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**Title: Open Research Week 2025**

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**Description:**Open Research Week 2025 is a collaborative initiative between the University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moore’s University, Edge Hill University, and the University of Essex. Held from Monday, 24th February to Thursday, 27th February 2025, the event celebrates and promotes open research practices for researchers and research support professionals. Sessions explore key topics such as open data, qualitative research challenges, AI in open science, research assessment, and international case studies. This dataset session recordings and presentation slides.

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**Recordings and event details:**

**British Social Attitudes and ‘Dividing Lines’: 40 Years of open-access research**

The British Social Attitudes (BSA) Survey, conducted by the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), has tracked social and political attitudes for over 40 years. Its longevity and use of random probability sampling make it the gold standard in attitudinal research.

As part of the Dividing Lines project, NatCen created six voter profiles based on decades of BSA data to highlight key divisions within the British electorate. This analysis demonstrates how archived, open-access BSA data can be leveraged for impactful research.

Speaker:  
Alex Scholes – Research Director at NatCen, expert in social attitudes and public opinion research.

**Open Qualitative Research: Challenges, limitations, and possibilities**

The Open Research movement promotes transparency and accessibility in research. But how does this apply to qualitative research? What are the challenges and opportunities of making qualitative data openly available?

Speaker:  
Dr. Pat Danahey Janin – Independent Researcher (University of Essex), expert in qualitative research, philanthropy, and climate change policy.

**Recognising and rewarding open research**

Open research enhances impact, integrity, and reproducibility, yet rewarding and recognising those who enable it remains a challenge. This session will explore how institutions can embed better recognition practices for researchers and research enablers.

**Speakers:**Dr. Karen Desborough – Responsible Research Assessment Officer, Cardiff University, leading engagement for the UK Reproducibility Network’s (UKRN) OR4 project.  
Dr. Delphine Doucet – Research and Scholarly Communications Librarian, University of Sunderland, responsible for the university’s engagement with OR4.

Prof. Georgina Endfield – Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research Environment, University of Liverpool, leading Project Thrive, which focuses on research environment, excellence, and inclusivity.

**Open research and AI – Changing the nature of scientific research**

The Royal Society’s Science in the Age of AI report (May 2024) highlights the importance of ensuring AI-driven research aligns with open science principles. This session will explore how transparency, reproducibility, and equity can build trust in AI-enabled research.

Speaker:

Nicole Mwananshiku – Policy Adviser, Royal Society, specialising in data-driven technologies and AI’s role in scientific research.

**Lessons learned from setting up REPOPSI – supporting open psychology research in Serbia**

Aleksandra Lazić, winner of the Sarah Jones Award for Exceptional Contribution to Fostering Collaboration in Open Science (RDA, 2024), will share insights from her experience of establishing and managing REPOPSI, Serbia’s open psychology research repository.

Speaker:  
Aleksandra Lazić – PhD Researcher, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy; Co-founder & Manager, REPOPSI

**Measuring, monitoring and evaluating open Research**

The increasing prioritisation of open research brings new frameworks, concordats, and policies. This session explores how we can monitor, measure, and evaluate open research practices to ensure policy compliance, effectiveness, and impact.

Speakers:  
Laetitia Bracco – Head of Research Data & Bibliometrics Support, Université de Lorraine; Project Manager, French Open Science Monitor

Iratxe Puebla – Director, Make Data Count, leading open data metric initiatives

**At the Intersection of Openness, Reproducibility, and Training**

Session Overview:  
This session will introduce FORRT (Framework for Open Reproducible Research Training), a community supporting open science education. Dr John Shaw will share key initiatives, including:

* Replication and Reversals Project – Exploring how research findings are reproduced and challenged.
* POSTEdu Project – A self-guided, evidence-based training program for teaching open science.
* Neurodiversity in Academia – Recognizing and addressing neurodivergent needs in open science training.

Dr Shaw’s work focuses on the intersection of open research, reproducibility, and teaching, aiming to provide pedagogical infrastructure and open educational resources for higher education.

Speaker:  
Dr John Shaw – Senior Lecturer in Psychology, Edge Hill University; Community Manager at FORRT

**The Impact of Being ‘Open’ for Small Charities**

While open research is often discussed within academic communities, it also has far-reaching implications beyond academia. This session will explore:

* The charity perspective: Dr Andi Skilton will discuss how being open benefits Stargardt’s Connected, a charity supporting research and awareness of Stargardt disease.
* Balancing research and openness: Professor Pooja Saini will highlight challenges in mental health research with small charities, balancing research aims, partner needs, and open science principles.

Speakers

Dr Andi Skilton – Research Impact Lead (Health Faculties) & Interim Manager for Participatory Research, King’s College London; Chair of Trustees, Stargardt’s Connected  
Professor Pooja Saini – Professor of Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention, Liverpool John Moore’s University