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Outreach and Dissemination for the UK National Grid Service

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What is the NGS?

- National Grid Service (NGS)
 - UK's national infrastructure provider for all research areas
- Based at 4 core sites each with dedicated machines
 - Universities of Manchester, Leeds and Oxford
 - STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratories (RAL)
 - Also 13 other partner and affiliate sites who contribute resources



Who are our target audience?

- Over 700 registered active users from all subject areas
 - Arts and humanities to physical sciences
- Target audience?
 - Anyone who can benefit!
 - Academics, researchers, post graduate students, research group leaders,
 - All universities not just the traditional research universities



What do we do?

- **Current forms of outreach**
 - Website
 - Mailing lists
 - Press releases
 - Articles for other organisations newsletters
 - Newsletter
 - Roadshows
 - Conference attendance
 - Case studies
 - Posters and handouts

- Quarterly edition
 - Publication coincides with the conference seasons
- Range of regular articles
 - Conference round up
 - User case study
 - NGS applications corner
 - Collaboration focus
 - NGS Presents...
 - What's new at the NGS
 - Events



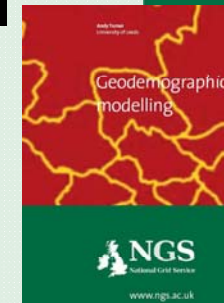
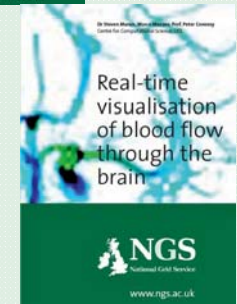


Roadshows

- The NGS on the road
- Any university – don't have to be an existing NGS member
- Series of presentations
 - What is the NGS?
 - Training and Support
 - User presentation
 - Local presentation (e.g. local research computing resources or local NGS team)
 - Lunch and exhibition
 - Distribution of grid certificates

Case Studies

- Real user case studies
- Short, descriptive
- Non-technical, easy to understand
- Focus on the research not the grid technology
- Currently have 8 ranging from social sciences to physical sciences
- Looking for more!





Persuasion and examples

- The grid isn't easy!
- Need to show relevant pertinent examples
- Have to show the benefits
- Have to show them the support available
- Get them young!



Further Information

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