

The NFCS NetworkPlus Reporting Conference: This is the Roadmap

Thinktank, Level 3 Birmingham Science Museum

10th & 11th September 2026

Day One: Thursday 10th September

Time	Session	Person	Chair
10:30	Registration & Refreshments		
11:00	Conference Welcome, Aims & Objectives	<i>Professor Jon Hays</i>	Professor Carole Goble
11:10	UKRI DRI & BIST Update	TBC	
11:30	National Federated Compute Services: The Destination and the Roadmap	<i>Professor Jon Hays</i>	
12:15	Panel Discussion: What is Federation; Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow	Moderator: <i>Dr Sadaf Alam</i>	
13:00	Lunch		
NFCS Collaborate Session			
14:00	Roadmap Recommendations Panel Discussion: Technology	Moderators <i>Kieran Leach & Professor Jeremy Yates</i>	Professor Jeremy Yates
15:30	Poster Session with refreshments		
16:30	The NFDI Experience	<i>Professor York Sure-Vetter</i>	
17:00	Conference Photograph & Close		
19:30	Conference Dinner in the Natural History Gallery		

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Day Two: Friday 11th September

Time	Session	Person	Chair
09:30	Registration & Refreshments		
NFCS Coordinate Session			
10:00	Federation: the view from DARE UK	Dr Rob Baxter	Dr Adrian Hines
10:30	Roadmap Recommendations Panel Discussion: Governance	Moderator: <i>Dr Adrian Hines</i>	
12:00	Lunch with Posters		
NFCS Connect Session			
13:00	The NCR Community and Federation	Andrew Morris	Jo Beech-Brandt
14:15	Roadmap Recommendations Panel Discussion: Community	Moderator: <i>Jo Beech-Brandt</i>	
14:45	Forward Look and Close	<i>Professor Jon Hays</i>	
15:15	Conference Close & Home		