

eSocial Science

- Fundamentally led by the needs and desires of social science
 - Chequered history and recognition of the need to focus on adoption and use
 - the technologies to support these shaped from needs
 - Need for a coordinated endeavour
 - Hub linked with sets of nodes focusing on different areas of eSocial Science
 - Big visions need to be reached in a staged way
 - Pilot projects
 - Small explorations
 - Start small and grow from early successes
- Focus on eSocial Science (diversity of support beyond high end computing and high bandwidth communications)

Multidisciplinary

- eScience builds upon a tradition of working jointly across funding councils
 - Understanding the role of the social is shaping technology
 - Using understanding of users to shape technologies
- Support for multidisciplinary approaches built into the Science and Innovation frameworks
 - Reflected in growing number of multidisciplinary research institutes.
- How might these map to equivalents within the other countries
- Structuring support so that it matches and focusing on funding to build links and build community is important

Those who see eSocial Science...

-as simulations
 -as techniques for statistical analysis
 -as visualisations of data
 - ... techniques for data collection for
 - ... digital representations open to computational analysis
 -exploiting the ability to manipulate digital media
 - as a social phenoma open to survey.
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- All of these groupings are international and all would benefit from collaboration.

Promoting collaboration

- Links at the individual researcher
 - Fellowships
 - Studentships
- Links at the research issue level
 - Joint workshops and seminars
- Links at the project level
 - Cross project links
- Links at the programme level
 - Initiative to be supported between



Getting harder to coordinate and organise

Internationalisation

- The sharing of eScience Facilities
 - The role of common approaches and standards
 - The movement and migration of tools internationally
 - International collaboration
- Barriers to sharing
 - More than standards
 - **eSocial science is the study of humans**
 - Cross cultural issues in codification and representations
 - Human subject means the issues of law, ethics and policy are significant.
- Sharing without homogenisation
 - How many of these tools will be dominated by particular cultures views and values