

NFCS NetworkPlus Autumn Conference
University of Edinburgh
Pollack Estate, South Hall
22-23 September 2025

Day One

Time	Session	Presenter/s	Chair
11:00	Registration & Refreshments		
11:40	Welcome, Introductions, Conference aims & NFCS progress to date + FF Second Call Briefing	Jon Hays & Sadaf Alam	
12:00	Keynote: <i>Föderation, Liitto & Cónaidhm</i>	York Sure-Vetter	Rob Baxter
12:45	Lunch		
13:45	NetworkPlus Projects:		Kieran Leach
	• UNITED: A framework for federated computing roadmaps (NOC)	Monica Hanley	
	• Enhancing HPC adoption through user-centred design (UWE)	Tariq Umar	
	• Inclusive Futures: User stories and mapping pathways for NFCS (UCL)	Alison Littlejohn	
	• Federation of compute and infrastructures in the Arts & Humanities (Brighton)	Karina Rodriguez	
14:35	Comfort Break		
14:55	NetworkPlus Projects:		Jeremy Yates
	• Federated edge: HPC architectures for AI workflows in privacy-sensitive and real-time domains (Cardiff)	Theodoros Spyridopoulos	
	• Federated AI application container platform/registry feasibility study (Cambridge)	Frederic Brochu-Williams	
	• Exploring the governance requirements for enabling UK DRIs to adopt MyAccessID (Bristol)	Woods, Tom, Izzedin & Aggarwal	
15:35	Table discussion to generate questions for the panel	Your immediate colleagues	John Masih
16:00	NetworkPlus Project PI Panel Q&A	Today's presenters	Adrian Hines
16:40	Day One: Your thoughts	Jon Hays	
16:50	Day One: Our thoughts	Sadaf Alam	
17:00	Close Day One		
18:00	Drinks & canapes		
19:00	Dinner		
22:00	Home		

Day Two

Time	Session	Person	Chair
09:00	Registration & Refreshments		
09:30	NFCS Roadmap: The Outline	Jeremy Yates & Kieran Leach	Vassil Alexandrov
09:50	NetworkPlus Projects:		
	• Federated data movement (Durham)	Alastair Basden	Jeremy Yates
	• Exploring the requirements and technologies for a data centre API for federated data movement (Bristol)	Matt Williams	
	• UKRI Research Data Landscape Survey (Edinburgh)	Mario Antonioletti	
10:25	Comfort break		
10:40	User stories: From laptop to cluster with DISKAH Fellows	Brian Ball, Jasper van der Klis & Karina Rodriguez	Jo Beech-Brandt
11:20	NetworkPlus Projects:		Kieran Leach
	• ACCoRD: A community for contract regulation for data (UCL)	Michelle Harricharan	
	• Bridging the gap: Aligning project administration with access to digital research infrastructure (RFI)	Laura Crawford	
	• Federated IAM for existing infrastructures (Edinburgh)	Stephen Booth	
12:00	Table discussion to generate questions for the panel	Your immediate colleagues	John Masih
12:20	NetworkPlus Project PI + DISKAH Panel Q&A		Jo Beech-Brandt
12:45	Lunch		
13:30	Keynote: UK DRI policy and 10-year roadmap	Felix Ruechardt & Luke Davis (DSIT)	Sadaf Alam
14:15	Comfort break		
14:30	NFCS QT: NFCS Lead Team & Speaker Panel	NFCS Lead Team	Rui Apostolo
15:15	Conference Evaluation and looking forward		Jon Hays
15:30	Close Day Two		