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# The Digital Research Academy is taking shape

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The Digital Research Academy is taking shape. Let me share with you what it is and why it might be relevant for you ☐.

In a [previous post](#) (May 2023) I shared my idea for a trainer network called the Digital Research Academy (DRA). We want to offer quality training for quality research, from and for the research community.

Since this post in May a lot of things have happened and I'd like to share our progress. But first, why should you care?



## Why should you care?

### ☐ TRAINERS:

You have knowledge and skills you'd like to share as a trainer? We are offering Train-the-Trainer training and you can become a member of our trainer network. We offer you possibilities to train for a fair pay.

[More info for trainers](#)

### ☐ LEARNERS:

You want to learn new skills in the areas of Open Science, Data Literacy, or Research Software Engineering? We will soon offer courses for you!

[More info for learners](#)

### ☐ ORGANIZATIONS:

You work for an organization that needs trainers providing workshops on digital research skills? We are currently building a network of trusted trainers that you can book through us. You can even become a DRA member and get free training (including Train-the-Trainer training).

[More info for organizations](#)

### SPECIAL DEAL

## Become one of our first clients!

You are from an organization and want our trainers to implement a training tailored to your research staff?

We have special offers for our first clients.

[Get in touch!](#)

## What happened so far?

Since May a lot of things happened. The most important development is, that the Digital Research Academy is now a group of people (no longer just an idea).

## People

It's mind-blowing and wonderful how many people have shown interest in becoming part of the Digital Research Academy. Thanks to everyone for your

trust and support! ☐

- › We are now a small core team, currently consisting of Joyce Kao, Melanie Imming, and myself.
- › We are on-boarding trainers. The first [Train-the-Trainer program](#) ran this week. Another one will run next week.
- › We are discussing with relevant stakeholders about collaborating.

Interested in joining us or collaborating, too? [Get in touch!](#)

## Training

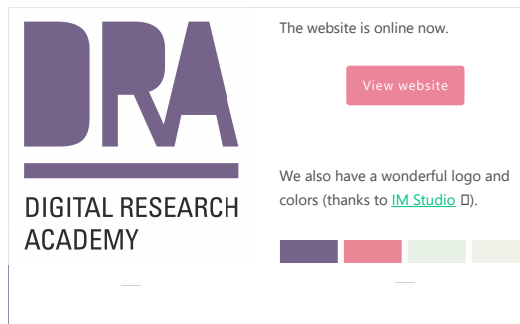
We are running the first [Train-the-Trainer programs](#) this and next week. Each new trainer will create a course or workshop. This means, we will have lots of possibilities in the upcoming months for you to book and receive training on

- › Open Science
- › Data Literacy
- › Research Software Engineering

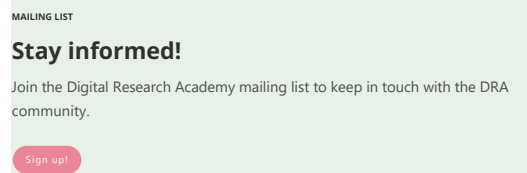
If you are an individual looking to learn, stay tuned! I'll share possibilities here on [this newsletter](#).

If you are from an organization and want us to organize a training for you researchers and other staff: [Get in touch now!](#) We might be able to offer you a great deal ☐.

## Website and Social



[LinkedIn](#), [Mastodon](#), [Twitter](#): Follow us on social media.



## Funding

We have a solid business plan. At least I think so ☐.

Getting the Digital Research Academy off the ground would be a lot easier with a grant, though: Paying for initial investments and our time for the first few months. We are currently looking into possibilities. If you know or hear of any grants or funding that might be relevant for us, please let us know!

That's all for today. Hope you enjoyed the read.

All the best,

Heidi

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P.S. Please share this post with your friends and colleagues. This would help us a lot! ☐



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