## Student data prototype
– the students experience and expectations on technology

### FRAMEWORK
A set of components that must be set, no matter how the solution eventually functions, looks and who uses it. The framework defines the content, procedures and quality of the survey and its outputs.

### “THE SERVICE”
The service is what we are testing various versions and aspects of at the moment, and that is the focus of this prototype.

### OUTPUT LEVELS
The type of information and the various levels it can be communicated to and be made relevant for.

- Nationally
- Types of institutions
- Institution
- Departments

### ACTION
Different levels in which the institutions can make use of the information gathered through the service.

- Inspection & review
- Strategic decision
- Action & improvement
- Communicate change
A. Students voice

**Description**
A physical and digital touchpoint to allow students to contribute content (remotely and at any time) that generates a visualised information cloud showing the actual priorities and focus of students. A mix of easy to digest level of visual and more in-depth information, it acts as a filter that categorises student’s feedback and makes it easy to sort through the relevant data. The data can be submitted through different channels, both digital and physical. It needs to be a touchpoint where students feel comfortable being honest and sharing their opinions, priorities, and worries concerning their student experience. Using hashtags or keywords, their thoughts are categorised and made available as topics and themes. An external body to the institution could manage the process so that privacy and trust in the system are gained.

**What it solves**
- Inspirational way to survey
- Constantly available (no important data lost due to bad timing of survey)
- Flexible usage

**Who & how**

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**Scenario**

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<td>In charge of getting information on the current voice of the students and concerns regarding all aspects of student life.</td>
<td>Student experience manager</td>
<td>Already aware of Jisc service offer, she signs up and configures the platform to go live. A toolkit to spread the word, gather content, make use of the data and act on it, is provided.</td>
<td>Students contribute and the platform records and filters the messages with hashtags. The tags are defined by an recognition algorithm, and through this iT creates a general output on the current topics important to students.</td>
<td>A summary of all the students voices on a national, regional or institutional level, accessible to all, live at campus or via a search engine of the database for staff at the institution.</td>
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**Workshop concepts incorporated:**
- Student change
- Dashboards
- Open for feedback
- Met to met
B. Targeted and small scale qualitative survey

**Description**
A service that incorporates qualitative data collection at small scale to understand the complete student experience. To get to a deeper level of understanding, Jisc trains a dedicated team of Institutional staff to conduct targeted surveying on aspects of the student’s life that cannot be covered in a quantitative survey.

This approach can function as a way to discover the unknown in various areas of student data, for institutions to consider and fully integrate in further quantitative data collection and surveys. It could also inspire small scale tests of new innovative ways to work with and for the students in the future.

Jisc provides a method/toolkit and training for the institutions to work from.

**What it solves**
- Complements and allows a level of information impossible to reach only through big data surveys.

**Who & how**
- **Jisc**
  - A dedicated team to supervise and coordinate this ongoing transition

- **Students**
  - Contribute with information when consulted

- **Inst. staff.**
  - Provide the data access and use the system

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They schedule training with Jisc’s service for two members of staff, for one day. Included in the training is a toolkit to run research in the field. The research is planned with guidance from a Jisc representative.

Then

With training from Jisc completed, and a plan for the research the staff go in to the field to survey students. Data is collected and uploaded with a tool from the toolkit. By going to where the students are, the staff get more insight into student life.

Result

A small but rich set of data complimentary to the quantitative data already existing. The results can be used for inspiration and innovation into further surveys, or be used to test interventions that might have surfaced through the research.

**Workshop concepts incorporated:**
- Discovering learning
- The helicopter survey team
- Bye, bye, happy sheets
- Digital exp. evaluation tool
C. Co-created and crowdsourced survey

### Description

A platform that allows users to choose and generate a survey to measure students’ expectations & experiences with technology using customisable pre-designed elements. The platform would then propose channels of propagation for the type of survey created.

Institutions can browse, create, customise and rate questions and methods of surveying. By using an upvote/downvote system, users can browse and find questions and approaches by popularity and relevance to their field.

