Minutes, Data Dive

Discussion of the interviews

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Present: Stewart Arneil, Claire Carlin, Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins, Lisa Goddard, Martin Holmes, Matt Huculak, Greg Newton

Our collective goal was to discuss how we might produce papers and articles from the interviews, along with material for our final tool kits and white paper.

The first few minutes were spent making sure that everyone had Martin’s tools for viewing slices of data working. See his new Interview and Category Analysis Index at <https://hcmc.uvic.ca/endings/interviews/>.

Lisa, Ewa, and Claire had **specific projects** in mind, all finding material looking across themes:

Lisa was able to find material relevant to libraries/data management plans for a paper proposal. Ewa will use themes to zoom in on themes relevant to the linguistics audience. She plans to submit an article to a new e-journal on documentation and language revitalization. Claire began by looking at contingent labour and DH projects. She and Matt will work up an article on postdocs in DH, highlighting their roles as leaders despite lack of stable support. Claire also plans to submit a paper proposal to the first conference of the French DH organization, Humanistica, which will take place in May in Bordeaux; the focus will be issues in hosting.

It is evident that there are different audiences for different parts of our data.

**General discussion** ensued on **best practices** that will be explicit in our white paper/tool kits.

* Modeling effective data management plans at UVic: a tickbox on the RASF would ensure a plan had been prepared. Faculty grantscrafters could then direct faculty to Shahira Khair in the Library who could help in plan development if necessary.
* We should tout the HCMC model as an exemplary structure for university support of DH. Or perhaps other models, based on more limited support?
* We should spell out what metadata the Library will need before storing DH projects. The Library should develop general guidelines now.
* Researchers need to realize that the Library would own future decisions about what happens to data stored in its repository. There could well be a ten-year limit if the resource is not used. It might then be stored offline/in “dark storage.” The UVic libraries will see storage infrastructure develop further now that Corey David is returning as Digital Preservation Librarian.
* This underlines the need for multiple storage solutions, for example GitHub; Internet Archive; researchers’ own hard drive. The interviews indicate that many researchers have not kept a copy of their own data!
* We should develop recommendations for building static sites according to the technology used. Matt already prepared documentation for WordPress sites for the DHSI course. Martin and Joey could do a case study for boutique sites, including how to put a Google search on your site.

Working from the Principles document, these and many other topics for our final products will emerge.