



Practice Research Perspectives: Partnering to Ponder Persistent Identifiers for the non-tangible

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Proposed session title: Practice Research Perspectives: Partnering to Ponder Persistent Identifiers for the non-tangible

Proposed session description (300 words maximum): Practice research is an established modality that recognizes research processes of making, doing and enacting as integral to knowledge production. This sits outside current research recognition and reward systems based on the principles of scientific publishing of end product. There is an opportunity to embed learnings in relation to 'FAIR' to recognise and make research (A)ccessible which might also be 'Open' while respecting all contributors to enable (R)e-use. This is a more inclusive approach than the current open scholarship infrastructure, which is founded upon more traditional, text-based research models and outputs which has resulted in practice research struggling to achieve parity. The Practice Research Voices (PRVoices) and Sustaining Practice Assets in Research, Knowledge, Learning and Engagement (SPARKLE) projects scoped requirements for a national data service supporting the UK practice research community. Their findings highlighted that practice research outputs are non-textual and evolve through iterative research processes. Practice research also produces a variety of non-tangible research outputs, typically a practice activity such as a live performance that is time-based and ephemeral – and which needs to be documented, but which fundamentally changes its form in being captured. This presents challenges for persistent identification. This session will define practice research and its characteristics. It will present relevant outcomes from PR Voices and SPARKLE relating to proposed frameworks and schemas for research processes and associated narrative, event and artefact output types. The session will then focus discussions on the implications for interrelationships between persistent identifiers, related infrastructure. This will reflect progress on engaging PID communities including DataCite, ORCID and RAiD to explore opportunities that move discussions forward while respecting the distinctive features of practice research. The goal is to stimulate collaborative thinking on positioning PIDs to better support research informed by making, doing and enacting at its core.

Proposed speakers (confirmed or potential): Jenny Evans (University of Westminster), Adam Vials Moore (Jisc)

Proposed session format: Presentation (30 minutes, maximum of two speakers)

Which of the following topics does your session cover? (check all that apply): Case studies/lessons learned both technical and social (epic failures - and successes), PID strategies and policies (general), Novel uses of PIDs and emerging PIDs, National PID strategies

INTRODUCTION

Objective: Explore how PIDs can support non-tangible practice research.

Background: Practice research as a modality recognizes making, doing, and enacting as integral to knowledge production.

Challenge: Current research recognition and reward systems are based on text-based, end-product models.

