

## Progress Report on Open Data Initiative – September to December, 2020

### Highlights

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Data Conference ‘Open Data for a Data Driven Public Service Delivery’ was held online on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Open Data Unit presented Ireland’s Open Data Initiative at the EU Semic 2020 conference on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The number of users on the Portal continues to grow with an increase of 22% in the last 3 months.
- Hale & Hearty user survey issued.

### Governance

Daithí Mac Sithigh and Denis Parfenov are stepping down from the Board at the end of this year. Daithí and Denis are original members of the ODGB and have made significant contributions to the development of Ireland Open Data Initiative.

The Open Data Unit is conducting a recruitment campaign for two new members of the Board. An advertisement has been published on [StateBoards.ie](https://www.stateboards.ie). The closing date is 22 December.

### Open Data Conference

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Data Conference ‘Open Data for a Data Driven Public Service Delivery’ was held online on 2 December 2020. This year’s conference focused on the journey from Open Data publication to impact, how the publication, reporting and re-use of data enables the delivery of improved public service. The conference was opened by Minister Ossian Smyth and Prof. Elena Simperl, Professor of Computer Science at King’s College London in the UK, gave the keynote speech.

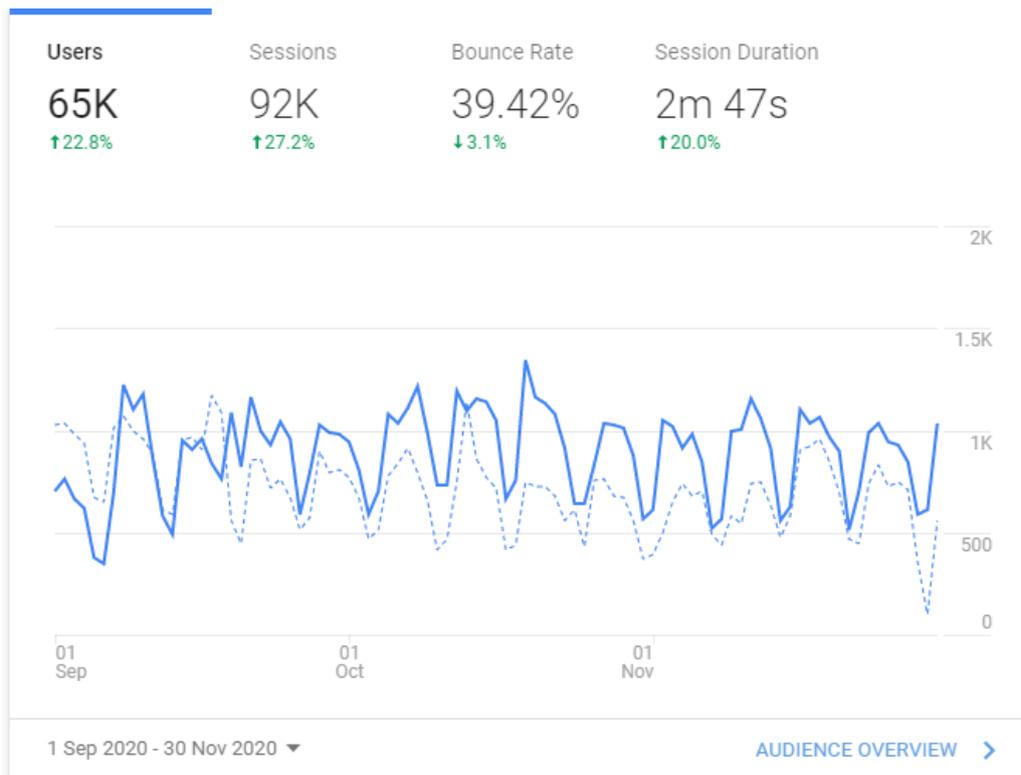
The conference proved very popular with 240 attendees. The presentation and recording are available on the [portal](#).

### Open Data Portal

The open data portal statistics for the last 3 months are positive;

- +22% Users
- +27% Sessions
- -3% Bounce rate
- +20% Duration of sessions

The periodic troughs represent weekend use, but the overall trend is up. There were 5,394 users during week of 22-28 November.



