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# International Data Science in Schools Project

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# Today

- ❖ IDSSP: International Data Science in Schools project
  - What? Who? What? What's Next?
- ❖ Materials for IDSSP (Wesley)
- ❖ Reaching school teachers and students (Rob)
- ❖ Feedback (you)

Goal of this session:

Awareness of the project / Invite you into it

Solicit feedback

Help?

ME: some of the decisions we grappled with

Want to have a conversation. Interruptions welcome!!

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## 2 For some school children:

Instil interest and enthusiasm to

- ❖ pursue post-secondary studies in Data Science
- ❖ make a career in Data Science

Facility a major lead forward in society's ability to gain value from data

“The material should be fun to teach and fun to learn, and leave all concerned wanting more.”

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**What is the appropriate background for a teacher of a secondary school Data Science course?**

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Mathematics	<b>A</b>
Computer science	<b>B</b>
Something else	<b>C</b>

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## Teachers

- ❖ Who?
- ❖ Anyone from a discipline that uses data

## Who? Leaders



**Nick Fisher, Australia**



**Chris Wild, New Zealand**

Leaders, CT, advisory group

# Who else? Project development

## Curriculum Team

- ❖ Statisticians
- ❖ Computer Scientists

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# Who else?

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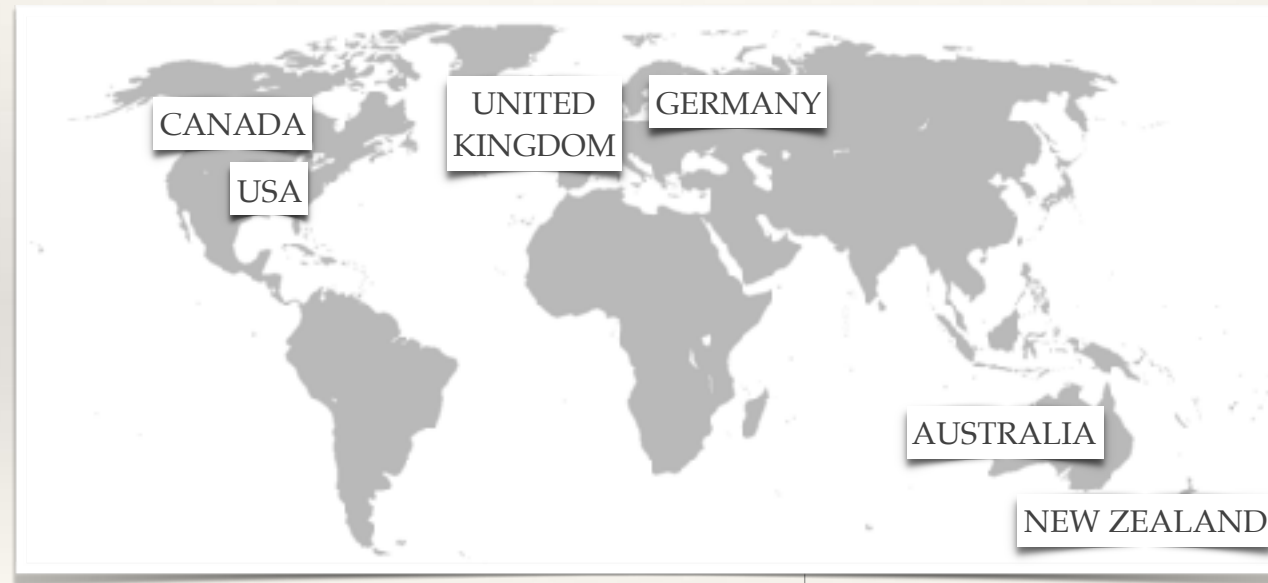
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## Advisory Group

- ❖ Statisticians
- ❖ Computer Scientists
- ❖ Educators
- ❖ Curriculum experts
- ❖ Leaders of professional societies

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# Countries with participants on the Curriculum Team



Advisory group also includes representation from the Netherlands

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# Supporting Organizations

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- American Statistical Association
- Association for Computing Machinery
- Australian Council of Deans of Information and Communications Technology
- ACEMS (Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Mathematical and Statistical Frontiers)
- BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT
- Cambridge Mathematics
- The Dutch Society for Statistics and Operations Research
- Google
- International Statistical Institute
- The Leiden Centre of Data Science, Mathematical Institute, Leiden University
- National Institute for Statistical Sciences (NISS; United States)
- New Zealand Statistical Association
- Royal Statistical Society
- Statistical Society of Australia
- **Statistical Society of Canada**
- Teaching Statistics Trust (UK)

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# What? Outcomes of Phase 1

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❖ Curriculum framework for two courses for senior secondary school students

1. First course:

- Awareness of data in students' daily lives
- How to make arguments with data
- How to critically assess arguments made with data

2. Second course:

- Modules to choose from covering a wide variety of data types and reasoning with data



## What would you include in the first course?



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## What would you include in the second course?



