



# The Crossroad of Digital Research Facilitation & Open Research

Digital Research Services offer a single point of access for data and computing services at the University of Edinburgh. The Research Facilitation team helps researchers navigate the complex Digital Research Services landscape.



## FACILITATING OPEN RESEARCH

- Open research on Digital Research Services online catalogue, as well as case studies demonstrating efficient use of open research tools.
- Raising awareness through design and dissemination of outreach materials, including infographics and tailored guidance documents.

## PROMOTING BEST RESEARCH PRACTICES

- The interactive resource finder enables users to build their personalised toolkit & encourages better research planning and collaboration between researchers within The University of Edinburgh and beyond.
- [digitalresearchservices.ed.ac.uk/resource-finder](https://digitalresearchservices.ed.ac.uk/resource-finder)

## SUPPORTING OPEN RESEARCH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- Coordinating training sessions in different format (online, in-person, hybrid) aiming at skills development and wider adoption of open research tools.

## BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE DIGITAL RESEARCH COMMUNITY

- The Research Facilitation programme of activities and events is open to researchers, research students and research support staff.

## Challenges

- The University of Edinburgh is a large research intensive institution with diverse needs across schools and colleges.
- Facilitation is a time consuming and resource demanding activity.

## Opportunities

- Bringing together communities (Digital Research, Community of Research Software Engineering etc.), facilitating interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration.
- Improve research culture & cultivate a more supportive research environment around data-intensive and computational research.