

Open software for (open) science

Abstract:

Modern research relies on software. However it can be difficult to understand the implications that the way in which software is licensed can have on its impact and uptake. This talk will give an overview of Open Software, of Open Source licenses, and a summary of the pros/cons of different open vs. closed licences, drawing on examples from different large scale pieces of software. It will also discuss how open software relates to other open science / open access policy, including how the Software Sustainability Institute has been contributing to policy and guidance for researchers and developers.