Data, Accessibility and Openness at ONS

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Abstract

The Office for National Statistics in the UK is embedding open data principles and practices in the organisation. Our approach to open data is increasingly recognising that open data means more than just the unfettered release of vast quantities of data. To be genuinely open, we need to understand our audiences and communities, ensure our work is appropriately targeted and, where appropriate help foster and develop the capabilities in the wider community. This represents a cultural change for the organisation and ONS is developing its response using multi-skilled teams of digital specialists, communicators as well as statisticians. This talk will visit some of these issues in describing ONS’s journey so far and our aims for the future.

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