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OSWG newsletter #1

Welcome to the very first edition of the ANW Open Science Working Group newsletter!

Allow us to (re-)introduce ourselves: we are the **Open Science Working Group** (OSWG), founded in late 2021 to increase awareness and use of open science (OS) practices within our department by **providing knowledge, resources, and learning opportunities**. The working group comprises members from each of the department's subsections– researchers, educators, students, and technicians.

In the long term, we feel that working according to open science practices will lead to more **transparency**, as well as novel research questions and more translational research. It will also facilitate and **increase the re-use of data**, thereby **decreasing unnecessary data collection**, and will help **improve the visibility of our research** at ANW to a broader public.

Enjoy this first edition of the OSWG newsletter, and expect to see one about once every two months from now on!



A word from Ysbrand

"Open Science is the future of our field and it is great to see that the young scientists are taking charge. Show us the way!"

Updates

Survey results Last year, we sent out a survey to gauge where we as a department are at regarding OS. The results showed that most of us are very interested in OS and recognize its importance, but don't really know where to start, don't have the time, or feel that it has not been a priority. We are here to change that!

We joined OSCA! The [Open Science Community Amsterdam](#) is an OS platform that encompasses the three big educational institutions in Amsterdam, the UvA, the VU, and the HvA, as well as the Student Initiative for Open Science (SIOS). Eduarda and Niels have recently joined OSCA and are now part of the board, to integrate our initiative on a larger scale!

What's next? After the summer break, we will be organizing our first workshop, re-introducing open science in each group separately. In the meantime, we will work on obtaining some grants. On September 1st, we will take part in the second edition of the [Netherlands National Open Science Festival](#), which will be held at the VU!

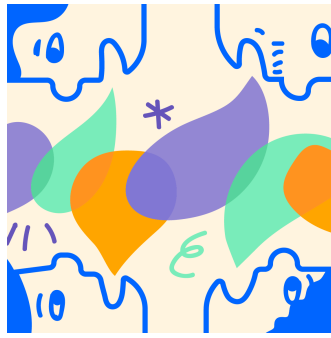
Meet the teams



Grants

The grants team is responsible for seeking and applying for funding opportunities to improve our team's and the department's infrastructure towards Open Science practices.

- **Eduarda, Dustin,
Thecla**



Communication

The communication team aims to provide easily accessible knowledge and resources to encourage department-wide adoption of open science practices through a bi-monthly newsletter and a website.

- **Alex, Allison,
Mona, Lucas, Nadza**



Workshops

The workshop team will focus its efforts on teaching the department about open science by providing lectures on, and hands-on experience with, open science principles, tools, and methodologies.

- **Niels, Julia**

Hands On Open Science

Start small! Watching a short video ([check this out](#)) or reading a newsletter on OS (like this one hehe) is a good way to become familiar with OS practices and ways to incorporate it into your workflow.

Events / Resources

June 23

Getting started with OSF

Join your VU colleagues for a two-hour ONLINE course in the tool Open Science Framework (OSF). The course will be lead by OSF developers from the United States.

The course will be **Thursday, June 23, 14:00 – 16:00 ONLINE**

Recorded Seminars

There is a recorded seminar on OS !

Check it out here:

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