Ten Questions

Europeana Innovation & Community Building session

Given that Europeana is using open source software, and that europeana.eu is open software itself, should it also become a community-driven development project?

Session 1: Open Source

Are doubts about whether open software provides quality services justified, and what should be done to ensure quality of open source software used in, and produced by, Europeana?

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What will be the role of aggregators, and what will be the role of Europeana in a Linked Open Data future?

Session 2: Aggregation and (Meta-) Data Quality

What is it that Europeana can do which the search engines can't that justifies the extra effort of creating and managing structured metadata?

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Is the EDM (still) too complicated? And if yes: what should be simplified?

Session 3: Open Data

What is the actual value of semantic contextualisation, and could that not be produced by search engines?

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What should Europeana do to enhance the object view (item page) to engage users to explore and discover the cultural diversity of the aggregated data? How should these contexts be visualized, and should the user be allowed to add groupings of information?

Session 4: Explore and Discover

How important is multilingual access for discovery in Europeana, and which elements are most important: cross-lingual search, semantic browsing of categories (e.g. names and places), or translation of the object metadata and content?

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Can Europeana drive end-user engagement on the distributed sites and services of contributing archives?

Session 5: Distributed Community Empowerment

How can we benefit from existing (local, as well as international) communities in enriching the user experience on Europeana?

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