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Connecting Communities:
building resilience and value
in an evolving international
research ecosystem

Practice Research Voices (PRVoices)

Building an intersectional community of practice around the capture, sharing and preservation of practice research outputs, through engagement with researchers, practitioners and those who enable/support infrastructure



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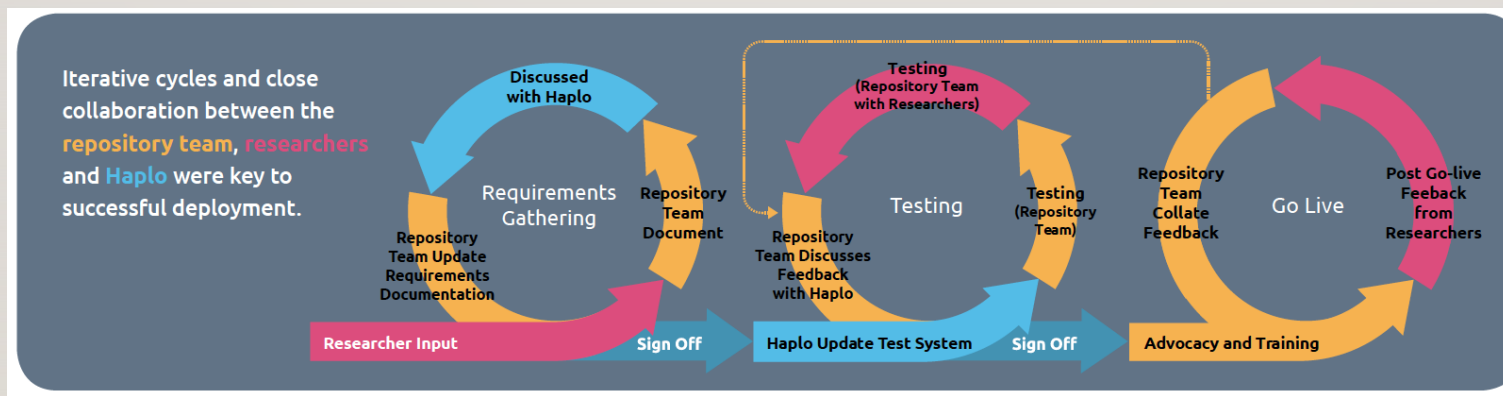
PRACTICE RESEARCH VOICES (@PRVOICES)

- Bringing together voices from many interested communities to form the PR Voices Choir
- Moving to a **repositories, discoverability and interoperability landscape** in which **practice research disciplines** are **embedded** rather than an afterthought (OTHER)
- Working with these communities to identify what **FAIR and transparent** research (which may also be **open**) looks like for these disciplines which respects all contributors and their intellectual property



WORKING WITH COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP RESEARCH MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE: A CO-DESIGN APPROACH AT UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

- Approach to development involved **collaboration with community – starting with their requirements – not what the technology offered (Co-Design)**
- **Developed a single repository that captures publications, data and practice research outputs** and the associated narrative
- **Inclusive (enabling) internal governance and policy landscape**



A close-up, horizontal view of a wooden floor made of light-colored planks with visible grain and knots. The planks are arranged in a parallel pattern, and the lighting highlights the natural texture and color variations of the wood.

