



Digital Humanities Initiative @Linnaeus University

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Long-term vision of the Digital Humanities (DH) Initiative at Linnaeus University [1]

What?

- Create a leading education in this field
- Establish a leading research regional centre
- Develop a Nordic Hub with a focus on DH research and education
- Addressing future societal challenges and promoting joint, cross-sector innovation

How?

- Novel collaborative ways to bring existing expertise from different departments and faculties working in close collaboration and co-creation with people and different organizations (both public and private sector)

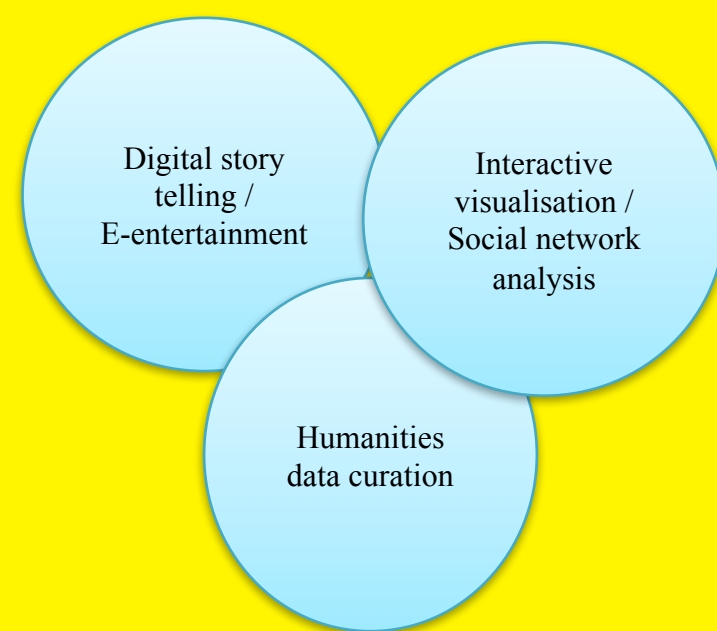
Stage 1 (2016) aims

- Establish the niche for LNU's DH initiative and plan our future strategy
- Build an inter-national and cross-sector network of circa many partners

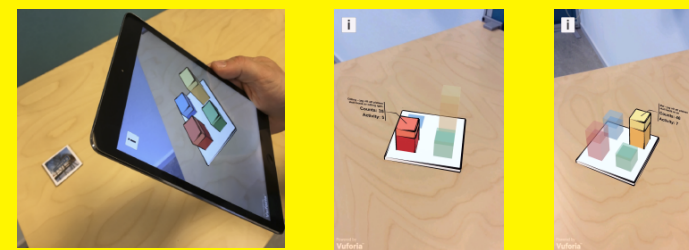
Stage 1 outcomes

- LNU the first Swedish university, thereby making Sweden the second Nordic country, to have joined DARIAH-EU
- First International Digital Humanities Symposium held in Sweden, 7-8 November 2016 [2]
 - PC with 16 members from 7 countries
 - 6 sponsors

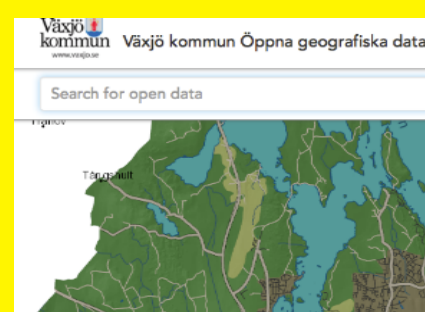
Several pilot projects



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



2. Digital story telling (Smålands Musikarkiv, Det fria ordets hus, Media Technology Department)
3. Humanities data curation (LNU Library, Lund University Library, Cultural Sciences Department)
4. Data curation needs and use cases (Växjö Kommun, Cultural Sciences Department)



- Master proposal under way
- Focus-group interview and email interview to inform the niche and Master proposal

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

Dissemination

- Digitala veckan
- Göteborg Bokmässan
- DARIAH-EU Annual Event
- BESC conference 11-13 Nov, NC, USA
- Big Data, Kalmar, 7-8 Dec

What external experts have said

"...particularly impressed by your original DH proposal... 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 ...in terms of setting the Humanities in a broader societal context, which has definite echoes of... the 'inclusive, innovative and reflective societies' theme under H2020."

Mike Mertens, CEO of DARIAH

Nordic countries – a bastion for humanities

Ole Petter Ottersen

Partners

- Total of 101 partners from 13 countries at 4 continents
- 36 LNU colleagues from 13 departments
- 19 non-academic partners

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