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Panel: Data centres and institutional partnerships
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Research data support at Edinburgh

• finding …
• accessing …
• using …
• teaching …
And now –
• managing

ChartsBin and mkandlez on flickr
U of Edinburgh’s RDM Policy

- Passed Senate in May, 2011
- Ten brief principles
- Sets out roles and responsibilities
- Aims to enable researchers to achieve good practice
- Wide consultation organised by Library-led committee set up by the Vice Principal
Data Management Support

- General consultancy and support service throughout the research process
Supporting and training researchers

- Online guidance for academic staff
- Embedding RDM training into postgraduate programmes (MANTRA); bespoke training
- Awareness-raising and service roll-out across schools and research units
- Training librarians & IT staff
- Data management consultancy; grant-costed effort such as in-depth planning or metadata support
Applied Quantitative Methods Network

- Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council
- Previously funded (2010-13) mainly as a centre of expertise and training across Scotland
- Based at University of Edinburgh School of Law
- New phase to focus on 3 research strands (+1)
  - Crime and victimization
  - Education and social stratification
  - Urban segregation and inequality
  - Attitudes to Scottish Independence Referendum
AQMeN and the UoE Data Library/EDINA

- Co-authorship in PI’s scoping study in capacity building for quantitative methods in Scotland (2008-9)
- Successful partnership in phase one around development of the AQMeN content-managed website (2009-12).
- Director approached Data Librarian about taking lead role in data management strategy for Phase II of project (2013-16) as QA Officer (funded for a number of days over four year period).
- Serving as a test case for provision of grant-costed RDM services for the University of Edinburgh as part of Roadmap
### Potential points for cooperation

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