ResBaz 2020

- the lollie-scramble

What can we learn from the experience?

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What is Research Bazaar or ResBaz?

About ResBaz 2020 'Pick n Mix' Edition

SKILLS SHARING - COMMUNITY BUILDING - FUN FESTIVAL

The *Research Bazaar* is a worldwide festival promoting the digital literacy emerging at the centre of modern research. We LOVE the usual multi-day cohort event full of digital skills workshops, social activities that build communities, and amazing food. However, the 2020 circumstances saw the delivery of a ResBaz *pick and mix* online version for Aotearoa New Zealand researchers and postgraduate research students.

ResBaz 2020: Pick and Mix, 23-27 November, was a collaboration between the University of Auckland and Victoria University of Wellington. We had 500 individuals register for one or more of the 37 sessions.

Thank you for participation and feedback. Published presentation slides and links are available here

Interested in ResBaz in 2021? Look out for information on this website next year or email: researchdata@auckland.ac.nz

ResBaz 2019

- 4th annual, cohort event

- VUW: 2 days in July, 76 VUW participants, ~22 sessions, 🍕 budget

- UoA: 3 days in July, 180 UoA participants (⅔ doctoral candidates), 42 sessions, amazing food and central location. 4 months prep, 🍟 & 🍩 budget.

New plan for 2020

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- Postponed July 2020 event

- VUW/UoA opportunity

- No budget, online delivery, minimal prep time

- Open, free

- Institutional return on investment?

- Collaborate, use what we had

  - Team comms: Slack

  - Organising/scheduling: Google sheets

  - Website: resbaz.auckland.ac.nz
    (& the awesome Libby Li!)

  - Presenters: ourselves, NeSI, contacts

  - Promotion: email, social media

  - Registration: Existing open booking systems e.g. Eventbrite

  - Platform: Zoom (meetings)

  - Publish: auckland.figshare.com

  - Attendee survey: Qualtrics

ResBaz 2020 Pick and Mix

👤 500+

📹 37 sessions

(18.5 UoA, 12.5 VUW, 3 NeSI, 3 others)

- 24 short sessions - R for Social Scientists (82)
- 6 longer workshops
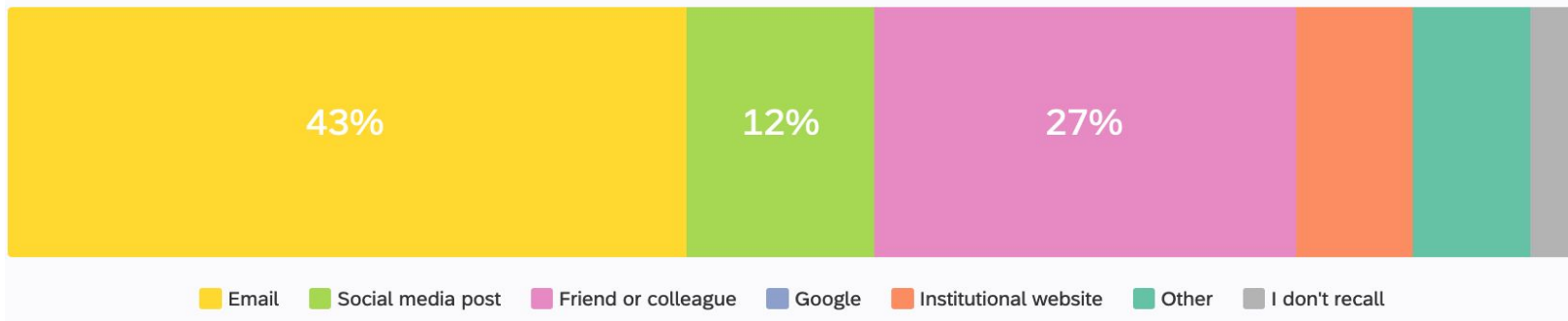- 7 welcome, keystory, drop-in sessions

Drop-off/no-shows - 34% (range 10-66%)

What worked well?

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- People - the team or organisers, presenters
- Website
- Short sessions: topics, length, pace, presenters, variety, level

43%	12%	27%				

■ Email ■ Social media post ■ Friend or colleague ■ Google ■ Institutional website ■ Other ■ I don't recall

- 70% new to ResBaz

'Liked most'

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Zoom/online. Variety of topics/sessions. Presenters. Flexibility. Diversity of participants. Interactive. Free.

"Online, and pick and mix, made selective content viewing time-efficient and convenient, yet still able to ask questions. I also like the availability of slides/video recording (after). Activities built into the workshops/presentations, activity gdoc, and the colours activity for the infographic workshop. Breakout room tasks with the tidy data excel workshop to apply what had been demonstrated.

Links to useful websites, e.g. the infographic and data viz sites. Key stories were interesting but seemed rather poorly attended. I liked when the co-teacher put urls into the chat so I could capture and check it out immediately. I also liked this was zoom meeting format, not zoom webinar format (which limits interaction from participants)."

Room for improvement

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Longer, more interactive sessions. Record & share slides. Booking system. Promotion/awareness. Presenters supported for online delivery.

"I attended at the suggestion of supervisor, but the sessions I zoomed in for weren't particularly well attended despite being (I thought) quite useful. My suggestion to improve ResBaz would be greater engagement with PhD supervisors around the University so that more of then will encourage their students to attend."

"To make sessions recordings available so that in case you can't attend the live session you can always catch up later. Also making handout available for downloading."

Titiro whakamuri kokiri whakamua

Look back and reflect so you can move forward

online

in-person

Great. Collaborate. Do it again.

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"I also liked we had presenters from Victoria as well, and those outside universities such as the library sciences tidy data workshop and ESR. Can we have another/more Nvivo sessions? Data viz tools for the non coder. The R for social scientists was too complex for me.
Let's do this again online next year! Thanks Laura, Yvette and Matt. A great success."

"Keep up the great work in this area. It is a great initiative across key institutes that are helping New Zealand step up to international levels."

""You did a wonderful job!👍"

Questions?

Virtual BoF
ResBaz: Joining the dots for sustainable community effort.

Session 7D, Friday 1:30PM
Liz Stokes