

PROFILE

Other programme experience Details

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About

Julian is a passionate advocate for digital technologies that can help build stronger communities, develop new forms of economic activity and give people a stake in the process of governance and decision making. He has been involved in developing projects and advocating for open and accessible data infrastructure, through engaging and building communities of practice within cities since 2009. He developed the Open Data Cities programme in Manchester, UK, DataGM - The Greater Manchester Datastore, and has had involvement with many other local, national and European open data initiatives. He was an author of the Open Data Handbook, The Open Book and other papers.

Areas of expertise

Development of open data programmes, project management, open data policy, multi-stakeholder engagement, data ethics, smart city initiatives, data standards, public speaking and workshop development.

Relevant experience

Co-Founder and CEO, Open Data Manchester March 2010 - present

Open Data Manchester was created to prove the demand-side case for open data within cities. It is one of the longest running open data organisations in Europe and has been involved with developing a number of different open data and data initiatives. Most recently it has taken over the management of the Things Manchester IoT data network. It offers programmes in raising skills and awareness of data practice within organisations and communities, creation of open data policies, design and development of innovation events and schemes to encourage economic development in open data, data standards work and ethical approaches to smart city implementation.

Principle projects

Open data strategy development for the City of Izmir (TR) - April 20 - present. Domain experts for the International Finance Corporation/World bank. Working with the city government and external stakeholders to develop a data diagnostic assessment, open data strategy and implementation roadmap that can help build a sustainable open data programme.

UK Government Gov Tech Challenge (DEFRA). Oct 18 - May 19. Leading on the development of a data standard to track and manage waste for the UK. To enable the reduction of £1billion waste crime and increase recycling.

Declaration for responsible and intelligent data practice. Jan 19 - present. Developing and implementing an ethical statement of intent and framework to promote and develop best data practice in Greater Manchester. Developed with academia, civil society, business and public sector.

Digital Cities Challenge. Oct 18 - May 19. Open data policy expert working with Granada (ES), Alcoy (ES), L'Aquila (IT) and Arad (RO) as part of EC EASME/COSME programme

Open Contracting Scoping Study. March 18 - ongoing. Consultation with local governments in Greater Manchester regarding the adoption of the Open Contracting Data Standard to create a more open and transparent procurement process.

Knowable Building Framework. November 17 - Apr 18. Development of a decision matrix to allow owners and managers of older buildings to adopt sensor technologies for environmental and economic benefit.
360 Giving Data Standard. January 16 - ongoing. Advocacy and development of events and materials to help organisations adopt standardised data practices for grant-giving.

Open Data Incubator (ODINE) Expert Assessor EU Horizon 2020. August 2015 - September 16. Investing up to €100K in 57 start-ups and open data businesses across the European Union.

Speaking and workshop experience

Through this work Open Data Manchester has been invited to present its work internationally at the following events.

Smart City Summer School - L'Aquila, Italy. July 2019

IMEF Ciudades Inteligente - Monterrey, Mexico. May 2019

International Open Data Conference 18 - Buenos Aires, Argentina. September 2018. Prague Data Cities Congress, Prague Czech Republic. July 2018.

MetroOnline, Poprad, Slovakia. June 2018.

Smart Urbanation Summit - Hyderabad, India. March 2018.

Prague Smart Cities, Prague, Czech Republic. March 2018.

Smart Slovakia, Bratislava, Poprad, Nitra, Slovakia. March 2018.

International Open Data and Urban Innovation Summit, Shanghai, China. November 2017.

Digital and Open Government Next Step to Maturity (EU Presidency), Amsterdam, Netherlands. June 2016.

Beyond Data, Eindhoven, Netherlands. April 2016.

Other relevant positions

Principal Instigator of Things North and Things Manchester August 2015 - present

Development of and award winning region-wide LoRaWAN network with numerous local government and private sector organisations. Working with organisations across the North of the England to develop LoRaWAN based IoT applications for environmental monitoring, public safety and asset management. This work has now been adopted by Open Data Manchester.

Head of Innovation Projects - FutureEverything November 2008 - August 2014

FutureEverything is a creative technology innovation laboratory that develops numerous innovation projects focussing on cities and societies. It works both nationally and internationally on innovation projects and hosts an annual conference that brings people together from all over the world.

Other programme experience

Open Data Cities. August 2009 - August 2014. Development of methods and practices to help cities adopt open data for the benefit of government, business and communities. From this work was developed the DataGM - The Greater Manchester Datastore (2010) and Open Data Manchester (2010) as well as project listed under.

EUPORIAS, FP7. November 2012 - January 2017. Project working with European meteorological agencies, World Health Organisation, World Food Programme, EDF, Cargills and others. Developing methods for conveying of uncertainty in seasonal and decadal climate forecasting.

CitySDK, EU ICT-PSP. January 2012 - October 2014. Production of three large-scale pan-European smart city service pilots in eight partner cities. The pilots are in the domains of smart mobility, smart participation and smart tourism. Cities in project were Manchester, Rome, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Lisbon, Istanbul and Lamia.

Apps for Europe, ICT-PSP Thematic Network. January 2013 - June 2015. Turning data into Business creating a thematic network to organise competitions for using open data, stimulate the winners to start business ventures, and maximise the socio-economic impact and overall benefits of open data

Greater Manchester Data Synchronisation Programme. June 2013 - December 2015. Initiative to overcome incoherent ways that data is created across different government agencies using linked data.