Platforms EOI: Expanding platforms for qualitative social research: Curating data and creating communities of engagement

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Project title
Expanding platforms for qualitative social research: Curating data and creating communities of engagement

Field of Research code(s)
- 13 EDUCATION, 16 STUDIES IN HUMAN SOCIETY, 20 LANGUAGE, COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE, 21 HISTORY AND ARCHEALOGY

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Project description
This project develops a new research platform for qualitative social science that enables creative, critical and careful engagement with open data agendas. It comprises: (1) expansion of a new archival repository of qualitative research data collections; (2) curation and communication of a new website, Studies of Childhood, Education & Youth (SOCEY) that provides a portal to the repository; (3) development and showcasing of appropriate data analytic tools; (4) extension of a community of practice to support qualitative social researchers in the design, ethics, archiving and communication of open data collections; (5) activities to strengthen end-user engagement in qualitative data collections to inform policies and programs across community, advocacy and government sectors. A pilot website and repository has been developed in collaboration with the Australian Data Archive, and the University of Melbourne Social and Cultural Informatics Platform [SCIP] with initial funding from ARDC to archive new projects: that work is currently underway: https://socey.hasscloud.net.au
The repository will operate according to FAIR data principles.

Existing technology

Adopt
The project will adopt pilot platforms to archive and disseminate qualitative social science data, in collaboration with the ADA and in partnership with communities of social researchers and end-users.

Adapt
It will adapt and develop data analytic tools to support innovative research practices that are accessible to a wide range of users. They will be responsive to the needs of researchers working inside and outside the academy and to the application of social research findings.

**Build**

It will build a platform for qualitative social researchers that has wider application or adaptation for other social science research communities. It will seek to use the platform to foster new research partnerships across sectors and domains.

**Anticipated requirements**

**Annual funding**

- $0 - $99,000

**Proposed length**

- 3 years

**Other information**

**Other information you wish to provide**

The project is supported by a wider community of scholars and practitioners. An Advisory Group will comprise researchers studies of education, childhood and youth who previously engaged with the CIs at a national workshop exploring data sharing agendas in August 2018, (see AARE Blog). A workshop (20/09/2019) on the project held with representatives from the community and government sectors showed strong support to partner with the project to enrich their evidence base through access to curated and searchable qualitative data supported by robust metadata.

**Terms**

**I agree to the terms**

- Yes