Defining Practice Research

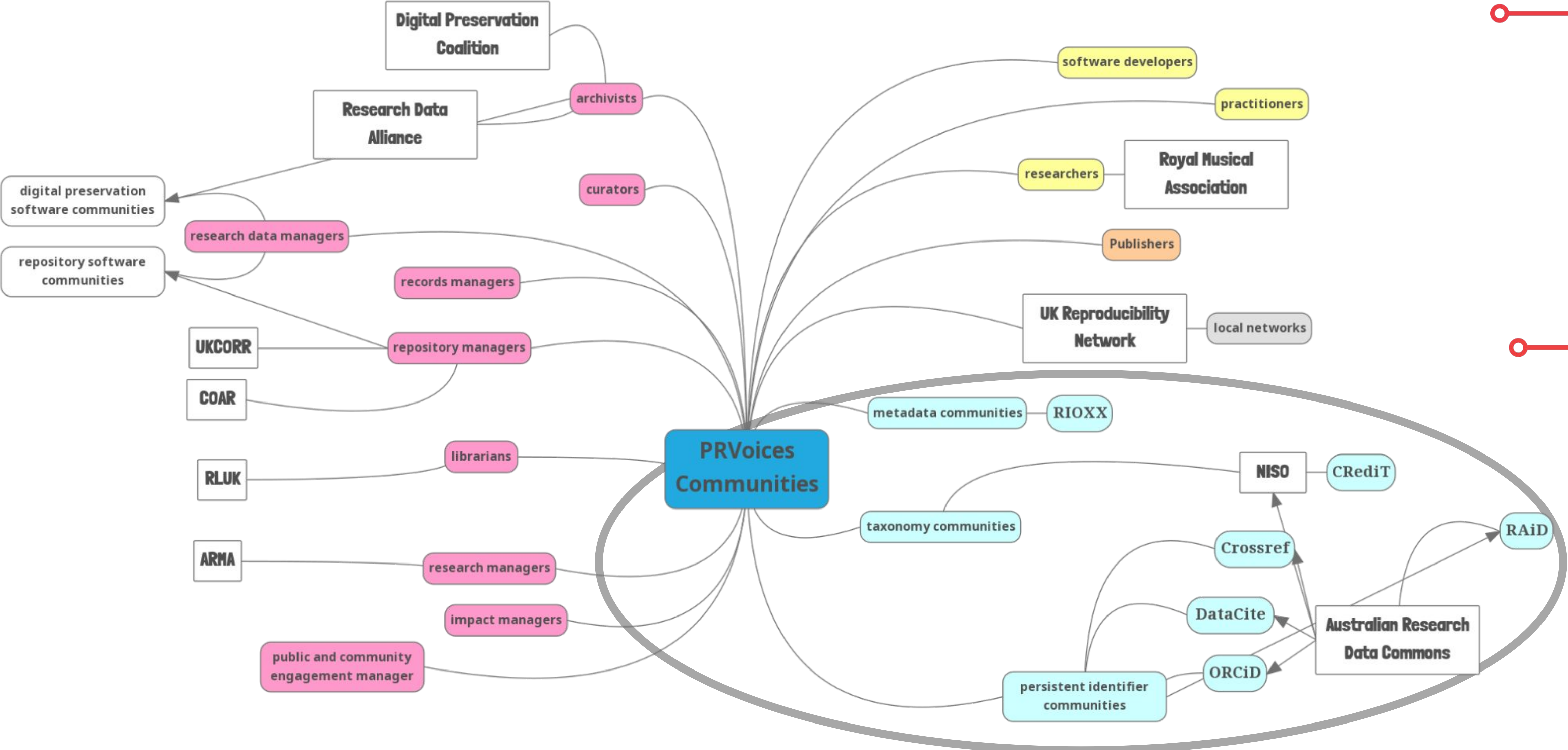
- Characteristics: Non-textual, iterative research processes.
- Outputs: Non-tangible and ephemeral (e.g., live performances).
- Documentation Challenge: Capturing such outputs fundamentally changes their form
- Practice research takes place across all disciplines

“An umbrella term that describes all manners of research where practice is the significant method of research conveyed in a research output. This includes numerous discipline-specific formulations of practice research, which have distinct and unique balances of practice, research narrative and complementary methods within their projects.”

PRVoices and SPARKLE Projects

- Purpose: Scoped requirements for a national data service supporting UK practice research.
- Findings: Highlighted the unique needs of practice research outputs and contributors.
- Proposed Frameworks: Schemas for research processes and associated narrative, event, artefact output types and contributors.

Co-design with communities



Implications for PIDs

- Interrelationships: Exploring PIDs and related infrastructure.
- Engagement: Collaboration with DataCite, ORCID, and RAiD.
- Goals: Move discussions forward while respecting the distinctive features of practice research

Aim: Work with existing standards rather than creating new ones!

Metadata and Persistent Identifier priorities

Resource types: DataCite

resourceTypeGeneral has 28 permitted values plus Other.
Exhibition maps to Event?
Does Portfolio/Collection map to Collection?
How does the portfolio record evolve over time?
Is RAiD more appropriate?
Creator vs Contributor - where does collaborator map? Work with CRediT on this?



Project item type: Research Activity Identifier (RAiD)

RAiD allows the collection of other persistent identifiers and output objects by acting as an “envelope” identifier. Each object connected to the RAiD also has a date-stamp for the beginning and end of the connection. This allows the RAiD to encapsulate narrative, chronological view of activity.



Contributors: Contributor Roles Taxonomy (CRediT)

Founded in scientific research
Embedding the practice research voice in CRediT discussions.
Potential to work with CRediT community on contributor roles that reflect practice research.



Future Directions

- Collaboration: Stimulate thinking on positioning PIDs to support research informed by making, doing, and enacting.
- Outcome: Better support for non-tangible practice research through enhanced PID strategies and policies.

Thank you!

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