

Questionnaire for the DAMES Node Expert Workshop on 'Data on Ethnicity in Social Survey Research', University of Stirling, 28/JAN/2010

Please fill out this questionnaire during the lab session and/or later during the day. Don't be restrained – tell us if you think there are faults and problems. Thanks!

Section A: The GEMDE objectives, MUGs and MIRs

A1) How well did understand what we're trying to do in GEMDE, and what a MUG and a MIR is?

Not at all!	
It's a bit confusing	
More or less	
It makes perfect sense!	

Further comments:

A2) Can you think of instances when you've accessed and used what we would call a MIR in your own research? Could you describe it for us...?

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A3) Can you think of instances when you've created or defined what we would call a MUG in your own research? Could you describe it for us...?

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A4) Any other comments on the GEMDE project and plans?

Section B: Getting into GEMDE

B1) Did you manage to get into the GEMDE portal ok?

It was a cinch!	
It took a moment's effort	
Needed some work	
It all went wrong!	

Further comments:

B2) We plan to grant access either to users, individually registered with us, via their HE accounts (allowing rights to deposit data), or guest level access to any users (ability to search and access data, but not deposit data). Any views....?

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B3) Any other comments on the GEMDE portal access/security system?

Section C: Uploading data at GEMDE

C1) Did you manage to upload a MUG and/or a MIR?

	MUG	MIR
It was a cinch!		
It took a moment's effort		
Needed some work		
It all went wrong!		

Further comments:

C2) Can you imagine yourself uploading MUGs or MIRs at some point? What if anything might motivate you to do so....?

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C3) We plan to spend our own time building up a fairly comprehensive list of MUGs, covering ethnic identity, religion, language, etc. We hope to have a service which makes access to the listing of MUG categories very easy, as well as systmatising the definition/terminology of MUGs. Any thoughts....?

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C4) Any other comments on the GEMDE portal data upload system?

Section D: Searching, browsing and rating data resources

D1) How often can you imagine yourself searching or browsing in GEMDE for MUGs and MIRs (after the prototype has been improved, of course)

	MUGs	MIRs
Frequently		
From time to time		
Rarely		
Never!		

Further comments:

D2) Which is more useful in general – searching or browsing?

Searching	
Browsing	
Both!	
Neither!	

Further comments:

D3) Could you nominate three ways we could improve the search, browsing or rating pages?

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- 2)
- 3)

D4) Any other comments on the GEMDE portal regarding searching, browsing or rating resources?

Section E: Further comments / suggestions for the GEMDE service

Many thanks for your views and inputs! Please do add anything else that you think may be relevant, or contact us later (contacts at www.dames.org.uk)

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