To ease the creation process, a general core question set is proposed by Jisc experts for all types of survey - creating a base for inter-institution comparison. Jisc acts as a moderator on the platform.

Students, being end-users, will use the surveys, but never access the platform.

### What it solves

- Avoid institutions working in silos and reinventing the wheel,
- Increased relevance of survey through collective intelligence and collaboration,
- Create more meaningful data close to institution's priorities,
- A communication channel inter-institutions & Jisc
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### Issues?

- Students
- Inst. staff.

### Workshop concepts incorporated:

- Joined up thinking
- Question bank/post
- Make every bit of data count
- Dashboards

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### Scenario

**Who**

**Situation**

Head of Library is in need of feedback on the experience of the new online library platform in order to confirm a renewal or improvement effort.

**First**

He is aware that Jisc has an online crowdsourced survey platform and logs in to see if he can utilise it. He searches for "library", "online" and finds relevant questions on the specific tool he is assessing.

**Then**

He can select the questions he prefers & generate a tailored survey for the library’s needs. Through advice of other users who have voted, he is recommended to share via SMS because that has worked for others on the same topic.

**Result**

After using the platform he has a tailored survey created for pre-approved questions, vouched for by a community and developed by Jisc and survey experts. He saves time and gets an effective survey.
D. Jisc sweats your data

Description
A service from Jisc that assists institutions in ‘sweating’ the data they already have on students’ expectations and experiences with technology. Jisc would guide the process on mapping the existing data in the institution and how to sort it out. Those responsible within the institution would then map it out and get an overview of any contents already in existence. This could then be fed into a tool from Jisc that would make it easy to understand where they already know enough, where the data is fragmented and what topics to look further into, and how to act on that.

The platform would consist of a search engine that makes meaningful and useful data visible for new queries, using agile research mechanisms that values the re-purposing of existing data before the creation of new ones. Data is prioritised through a compatibility and relevance algorithm. The output is a visual summary of the type of data and information available, marking the most relevant data for this specific query.

What it solves
- Making use of existing data (optimisation)
- Reduce the money lost due to duplication of effort

Who & how
Jisc
A dedicated team to supervise and coordinate this ongoing transition

Students
N/A

Inst. staff
Provide the data access, use the system and conduct the mapping under supervision

Benefits?

Issues?

Scenario

IT-manager

On behalf of his institution he is about to plan a new survey initiative in his institution but does not know where to start or anything about what has been done before.

First
He gets in touch with Jisc and signs up to the service to start the process of gathering an overview of the data. He gets a list of recommended actions to take and books a session with a Jisc representative on how to map the existing data.

Then
He can enter all the existing material he has found into Jisc to get an idea on where to start. Through this he has developed an overview of the whole institution, not only his departments’ work.

Result
An overview of the current situation and a direction on where to move next. He now knows what they already know, what is incomplete and what needs to be researched further.

Workshop concepts incorporated:
- Sweat your assets
- Data mining
- Data literacy module
- Make every bit of data count
E. Where are you now?

Description
A tool for institutions to guide the students and at the same time collect student data. It would be a continuous process with touchpoints between students and teaching staff, from before students enter until they graduate and after. Institutions would be better prepared for, and able to adapt to, what their students need. The students would get to know how they can aim to reach their goals and develop as lifelong learners. Knowing that digital skills gives just a part of the student experience, this tool would cover the whole educational experience.

Whilst the students get information on their individual progress, the institutions can track how good they actually are at “producing” qualified students. Privacy is a key issue as it would extract data from students’ individual information. It would be a mutual tool providing something for both the institution and the students.

The institutions would have a view of both aggregated and anonymised individual outputs, whereas the individual would see their own progress and how it compared with others in the institution aggregated as an average and where they sit within.

Scenario

Teaching staff
The institution faces problems getting to know and understand what students need in their education, and sometimes feel like they fail in guiding them in the right way.

Who
First
He signs up to the service Jisc has to facilitate this support. The staff get training from a Jisc representative as well as tools to help the students forward. They also get access to a platform to track the results, and in the next phase extract information from it.

