

Using Data Sources

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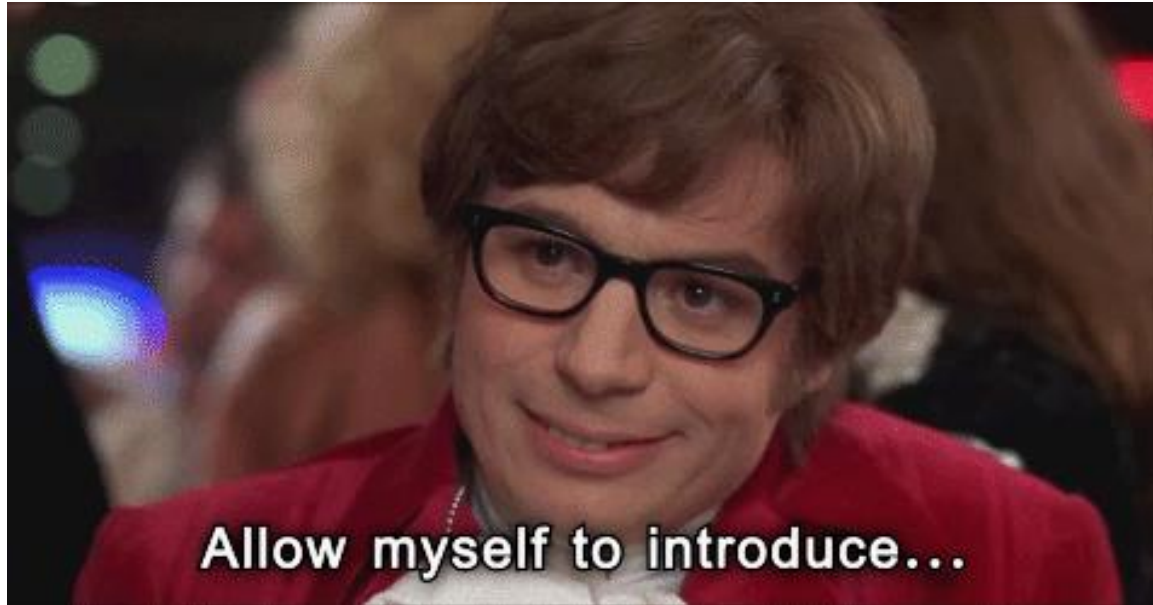
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Agenda- Interactive session

- Introductions: What problems do you face with sourcing data?
- Data Sources for Londoners: Natasha London Plus; Hannah-GLA; Max-University of Kent
- Over to you: Getting practical with data sources
- Some of the pitfalls for working with data
- Other useful data sources
- Revisiting your data problems- can we collectively resolve a data problem?
- Summary

Introductions

Name, Role, Organisation- What problems do you face with sourcing data?



Your problems with sourcing data

Finding Data

Over to Natasha, Hannah & Max



Top Tips

Relevant sources of data- [Rita's top hits](#)

- Context
- Interpretation
- Checking

Sourcing data: avoiding pitfalls

- Carefully read the information (meta data) about the data source you have found
 - Reliable source
 - Year Published
 - Who it pertains to
 - Methodology used in collection
 - Sample size
- There is no data!!!
 - Can you ask authors of related data sets or experts in the area e.g. [UK Data Service](#), ONS
 - Ask similar charities/organisations
 - Can you advocate for the data? Are there any datasets not currently accessible that should be?
 - Is it possible to collect it yourself?
- Data sharing of confidential data-
 - Comply with data protection regulations and consider the ethical implications

Let's work on a problem

- Define the problem
- What will you achieve if you resolve the problem?
- What information/data do you need?
 - As a small charity, if a report has been written about your issue- don't reinvent the wheel
- Is the data open, shared within a specific environment, private?
- Is the data good enough (data quality)?
- How do we access the data?
- Let's go!

More data support needed?

- **Final [project showcase](#) 15th July**
- GLA runs a data surgery- next date is 24th July. See [Civil Society website](#) for updates
- DataKind UK has [office hours](#) (similar to data surgery) every first Wednesday of the Month
- Announcement coming soon on data support for small charities- led by SuperHighways and partner agencies