

### THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN



You may have noticed a host of new datasets springing up over the last couple of months. We've been speaking to other local authorities across the North of England to encourage the use of Data Mill North as their preferred open data platform.

At the time of writing, Bradford, Durham, Leeds, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Stockport and Sunderland councils are all publishing using the Data Mill. By working together we can drive real change, consistency and improve transparency across the sector. Over the next few months we hope to see encourage other local authorities to join us.

**Not a local authority but still interested in joining over 50 publishers? Drop us a line at [open.data@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:open.data@leeds.gov.uk) - we'd love to speak to you!**

### EVERYBODY'S FREE TO WEAR SUNSCREEN



Data Mill North will be hosting a innovation lab focusing on health and active lifestyles and explore innovative and affordable solutions that will enable our older citizens to live independently for longer within their communities. Three labs will be held across the North—Newcastle, Stockport and Leeds, with the possibility of the best solution being taken forward and developed into a working prototype. Check out the next issue to find out what happened!

Want to get involved in future Innovation Labs? Contact [open.data@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:open.data@leeds.gov.uk)

### THREE IS THE MAGIC NUMBER

Can you believe it? Data Mill North (previously known as Leeds Data Mill) is 3 years old.



The Data Mill started off as a solution for Leeds City Council to publish it's Transparency Code data (e.g. Council Spend and Fraud data) as well as encouraging others in the city to become more open and transparent. There are now over 450 datasets from 50 publishers which include public, private and 3rd sector organisations.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed and supported us this far and here's to the next 3 years and more!

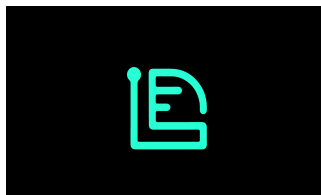
### A CHANGE WOULD DO YOU GOOD



Read all about Durham's first hackathon which focused on the theme was improving the economic prosperity of Durham. Suggestions for participants to consider included maximising the occupancy of hotels, improving business premises, increasing the number of businesses, increased footfall, greater spend, promoting the culture of Durham and staying safe. Find out how they got on by reading Phil Jackman's blog.

<https://datamillnorth.org/community/blog/durhams-first-hackathon/>

### DIGITAL LOVE



Saturday 22nd April sees the start of the 2nd annual Leeds Digital Festival.

The open platform festival invites anyone or any company to put an event on. 2016 saw over 6,000 people attend 56

events in 28 venues across the city.

2017 is set to be even bigger with over 80 scheduled events including ODI and Friends Showcase, Code in the Dark and the awesome tech/music mash up Algorave returning.

Find the full schedule here: <http://leedsdigitalfestival.org/>

### DATA MILL IN NUMBERS



448 published datasets



53 publishers



545,225 pageviews since launch

### BACKING OFF ON THE NE WINDS



Pulling data from several open data sites including Data Mill North, the NE map data viewer allows the users to view useful information about North East. From Caravan Parks in Durham to Cycle Parking in Newcastle, this is a really useful tool which is making open data accessible to all.

We have listed the website on our Products page alongside other innovative solutions using open data.

Find out more: <https://datamillnorth.org/products/ne-map-data-viewer/>

### EVERYBODY'S GOTTA LEARN SOMETIME



Over the course of an academic year, 22 learning providers in Leeds schedule around 1,250 adult learning courses over up to 200 locations. Unfortunately many learners find it difficult to find the right course for them or are even aware of what's on offer.

Leeds City Council is hosting an Innovation Lab soon which will to explore how learners and courses can be matched leading to improved skills and provision.

Watch this space!

This edition of Dataspeak has a music theme, click on a heading to find out the song