Digital Humanities at the Linnaeus Region:
Presentation for panel
“Digital Humanities in the Nordic Countries: Current efforts, perspectives and challenges”

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International Symposium on Digital Humanities, Växjö, 7-8 November 2016
Stage 1: 2016…

https://lnu.se/en/digihum/

- **Aim**: to establish the niche and plan future strategy
  - Built an international and cross-sector network of over 90 partners
    - 4 continents and 13 countries
    - 19 non-academic partners
    - 36 from LNU
...Stage 1: 2016...

• LNU the first Swedish university, thereby making Sweden the second Nordic country, to have joined DARIAH-EU

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• First International Digital Humanities Symposium held in Sweden, 7-8 November 2016

• PC with 16 members from 7 countries
…Stage 1: 2016…

• Dissemination / networking
  • Big Data collaboration
  • Digitala veckan
  • Göteborg Bokmässan
  • DARIAH-EU Annual Event
  • BESC conference 11-13 Nov, NC

• Focus-group interview and email interview
  • Master proposal submitted to FKH Education Board

• 8 pilot projects
Stage 1: Pilot project examples

- PEAR: Augmented Reality for Public Engagement (Växjö Kommun, Media Technology Department)

- Digital story telling (Smålands Musikarkiv, Det fria ordets hus, Media Technology Department)

- Archaeological site Sandby borg and its digital life (Kalmar County Museum, Cultural Sciences Department, Media Technology Department)

- Data curation needs and use cases
  - Växjö Kommun, Cultural Sciences Department
  - LNU Library, Lund University Library, Cultural Sciences Department

Planning for the future

• **Long-term vision:**
  - Create a leading **education, development** and **research** regional centre
  - **Co-creation** with public and private sector from the surrounding society
  - **Addressing future societal challenges** by highly skilled professionals (whose education has been markedly **practice-informed education**) and joint, **cross-sector innovation**
  - **DARIAH-EU Nordic Hub** collaboration on research and education

• **Strategic values** to be developed:
  - Uniting and consolidating the expertise we already have to create **new constellations** for collaboration leading to new knowledge and products (**expertise, education, research, public** and **commercial services** relevant for the region), resulting in **a return on investment**
  - A **(re)-affirmation** of the value of humanities in particular, and academic practices in general
What external experts have said

“I was particularly impressed by your original DH proposal -- thank you for sharing this with me. This looks like a great initiative and I think the general absence of DH from the Swedish HE sector creates an opportunity for LNU to show leadership in this area.”

Michael Pidd, Digital Director of Humanities Research Institute, University of Sheffield

“Of particular resonance is the focus you have expressed in terms of setting the Humanities in a broader societal context, which has definite echoes of our own recent Public Humanities call and the ‘inclusive, innovative and reflective societies’ theme under H2020”

Mike Mertens, CEO of DARIAH-EU