Covid 19 queries are still dominating the searches of the portal.

	157,152 % of Total: 100.00% (157,152)	113,893 % of Total: 100.00% (113,893)
1. /	8,758 (5.57%)	5,793 (5.09%)
2. /dataset	5,469 (3.48%)	3,600 (3.16%)
3. /dataset?q=covid&sort=score+desc,+metadata_created+desc	1,729 (1.10%)	1,210 (1.06%)
4. /dataset/covid19countystatisticshpscireland1	1,696 (1.08%)	1,088 (0.96%)
5. /dataset?theme=Health	920 (0.59%)	552 (0.48%)
6. /organization/central-statistics-office	874 (0.56%)	609 (0.53%)
7. /dataset/covidstatisticsprofilehpscirelandopendata1/resource/eb430811-5d4f-4a83-91ac-f5b9c7233509/view/35815c3e-6f32-476b-a771-7dfc429b9f3c	828 (0.53%)	518 (0.45%)
8. /blog/coronavirus-covid-19	817 (0.52%)	631 (0.55%)
9. /dataset/covidstatisticsprofilehpscirelandopendata1	730 (0.46%)	546 (0.48%)
10. /dataset/dublin-city-council-administrative-area-maps	728 (0.46%)	550 (0.48%)

### Hale & Hearty Progress

The Hale and Hearty project is an EU Connecting Europe Facility funded Action that arose from an initiative of the Open Data governance board. It aims to make more health and wellbeing information easily accessible to citizens; they can then use this information to improve their own health and wellbeing or to drive health and wellbeing initiatives. The project will focus on high-value datasets related to the health and wellbeing sector, namely geospatial data, statistical data, mobility data, healthcare data, and recreation and amenity data. This will involve the harmonisation and linking of data from many sources, including Local Authorities, the Central Statistics Office, and

Healthcare Providers. Data will be available dynamically through APIs, as well as via user-friendly interfaces, dashboards and maps.

The Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) report is due in March 2021, this is a requirement of GDPR compliance. Workpackages 2 & 3 (User Scenarios and Data Preparation respectively) have started. The User Scenarios group is analysing the results of the survey in greater detail and the Data Preparation group is reviewing the master list of databases.

### Engagement Fund

Eight projects were approved for funding under the 20/21 Open Data Engagement Fund. The applications were assessed by the subgroup of the Open Data Governance Board, with a total funding of €28,100 approved. Subsequently, one awardee has withdrawn their project due to pressures of other work. This leaves the total funding at €26,100. The funding is in the process of being approved and paid by the accounts department in PER.

### National and International Engagement

- The Open Data Unit presented Ireland's Open Data Initiative at the EU Semic 2020 conference on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Winter issue of the Open Data Newsletter has been circulated and published on the portal.
- Blog posts and news items continue to be regularly added to the portal.
- The Open Data Unit has been liaising with the Buenos Aires local authority regarding sharing experiences on portal design and data publishing practices.
- The Unit has also been discussing the strategies for managing large volumes of public sector data and impact with the Danish Open Data Portal administrators.

### Open Data and Reuse of Public Service (PSI) Directive

The first draft of the Statutory Instrument to transpose the Open Data Directive is with the Attorney General's Office and the Open Data Unit are liaising with the drafter to progress the text.

The Open Data Unit will attend a meeting of the EU PSI Group which will take place on 10 December. The results of the EU Open Data Maturity survey will be announced at the meeting. The date for the next meeting of the Open Data Committee has not been issued. This Committee is negotiating the first Implementing Act under the Directive and we expect a first draft of the text to be made available at the meeting.

### Open Data Procurement

The Open Data Unit is working with the Office of Government Procurement to put in place two Open Data frameworks. A second draft of the Technical Support Framework has been prepared and sent to the OGP. A meeting is organised with the OGP for December 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Open Data Unit is working on the first draft of the Training framework and are liaising with the Data Governance Unit in the OGCI to ensure there is no duplication in effort or framework tenders.

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