Situation
Then
In order to help the students, their closest member of staff (main teacher/tutor etc.) has conversations with each student individually to discuss their progress, needs and concerns. The staff, with guidance from Jisc, help the students move forward.

Result

Workshop concepts incorporated:
- DSA: diagnostic & bootcamp
- Data literacy module
- Relevance

What it solves
- Supporting the individual – not just the student experience
- Getting hands on information through collaborating and engaging with the students
- Concrete trackable progress of students' skills but also development of the institution
- Actionable information for the institution about how good they are now, and how to improve

Who & how

Jisc
Toolkit developed and delivered + guidance and training for institutions
Compiles information

Students
Engages in the conversation and development of individual information

Inst. staff.
Managers run and manage, student facing staff conduct

Benefits?

Issues?
**Description**

The aim of this concept is to engage the students and make them the researchers in charge of driving and leading the survey actions. It should be a part of a holistic institutional approach to ensure quality and responsiveness to the survey results.

Jisc would provide the survey platform and the logistics of the survey. It could be a part of the curriculum, and the students could be hired or they could get credits.

The survey could be a plugin to connect to services such as Twitter, FB or the chosen VLE platform at the institution. It could also be a function to have the students survey each other, as "longitudinal survey machines/tools."

The information gathered would be double layered; getting answers to the questions set in the chosen channels, but also generating knowledge on why these types of questions and these channels have been chosen.

**What it solves**

- Student engagement and influence increased
- Ask them about what they want to be asked about, in their preferred channels
- Survey relevance

**Who & how**

**Jisc**
- Core Jisc team leads and manages & provide the platform

**Students**
- Co-creators and surveyors

**Inst. staff.**
- Co-creators and initiators within the institution
- Users of the generated content

**Benefits?**

- Low
- Medium
- High

**Issues?**

**Scenario**

**Who**

Head of careers

**Situation**

Has been running a great deal of surveys through the year but struggles to get enough response which makes it difficult to make decisions on the information they get.

**First**

From Jisc he gets assistance to set up a service for students to do the surveying. It is an extracurricular activity and because it is a fair amount of work the students will get paid for their efforts, or get course credits.

**Then**

With guidance from Jisc the students co-create the survey material together with the careers staff. They get training in how to survey as well as a toolkit on good questions to use and recommended channels to use.

**Result**

The students are more engaged when it is organised by their peers and the quality of the survey increases due to higher participation and better answers.
G. Roadmap to employability

Description
A Jisc tool for students to, on their own, measure where they are and compare that to where they should be. It combines their own targets with recommendations according to where they are, and what they are doing. The students are the main users of this service but ideally it should produce data for the institutions to benefit from, and make changes to, according to student development.

Based on what they should aim towards, the students could get advice on how to advance and get credit, soft skills assessments, badges or similar for participation that would motivate them. It would be used by students when they feel motivated, on an ongoing, continuous basis. Both the institution and the students can compare to where others are. The platform could use gamification elements to encourage participation.

What it solves
- Engagement and motivation in producing data
- The engagement is based on something that adds value for the students
- Increase relevance of various skills and understanding of skills development course
- Increase institutions' engagement in developing the students' skills and digital presence

Who & how
Jisc
Develops the tool
Completes meaningful data

Students
Students use it and create the content from which the data will be extracted

Benefits?

Issues?

Scenario

1st year MBChB
She has just completed her first semester on her bachelor in medicine and is unsure about how to develop all the necessary skills during her education, but also thinking about what will happen after her studies and if she will be able to get a job.

She finds Jisc's service online and signs up. She answers questions on her studies, how far she has progressed and what she is studying as well as her personal and educational goals.

The service combines her needs and goals with the service's existing knowledge in general terms, and connects them to her goals and situation. This gives her a set of targets and guidance for how to reach these goals.

Ultimately it becomes easy for her to reach her goals and graduate with a good set of skills that eventually makes her more employable. The institution gets a mutual benefit from producing employable students and can track their students' progress.

Workshop concepts incorporated:
Digital health check
I am rubbish at titles
Digital me
Data literacy module