Portage Dataverse North

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What is the Portage Network?

● “Portage is a national, library-based research data management network that coalesces initiatives in research data management to build capacity and to coordinate activities better”

● Goals:
  ○ Build a community of practice for research data management (RDM)
  ○ Engage and advocate for research data management with stakeholder communities
  ○ Facilitate and provide leadership in the development of RDM infrastructure

● [https://portagenetwork.ca/](https://portagenetwork.ca/)
Portage Network of Experts

Expert Groups:

• Data Management Planning
• Curation
• Data Discovery
• Preservation
• Training
• Research Intelligence

Working Groups:

• Dataverse North
• FRDR Service Model
• Institutional Strategies
• Ethical Treatment of Sensitive Data
Regional Stakeholders

Canada’s four regional library consortia

COPPUL: Council of Prairie & Pacific University Libraries

OCUL: Ontario Council of University Libraries

BCI: Bureau de Coopération Interuniversitaire

CAUL/CBUA: Committee on University Library Resources
Part of a Larger RDM Ecosystem

[Diagram showing various organizations and entities related to Research Data Management (RDM) ecosystems, including universities, research councils, and other institutions. The diagram is centered on the term "CAGS" and includes logos for CARL ABRC, portage, MEOPAR, CAGS, and other relevant organizations.]

Courtesy of Chuck Humphrey
Director Portage Network
Dataverse North during the last year

● Dataverse North is built around 3 sub-groups:
  ○ Business Models
  ○ Metadata
  ○ Training Group

● Sub-groups agreed to each tackle one of the major objectives outlined in the Terms of Reference.
Dataverse North Timeline

Each sub-group agreed to the following milestones:

- **August 2017**: Preliminary outline of work & objectives
- **October 2017**: Interim progress report
- **January 2018**: Circulate draft briefing paper and recommendations to all members
- **March 2018**: Final briefing paper & recommendations submitted to CARL/Portage
Business Models group recommends:

Portage, through its Dataverse North Working Group, should work with key stakeholders to establish a national Dataverse North service, hosted by Scholar’s Portal, that will enable all Canadian researchers and the academic library community to effectively utilize a robust, scalable, and affordable research data repository platform.
Metadata group recommends:

- CARL institutions should adopt a common base metadata template for Dataverse repositories using standard vocabularies and identifiers.

- CARL institutions should adopt a common approach to labelling, describing, and organizing data files in Dataverse repositories.

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Training group recommends:

The development of training materials should be a priority activity. Dataverse North should work to develop multi-modal training materials, with an immediate priority on general introductory manuals, videos, and workshops that are aimed at librarians and library staff.
Questions?

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