

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.



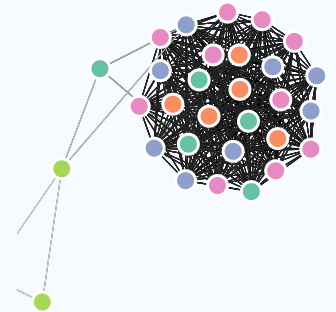
EDUCATION

- 2015
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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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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