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Sharing government information?

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A best practice workshop

This workshop aims to develop a best practice guide on information sharing by local, regional and central government and government authorities. Information is one of the most valuable and often neglected assets in government. However, the demand on making this information available to a wider audience is increasing through the freedom of information act and other in particular regional partnerships. The questions often asked are: What information does government own and how can this information be made available? However, the government community often does not have the expertise, guidance or resources to make their information available. This workshop aims to address some of the issues related to information sharing, which include data quality, standards, value of information, managing information supply and legal issues.

A variety of speakers, from the government and commercial sector and the AGI will provide an overview about the above topics. An introduction to AskGIRaffe, the geographic information metadata service of the UK will be given to demonstrate how to signpost government owned geographic information through the various AskGIRaffe hubs. Attendees will finally develop a best practice guide on sharing government owned information based on their own experience. The workshop organisers invite attendees from a broad range of interests including the central, regional and local government, government authorities and the commercial data supply sector to create a lively discussion on this pressing topic.

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