

School of Data works to empower civil society organizations, journalists and citizens with the skills they need to use data effectively in their efforts to create fairer and more sustainable societies.

The Problem We're Solving

There is huge potential to use data and open data to improve the lives of citizens around the world, especially in increasing the transparency and accountability of government.

However, many of the groups who are closest to the problems - NGOs, journalists, and citizens - currently lack the skills to use data effectively -- and even an awareness of the potential of data for their work.

School of Data's mission is to teach people how to gain powerful insights and create compelling stories using data.

Audience

School of Data focuses on supporting and working with:

- Data-oriented staff at NGOs & NGOs (as a whole)
- Potential or actual data-Journalists
- "data geeks who care"

Fundamentally, we care most about people who use data "for good". While we work globally, we have a particular focus at the present on Latin America and Africa.

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What School of Data Offers

Hardly anyone starts out learning by saying “I want data skills” - indeed they are often unaware of the potential of data to assist them in their work. Thus, our approach focuses on **learning by doing** and is driven by **helping participants address real problems** - with skilling-up happening as part of this process.

1. Data Expeditions

A data expedition is an exploration-based approach to learning. In a data expedition, you are given a topic to research and you learn in a team through exploring real data. A data sherpa guides participants through all of the steps of a data investigation from formulating the right question through cleaning, analysis - all the way to presenting your data.

We try and pair participants with someone with more advanced skills and we encourage people to ask and answer questions along the way. Expeditions have been designed (and tested) for both online and offline.

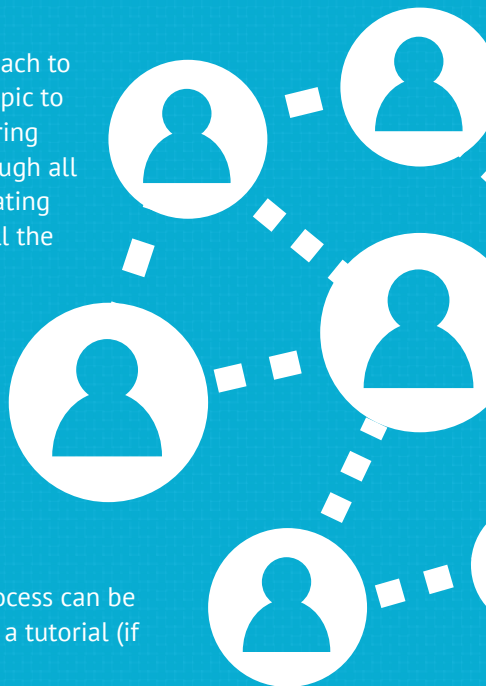
2. Community mentoring (as support for the Data Expeditions)

Having human support to guide the learning process can be a lot faster and more effective than just reading a tutorial (if people can find one in the first place).

We're piloting a mentoring scheme from the community, where community members will jump in to help with particular questions and issues as and when they are required.

3. Data Clinics

Bring a dataset (or if data is hard to come by - your idea for what you want to acquire) and talk to us about your hopes, ambitions or what is causing you grief. A team of data doctors will walk you through possible ways to ease your pains.



Interested in leading a data expedition, becoming a community mentor or writing for the blog? Get in touch!

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