

Questionnaire for the DAMES Node Workshop session ‘The GESDE services for classifications involving occupations, educational qualifications, and ethnicity’

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Please fill out this questionnaire during the lab or later (return it to Paul Lambert after the session or at Dept. Applied Social Science, Univ. Stirling, FK9 4LA). Don't be restrained – tell us if you think there are faults and problems. Thanks!

Section A: The GESDE objectives and ‘specialist information resources’

A1) How well did understand what we're trying to do in GESDE, and the information resources linked to them (e.g. MUGs and MIRs)?

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 specialist information resources (e.g. a MIR, OIR, or EIR) in your own research? Could you describe it for us...?

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A3) Any other comments on the GESDE 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); and 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 at the GEMDE portal?

	MUG	MIR	<i>Further comments:</i>
It was a cinch!			
It took a moment's effort			
Needed some work			
It all went wrong!			

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 on GEMDE

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	<i>Further comments:</i>
Frequently			
From time to time			
Rarely			
Never!			

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

	<i>Further comments:</i>
Searching	
Browsing	
Both!	
Neither!	

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

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

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

Section E: Further comments / suggestions for the GESDE services

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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