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# What? The cycle of learning from data



## MAJOR PRINCIPLES:

- \* Process focus: everything within the context of the Data Science cycle for a problem
- \* Real-world focus — real multivariate data, rich contexts, what's widely used in practice

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❖ Curriculum framework for teachers

“Teaching the teachers”

Model the student curriculum

+ extensions

+ depth

+ pedagogical considerations

# What? Computing

On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is the ability to code?



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1: Point-and-click only

**A**

2

**B**

3

**C**

4

**D**

5: Write functions / programs of many lines of code to perform a variety of Data Science tasks

**E**



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Easy-to-use environment

High level libraries

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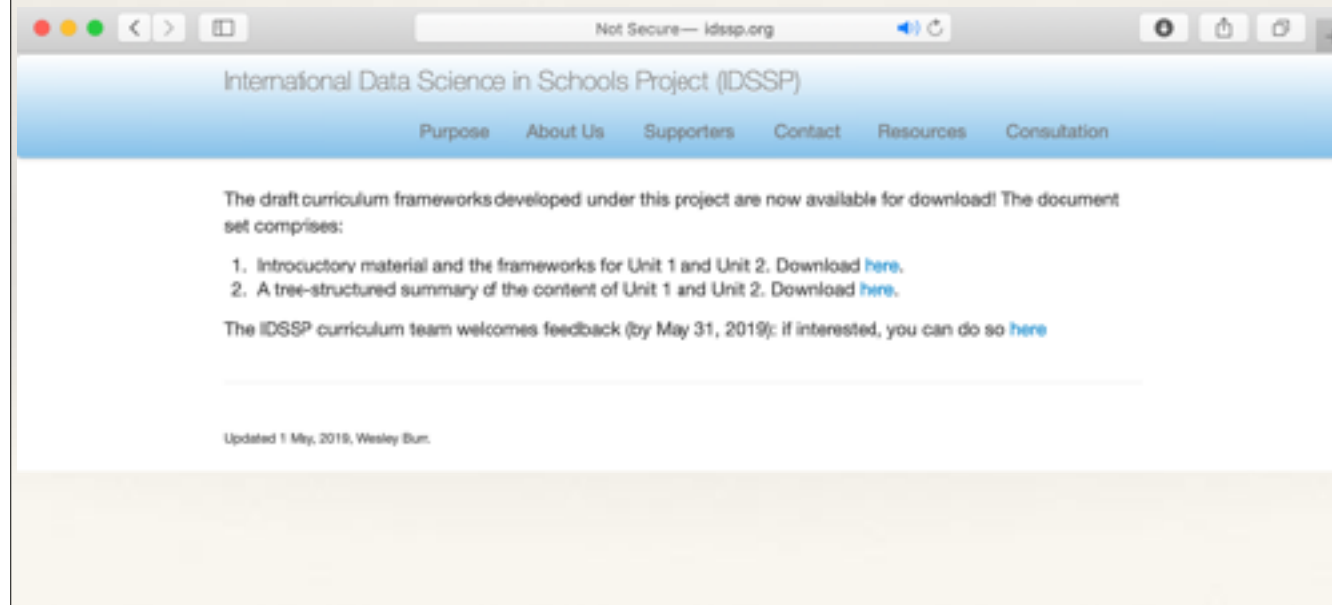
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# What Now? Consultation

<http://www.idssp.org/pages/consultation.html>



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# What's Next?

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Leave conversation for after Wesley and Rob's presentations



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## What's Next? How can the project have a greater impact?

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Options:

1. We're finished
2. Volunteers work on teaching resources
3. Funded resource development project

Open questions? What to do?

Need to develop: pedagogies, learning materials (new and curation), T3

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