FDM NDS
Forschungsdatenmanagement Niedersachsen

Welcome to the 27th newsletter of the State Initiative Research Data Management Lower Saxony. Today, we cover **News from the State Initiative & more, News from the RDM community, RDM consultants from Lower Saxony introduce themselves** and **upcoming events** from FDM-NDS & Friends. Enjoy reading!

News from the State Initiative & more

The final program is set: Data Days Lower Saxony 2026 invites you to join the conversation!

In one month, the third Data Days Lower Saxony will take place. Under the theme “Promoting Resilient Science—Research and Data Management in an Open Society,” a diverse program awaits us in Oldenburg and online, featuring exciting discussions, hands-on workshops, and numerous networking opportunities.

During the in-person sessions on November 25 and 26 in Oldenburg, the focus will be on face-to-face exchanges and collaborative solutions. A panel discussion will explore the topic from the perspectives of FDM, NFDI, research, infrastructure, and AI. The event will take a celebratory turn with the presentation of the FAIR Data and Software Awards Lower Saxony. In workshops, participants can discuss topics such as the development of Data Champion networks, explore usage rights for research data and electronic lab notebooks, and learn about approaches to data ethics and legal issues. A marketplace, an open FDM consultation session, and a joint evening event at the Oldenburg Computer Museum round out the program.

The Virtual Theme Day on November 27 also offers a wide range of opportunities to deepen your knowledge and gain new ideas for FDM practice. The program includes, among other topics, the legal foundations for handling research data, change management for FDM professionals, and the question of how to ensure FAIR publications in the context of AI. Other presentations will introduce the Qualiservice Research Data Center and the interactive data exchange between repositories via Nds-WiDaX. Practical sessions are also on the agenda: In an introduction to Git, participants will learn the basics of version control, while a presentation on Open Educational Resources (OER) will demonstrate how RDM materials can be integrated into learning

management systems. A workshop on eLabFTW also offers insights into working with electronic lab notebooks.

The program is available online—whether you're attending in person or joining the virtual theme day from the comfort of your laptop, it's well worth it!

Further information and registration link

New Publications in the Zenodo Community of FDM-NDS

Digital Wheel of Fortune with a Question Catalogue on Research Data Management

A new digital wheel of fortune on research data management (RDM) has been published on Zenodo. Together with an accompanying question catalogue, it offers an interactive and accessible way to introduce key RDM topics in a playful manner. The customizable templates and quiz questions are particularly suitable for use at events and are largely available under CC0 for free reuse.
Link to the publication

Strengthening RDM Competencies in the Supervision of Academic Research

The presentation slides "Empowering Supervisors: Ready-to-Use Formats for Strengthening RDM Competencies in Higher Education" by Sebastian Lehmann and Benjamin Slowig have been published on Zenodo. The presentation introduces practical workshop and training formats designed to help supervisors of academic research projects effectively pass on RDM competencies to early-career researchers with minimal additional effort.
Link to the publication

News from the RDM Community

Software Carpentry Workshop Göttingen: Practical Fundamentals for Research

The Software Carpentry Workshop Göttingen will take place online on November 2 and 3, 2026. The workshop provides doctoral students and other researchers with fundamental knowledge in the areas of programming, version control, data management, and task automation. Through hands-on exercises, participants can directly apply what they have learned to their own research. No prior knowledge is required. A setup session for technical preparation will be offered on October 26. Space is limited; priority will be given to participants from the Göttingen Campus.

Further information

Recommendations on Authorship of Research Software

Who should be listed as an author when developing research software? The publication *Research Software Authorship* by the Research Software Alliance provides definitions, guidelines, and criteria to distinguish between authors and other contributors to research software. It takes into account various contributions, such as software development, documentation, project management, and user support. The

recommendations are intended to help ensure transparent recognition of contributions and to enable appropriate citation of research software. The current version is a draft intended to be tested in practice.

Link to the publication

CC Signals: Sharing and Reusing Knowledge Freely

How can we clearly communicate the conditions under which scientific content can be used and reused? The event “Gifting Knowledge – How to Give Away Knowledge for Free and How to Use Free Knowledge,” taking place on Friday, October 23, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., will address this question. To conclude Open Access Week, the focus will be on CC Signals, which are designed to help make decisions regarding the free use and reuse of content more transparent. The event offers insights into new ways to openly share knowledge and promote Open Science.

Link to the event

RDM consultants from Lower Saxony introduce themselves

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Responsibilities:
RDM Coordinator -> General advice, support, and information on all aspects of FDM, with a focus on data curation and the organization of research data for archiving and/or publication via PubData, the Leuphana repository.

Professional Background:
Scientific documentary, history / political science

Favorite Area or Topic in RDM?

Metadata, Content Indexing, and Data Curation

What is your wish for the future of RDM?

Quality over quantity, especially when it comes to making research data available.

If you had a day for yourself and your favorite hobby, with unlimited time and budget, what would you do?

I get up before sunrise and head to the most beautiful viewpoint in the area! In the afternoon, I play card and board games with my friends. In the evening, I go with my wife to my favorite wine festival.

Most important item in the office/home office?

Sitting Ball

Wofür steht FDM? (nur falsche Antworten) [only in German]

Frag Deine Mutter!

Events by FDM-NDS & Friends

26.10.2026- 8.02.2027, Hybrid, Every monday
Title: Data Literacy and Research Data Management: Upskilling Your Data Competencies for Your Thesis
Link to registration and more information

05.11.2026, 09.30 am– 04.30 pm, Hannover
Title: Wandel in der Forschungsbewertung: Perspektiven für die Anerkennung von Forschungsdatenmanagement in Niedersachsen
Link to registration and more information

28.10.2026, online (ATTention: Postponed from Oct. 28, 26!)
Title: Ansätze zur strategischen Weiterentwicklung vom FDM am Standort
Link to registration and more information

Data Days Niedersachsen 2026
25. & 26.11.2026 in-person, 27.11.2026 online
Link to registartion and more information

DatenDienstag (Event series)
Every second Tuesday oft he month, 9 am
Link to registration and more information

FDM Campus Hannover (Event series)
Every second thursday of the month, 1 pm
Link to registration and more information

Overview to FDM-NDS recommends:
Selected events from colleagues in other RDM initiatives that are also relevant for researchers and RDM professionals in Lower Saxony.
Link to overview of FDM-NDS recommends

See you next time!

Best regards,

The FDM-NDS Team

PS Do you have something you would like to promote in our newsletter? Let us know by **15.11.2026**, at info@fdm-nds.de, and you'll be featured next time.

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