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# A DREaM come true

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The DREaM project: Developing Research Excellence and Methods started in 2010 with £45,000 grant funding from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC). The purpose of the grant is to develop a formal UK-wide network of Library and Information Science (LIS) researchers. The project started in January 2011 and runs until August 2012. It is supported by the Library and Information Science Research Coalition.

The five DREaM project events in 2011 and 2012 explore the scope of LIS and related research, and the range of methods appropriate to research in the domain. Researchers from LIS, as well as other subject domains, and expert in a variety of techniques, have been engaged to present method overviews, covering their strengths and weaknesses. A wide range of techniques is evaluated across the course of the project. These go beyond the standard qualitative and quantitative methods commonly deployed in LIS research.

**Figure 1 Delegates chat by the publishers' stands at the first DREaM event "Out of the comfort zone".**

Participants from across all LIS sectors, and at different stages of their career, have attended the two events that have already taken place. The DREaM project was officially launched with a one-day conference entitled "Out of the comfort zone" which took place at the British Library Conference Centre in London on Tuesday 19th July 2011.

**Figure 2 Delegates gather at the start of the first DREaM workshop "Building the skills to build the evidence base"**

This was followed with the first of three workshops which took place at the Craighouse campus of Edinburgh Napier University on Tuesday 25th October 2011. Session materials - including slides, summaries, and videos of the presentations for both these events - are available from the project web page.

Future DREaM project events include two further workshops in January and April 2012 (both fully booked), and a concluding event at the British Library Conference Centre, London. Participant places for this conference will be advertised in spring 2012.

Participants in the DREaM project are also members of the DREaM online community. Membership of the DREaM online community is open to all with interests in LIS research, whether or not they are able to attend the DREaM project events. We have also created a list for all DREaM project participants on Twitter.

To preregister for the July 9th 2012 event, please contact Hazel Hall (hazel.hall@lisresearch.org).

For regular project updates, follow @LIS_DREaM on Twitter.

## Resources:

DREam Project website: http://lisresearch.org/dream-project/

DREaM online community: http://lis-dream.spruz.com/

Twitter list of DREaM participants: http://twitter.com/#%21/LIS_DREaM/dream-participants/members

DREaM project contributors page: http://lisresearch.org/dream-project/contributors-to-dream-project-events/

Workshops page: http://lisresearch.org/dream-project/dream-workshops/

Launch conference page: http://lisresearch.org/dream-project/dream-event-1-launch-conference-tuesday-19-july-2011/

First workshop page: http://lisresearch.org/dream-project/dream-event-2-workshop-tuesday-25-october-2011/