

Open data seminar

25th October 2012 9:30-1:00 Arana College Common Room

Convenor: Professor George Benwell, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Commerce

Programme

9:30-Welcome

9:40-Key note, Professor David Penman

The Case for Collaboration: The Challenges for Adding Value from Data Sharing

This presentation will build on the experiences of initiatives such as the Global Biodiversity Information Facility and the Census of Marine Life in developing infrastructure and leadership for data sharing. More recent and local initiatives such as from the NZ Organisms Register will also shape discussion of some of the challenges that individuals and institutions face in making information more available.

10:10-The Otago lens

- Gillian Elliot, PhD Candidate, Research Services Librarian
- Professor Peter Herbison, Preventive & Social Medicine
- Professor Steven Stillman, Economics

Otago Staff share examples of practice, experiences and potential with open data.

10:30-Morning tea

11:00-Key note, Dr Chris McDowall

Open data in principle and practice

Open data is a philosophy and practice advocating that data should be freely available to everyone, with minimal restrictions. In this talk I will outline a set of basic principles for open data and demonstrate how they typically work in practice. I will pay particular attention to data aggregation, whether to optimise for machines or people, and the eternal question "When is my data ready for release?" Real world examples will reinforce these ideas.

11:30-Options for Otago

- Group discussion facilitated by Professor George Benwell

12:00-Lunch

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