

DLM Forum Triennial Meeting

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Workshop descriptions

Dates: 3–5 November 2026

Venue: [Aviva Stadium](#), Lansdowne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, D04 K5F9

Entrance: M (please see the Practical Information document for further details)

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One Command to Transcribe Them All: Production-Ready OCR and HTR for Historical Archives

Workshop leader: Anssi Jääskeläinen, Xamk, Finland

This hands-on workshop introduces the AI-powered OCR and Handwritten Text Recognition (HTR) tools developed within the ArchXAI project to make historical documents more accessible.

Participants will have the opportunity to install and test the tools on their own laptops using Docker. The solution supports the processing of both printed and handwritten historical documents, including HTR models for Finnish, Swedish, Estonian and Latvian.

Please note: Participants should bring their own laptops and are encouraged to install Docker and Docker Compose in advance. They should also prepare 5–10 image files containing printed or handwritten text to use for testing. Files in Finnish, Swedish, Estonian, Latvian or Cyrillic script are particularly welcome, although other languages using the Latin alphabet are also suitable.

Basic guidance on installing Docker Desktop for Windows will be provided during the workshop if needed.

The tools will be presented in a pre-release version, offering participants an opportunity to test them before their planned release at the end of November 2026.

Anssi Jääskeläinen is a Finnish researcher and research manager at Digitalia, Xamk. His expertise includes digital archives, artificial intelligence, research infrastructures and the long-term preservation of cultural heritage. His work focuses on developing practical solutions for managing, preserving and improving access to digital information through applied research and international collaboration.

Hands-on with CloudViper

Workshop leaders: Neil Jefferies and Darren Dignam, Open Preservation Foundation

This hands-on workshop introduces CloudViper, a cloud-based digital preservation environment that provides easy access to a wide range of digital preservation tools without the need for local installation.

Participants will have the opportunity to explore CloudViper and try out tools such as JHOVE, veraPDF, Arlington validators and MediaInfo. The platform can be used for training, testing and running digital preservation workflows, with up-to-date tools readily available through a web browser.

Please note: Participants should bring their own laptops with an up-to-date web browser. No software installation is required.

Neil Jefferies is the Executive Director of the Open Preservation Foundation, with over 20 years of experience in digital preservation and digital forensics. He is also an Innovation Specialist at the University of Oxford and has contributed to the development of major digital preservation initiatives, including the Oxford Common File Layout.

Darren Dignam is a DevOps Specialist at the Open Preservation Foundation, responsible for its technical infrastructure. He is also the Technical Lead and architect of CloudViper, a browser-based platform providing access to a range of digital preservation tools without requiring local installation.

Influencing Data Policies from the Perspective of Sustainable Accessibility

Workshop leader: Jasper Slob, National Archives of the Netherlands

How can archives influence government data policies to ensure the sustainable accessibility of information?

This interactive workshop explores the experience of the National Archives of the Netherlands in contributing to government policies on data sharing and data quality, ensuring that archival requirements and sustainable accessibility are taken into account.

Following a short introduction to the Dutch experience, participants will be invited to discuss the role of archives in shaping data policies, how they can contribute to policy development, and how this relates to the principles of Archiving by Design.

The workshop offers an opportunity to share experiences, exchange ideas and explore how archival professionals can strengthen their involvement in data policy development in particular and data management in general.

Jasper Slob is an Advisor for Knowledge Development and Management at the National Archives of the Netherlands, focusing on developing and implementing guidelines for the sustainable accessibility of data. He previously worked as an information management consultant for local governments, specialising in document management systems and training information professionals and users.

Archiving by Design – Using the Information Object Table in a Project Simulation

Workshop leader: Rens Ouwerkerk, Municipality of Utrecht, the Netherlands

Assisted by: István Alföldi (Poliphon, Hungary), Jože Škofljanec (Archives of the Republic of Slovenia), and Ilona van der Linden (Municipality of Utrecht, the Netherlands).

How can Archiving by Design be applied in real-life projects?

In this interactive workshop, participants will explore the practical use of the Information Object Table, a tool developed by the E-ARK Reference Architecture working group to support Archiving by Design.

Through a simulation of a realistic project environment, participants will gain hands-on experience in applying the Information Object Table, develop a better understanding of how Archiving by Design works in practice, and explore the challenges involved.

Rens Ouwerkerk is the Chief Record Officer at the Municipality of Utrecht, the Netherlands, a position he has held since 2023. He previously contributed to the development of the Dutch DUTO framework at the National Archives of the Netherlands and worked as a senior records management adviser for the City of Amsterdam.

Please note: This workshop follows the presentation on the Information Object Table by István to attend the presentation beforehand.

Workshop on archiving by design - Get your AbD team going using our AbD user card deck

Workshop leaders: Sofia Särdaqist, Swedish National Archives, and Kristine Ildron, National Archives of Norway

Where do you start when applying Archiving by Design (AbD) to a new system?

This workshop introduces the AbD Card Deck, a practical tool developed to help teams take their first steps in applying the Archiving by Design framework.

The card deck contains 20 standardised user profiles designed to bring the user perspective into the planning and development of new information systems. It can help teams prepare for an AbD assessment, identify relevant user needs and structure workshops and interviews during the system design process.

Participants will learn how the card deck can support the early stages of Archiving by Design and provide a practical starting point for discussions about information management and preservation requirements.

Sofia Särdaqvist from the Swedish National Archives and **Kristine Ildron** from the National Archives of Norway have been actively involved in Archiving by Design (AbD) for several years, first through the EAG subgroup and now through the DLM Forum's AbD subforum. Together, they have developed a card deck tool to support the practical application of the AbD framework when designing and implementing information systems.