

# Code of Ethics for the Digital Repository of Ireland

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- **Protection of Deposited Objects**

The DRI will ensure protection of deposited objects from harm and obsolescence, safeguarding the reliability, security and integrity of data provided by depositors. The DRI will actively preserve deposited objects, while not undertaking any practices that would put these assets at risk. The DRI will also hold, preserve and protect the contextual data surrounding objects to safeguard the provenance of the original data.

- **Objectivity with social responsibility**

The DRI will act in a socially responsible manner, accepting and preserving collections that constitute the island of Ireland's digital heritage, while also encouraging high quality research. The DRI will act impartially in its dealings with both individuals and collections, avoiding partisanship, advocating objectivity, and working for the best interests of society.

- **Continued Development**

The DRI will accept professional responsibility for the work we carry out and pursue sustained improvement and development of its systems and processes through the continual education and professional development of staff. The DRI values the skills of professionals and strives to develop and nurture these skills to benefit the knowledge base of the organisation, to ensure best practice and improve procedures and systems, and to safeguard the digital objects in our care.

- **Inform national policy and share research**

The DRI will share the results of our continued professional development, research and experience with the wider community in order to benefit the areas of digital preservation and repository development. We should promote the use of open source software where suitable. The DRI will strive to contribute to national policy on the many issues that affect the digital preservation of humanities and social sciences data.

- **FAIR**

The DRI advocates for FAIR Open Access. We encourage open accessibility to the deposited collections in DRI while respecting the requirements of the depositor and adhering to Data Protection, Intellectual Property and Copyright legislations.

- **Privacy**

The DRI will, where required and to the extent that the law allows, protect the privacy and personal information of the individuals who created or are the subjects of the data. We will advocate for researcher privilege. The DRI will also respect the privacy of the users of the repository.

- **Communication**

The DRI will openly communicate our policies with our stakeholders, depositors and the public. We commit to communicating respectfully and openly and acknowledging our collaborators. The DRI will also communicate with other professionals in various fields, particularly in the fields of the humanities and social sciences, to encourage knowledge sharing and collaboration.

- **Equality**

The DRI does not discriminate on the basis of gender, sex, race, ethnicity, religion, civil status, age, disability, sexual orientation, or membership of the Traveller community.

## **Related Policies**

[Withdraw Data Policy](#)

[Collections Policy](#)

[Metadata Policy](#)

[Policy on Copyright, Ownership, IP and Data Protection](#)

[Policy on Restricted Data & Ethical Statement](#)

[Preservation Policy](#)

[Equality Diversity and Integration Policy](#)