• Primarily responsible for dataviz 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](#)
- 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](#)  
• Part of [rOpenSci](#)
- 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