Data Stewardship

Pitch for a task group

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Data Stewardship is a **hot** topic!

Within Open Science FAIR RDM is crucial and Data Stewardship essential

Good RDM profits from the efforts of data stewards to make data FAIR, so...
Currently, two parallel projects on the subject run almost concurrently, working towards similar outputs:

ZonMW/UMCG/DTL  Towards FAIR Data Steward as a profession for the Life Sciences – A collaborative approach built on existing expertise (led by Salome Scholtens – UMCG & Celia van Gelder – DTL) - August 2018 – July 2019
Focus: data stewardship in the Bio Life Sciences

Project: WUR: Role of the Data Steward in the organisation of Data Management (Support) – January – December 2018
Focus: data stewardship in WUR context

The LCRDM Task Group provides a general overview in connection with and supplementary to both projects mentioned above.
Universities, universities of applied sciences, University Medical Centres, funding bodies and research institutes have all studied this subject in depth.

Several efforts have been undertaken to professionalize the function of Data Stewards, and to upgrade their job description.

Various Open Science developments at European level (e.g. EOSC) stimulate Data Stewardship initiatives and .....
for the Task group:

- Make an inventory*) of data stewardship, focusing on position/role profiles currently in use within research institutions in the Netherlands
- Publish the results on the LCRDM platform

*) Include aspects such as job title, tasks & responsibilities, desired competencies, positioning within the organisation and other relevant information concerning job description used by universities, umcs, research institutions and schools of applied sciences; if possible, identify common practices via clustering of information.
Why is it important?

- The LCRDM helps to connect and scale-up institutional initiatives to a national level.
- The inventory acts as a basic tool for interested parties to help implement data stewardship.
- Those who have not yet taken initiatives can learn and profit from the information gathered by this task group.

So yes: this is a really useful.
Expected deliverables:

- Interview format for interviews and online questionnaire
- Online questionnaire
- Interviews with relevant stakeholders
- Inventory document and a summarized report
- An appendix that provides an overview of the methods and sources used and contacts that have been interviewed.
- Presentation on the online LCRDM platform
Scope:

Although this task is time limited, our intention is to uncover most of the profile varieties in use.
What would be useful?

• Knowledge of and affinity with Data Stewardship
• Your own network within the RDM field
• Ability to conduct an interview and write a report
• Familiarity with SharePoint
• Willing to travel throughout the Netherlands
When does the task need to be completed?

Start around mid September (2018)
Finish around mid November (2018)

(Yes, only two months!)
Who can provide me with extra information?

And ... .... there is more information in the .pdf document
Are you up for this task?

Please let us know:
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We’re so glad you’re in!
You’re the key to success!