**2017-7-24**

**Virtual Assessment Network Meeting**

**Location:** <https://carpentries.zoom.us/j/124215762>

**Attendees\* (please add your information)**

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| **Name** | **Organization** | **Role** |
| Kari L. Jordan | Data Carpentry | Deputy Director of Assessment |
| Mark Laufersweiler | University of Oklahoma  SWC/DC/LC | Research Data Specialist, OU Libraries  Instructor/Trainer |
| Alycia Crall | National Ecological Observatory Network (acrall@battelleecology.org) | Science Educator and Evaluator |
| Kristin Bass | Rockman et al | Senior Researcher |
| Michael Chow | DataCamp.com (michael@datacamp.com) | Software Engineer / Psychometrician |
| Karen Word | UCD Lab for Data Intensive Biology | Postdoc, DIBSI assessment |
| Sue McClatchy | The Jackson Laboratory | bioinformatician |
| Greg Wilson | DataCamp | Curriculum Lead |
| Elizabeth Wickes | UIUC | Lecturer |
| Louisa Bellis | University of Cambridge, Elixir-Excelerate project | Bioinformatics training quality and impact coordinator |

**Agenda**

1. Introduction of New Members
2. Presentation: DataCamp's new practice/assessment tool ([screencast](https://challenges.datacamp.com/practice/106))
3. Discussion and Collaborations
   1. How to ask the questions to get the data you want.
      1. Start with the end in mind (i.e. learning objectives that lead to covering the skills and challenge questions)
   2. One day “social sciences is real science” workshop
      1. Greg, Elizabeth, Alycia, and Kristin are interested in putting this together.
4. Scheduling *Meeting 5* **(November)**
   1. Volunteer to schedule the meeting: **Alycia!**
5. Adjournment

**Links**

1. Neil Brown’s [work](http://www.twistedsquare.com/Educators.pdf) out of the U.K.
2. [Paper](https://wmich.pure.elsevier.com/en/publications/increasing-the-use-of-evidence-based-teaching-in-stem-higher-educ-3) on increasing evidence-based teaching in STEM
3. [Paper](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/tea.20439/abstract) on facilitating change in STEM instruction
4. [Book](https://www.amazon.com/Making-Software-Really-Works-Believe/dp/0596808321/) on what works in making software