PR VOICES:THREE WORKSTREAMS



REPOSITORIES

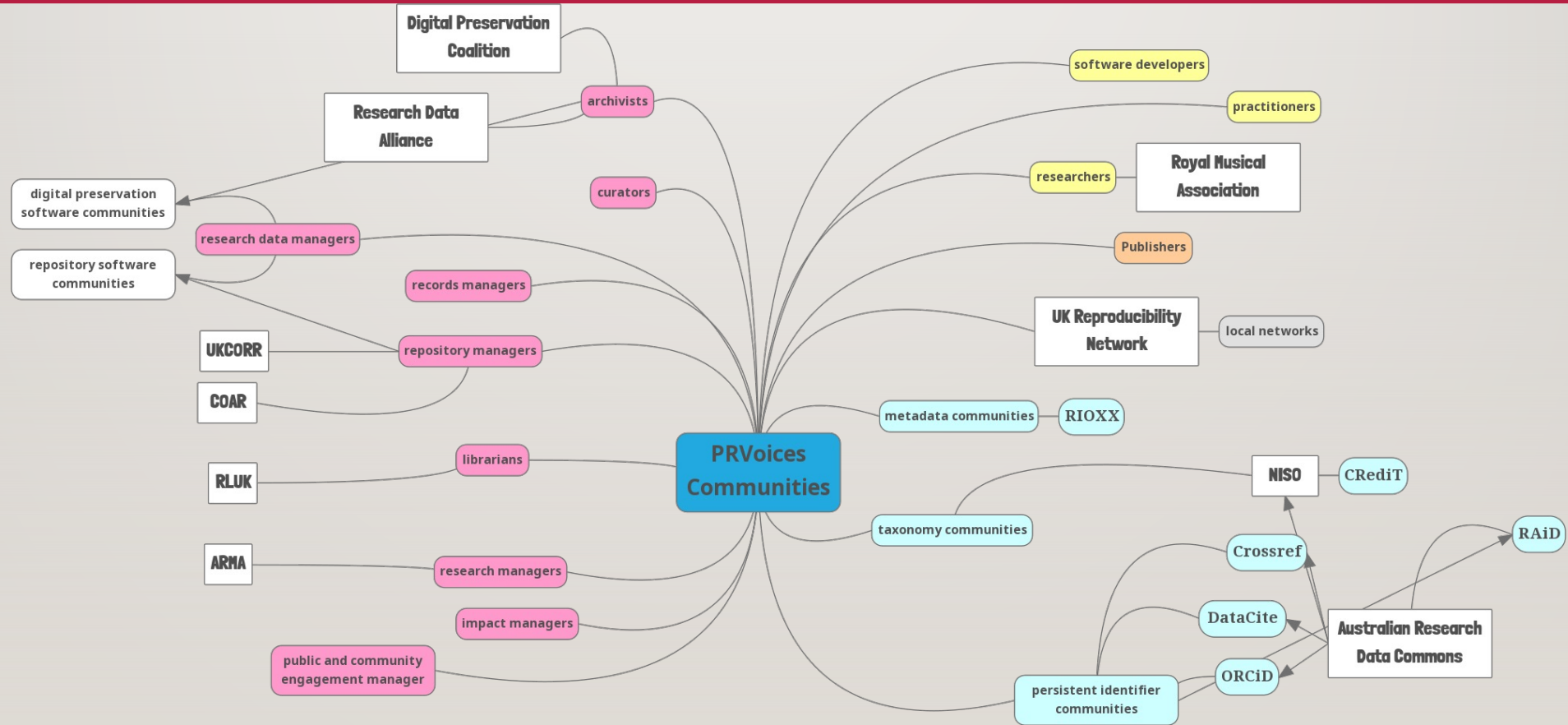


METADATA AND PERSISTENT
IDENTIFIERS



CREATING A PRACTICE
RESEARCH COMMUNITY OF
PRACTICE

PR VOICES:WORKSTREAM 3 – CREATING THE INTERSECTIONAL PR COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE



PR VOICES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Existing network to
build Community
Advisory Group



Jiscmail lists



Social media
including Twitter &
LinkedIn



Surveys (3)

