We are soon launching our new 'Labs' initiative. This is an umbrella for the various strands of our innovative and exploratory work. Over the next year we plan to work with digital content, IIIF for image interoperability and machine learning. We will also be continuing with our names work, looking to create connections with different external resources.
Page View Reports for Contributors

We send Google Analytics quarterly reports to all contributors, showing page views. We are enormously frustrated that GA is currently turning up blank reports. This has been widely reported and criticised, but as yet they haven’t fixed the problem. We are looking at whether we can provide the reports in a different format (e.g. CSV) as a means to ensure they are populated.
We are also looking at the option of using Matomo for our analytics software. As yet, we don't know if this is feasible, or if it provides for sending out these kinds of reports.

If you need a report, and your current one is blank, you can get in touch with us and we will provide a report. The problem appears to be saving reports to send over the year, rather than generating individual reports.

Spreadsheet upload to our EAD Editor

Back in February, HubbuB described our project to enable ingest of spreadsheet data.

We are now looking for contributors to try our spreadsheet template and then upload the data to our Editor. Maybe you have a project, where you want volunteers or archive assistants to fill in spreadsheet records? Do consider using our template, as then you can easily upload the data to the Hub. It is designed to promote interoperability.

We are pretty confident that it works well, so you should successfully be able to upload and then work on your data in the Editor, or simply submit it to go live on the Hub. But it is impossible to test all data variations and discover all the bugs without throwing plenty of data at it. So, if you would like to use our template, you will help us to further test and refine the conversion.

The template provides for most ISAD(G) fields, can be used for single level or hierarchical descriptions, and includes the option to add links to digital content.

Once the data is in the Editor, you can easily add to it, maybe using the VIAF lookup to find people and organisations, or the Geonames lookup to find places. Using these identifiers helps enormously with uniquely identifying entities and provides the potential to connect diverse datasets.

If you already have spreadsheet (e.g. Excel) descriptions that you want to upload, we may also be able to do this - we offer some bespoke conversion. But obviously this depends upon the nature of the data.

Please do get in touch\(^1\) if either of these is of interest to you.

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Statement about sensitive or potentially offensive content

We are looking at adding a statement on the Archives Hub relating to the inclusion of content that is potentially sensitive or offensive, such as bad language or culturally outdated, biased or offensive language.

We believe that it is often important to keep language that may be considered offensive or biased. These words and their use are part of history and provide social and historical context. Removing them could be seen as sanitising history.

If anyone has any thoughts about this, please get in touch. At present, we are just proposing to add a statement that will be available from the menu bar. We will encourage people to report anything they are uncomfortable with, and forward any concerns to you, our contributors. We hope that this is agreeable to you. This would allow us - or you - to explain to people why we use certain terminology.

For an idea of how this kind of statement might be worded, see the DPLA statement:\footnote{https://dp.la/about/harmful-language-statement}