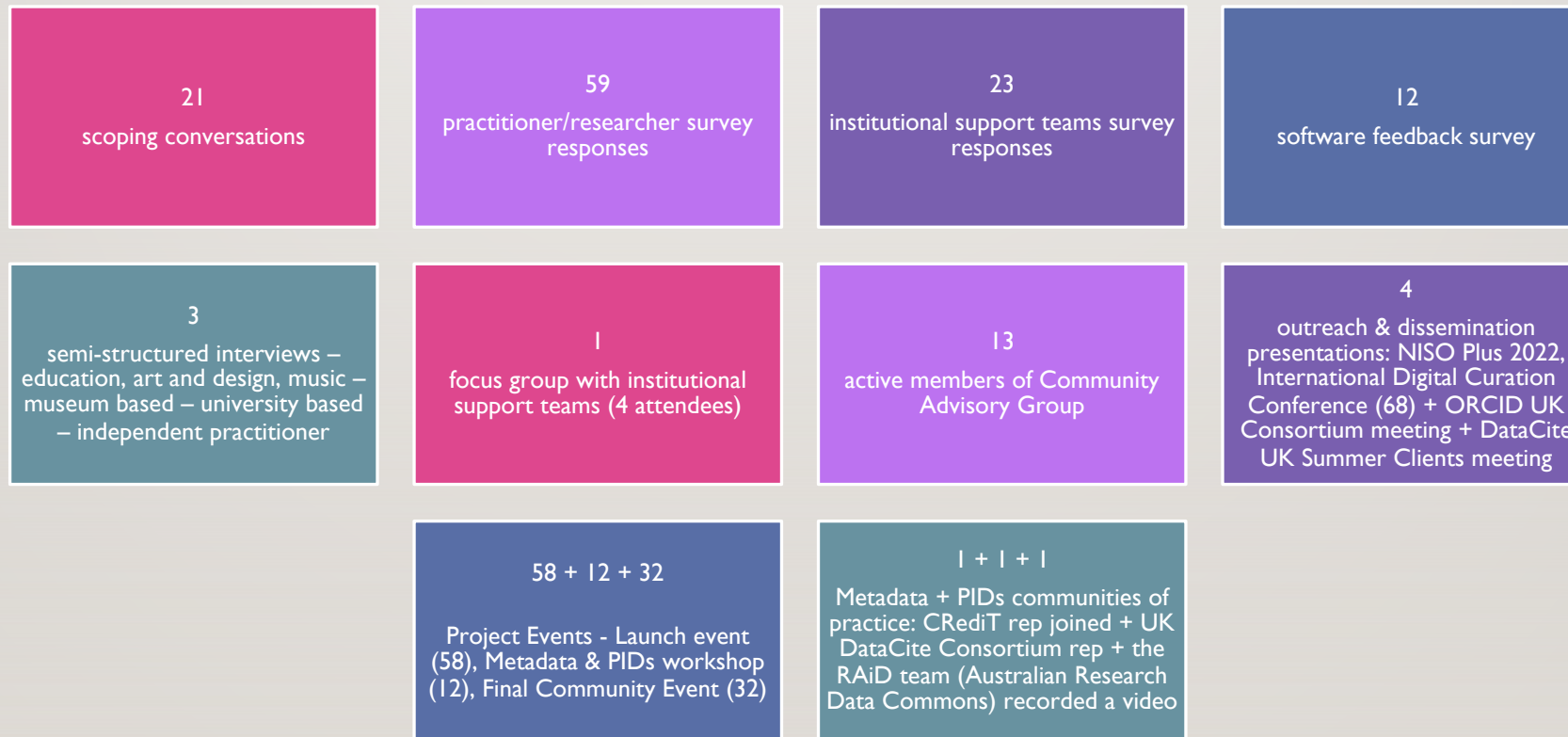


Semi-structured
interviews + focus
group



Metadata/PIDs/schema
workshop

PR VOICES PROJECT IMPACT & REACH



PR VOICES: BARRIERS (TO) AND OPPORTUNITIES (FOR) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

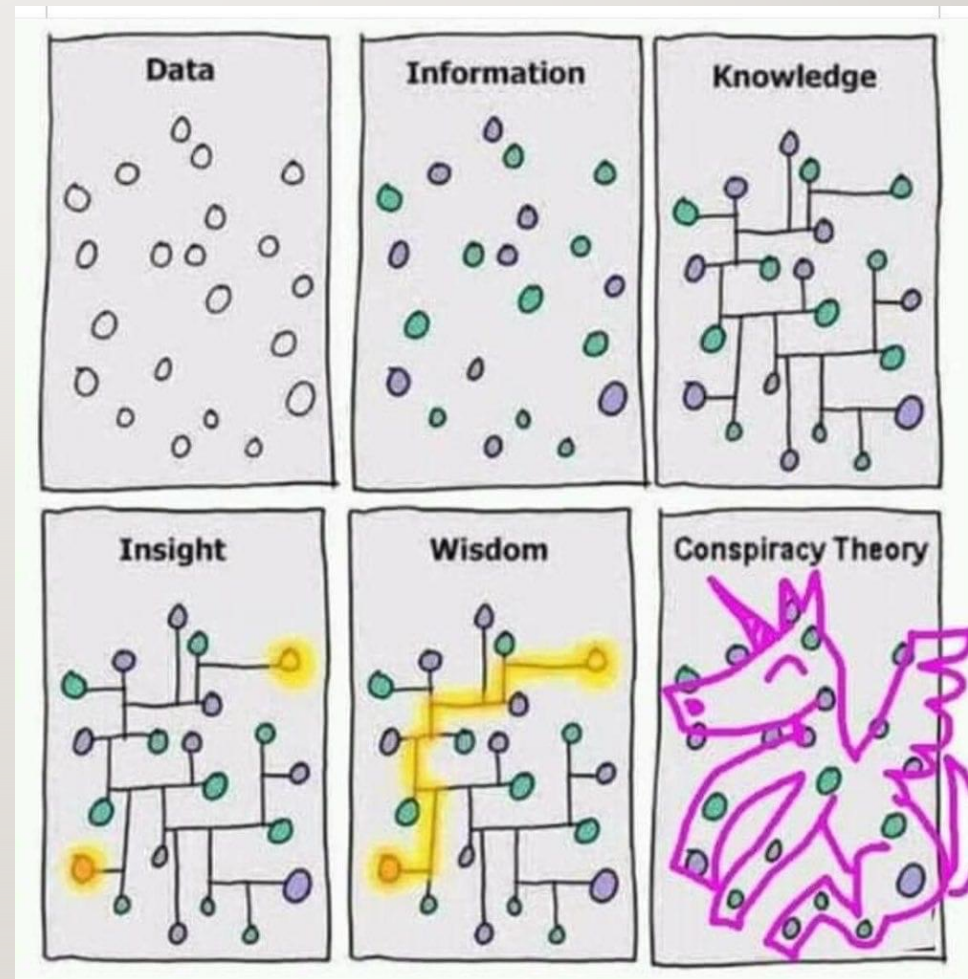
Barriers (to the scoping project)

- Timing and capacity
- Number of communities with an interest – existing conversations disconnected
- Previous conversations (with these communities) very STEM-driven
- Parity of esteem (recognition of practice research)
- Geographic focus – too SE England
- Communities we didn't reach
- Digital preservation didn't get enough attention

Opportunities (for the future)

- Communities interested (including AHRC)
- The need to recognise, capture, display, make discoverable and preserve this research in a way that reflects its integrity, respects (and supports) its communities and saves time
- FAIR and transparent research (and open where possible)
- Embedding in scholarly comms landscape
- Ensure underpinned by open standards and infrastructure
- Go beyond REF (however REF a framework & driver)
- Efficiencies

WHY DO WE BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE?



THE POTENTIAL LANDSCAPE / VISTA / PANORAMA

Creating an equitable
opportunity where we
are all part of the same
landscape



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