How can We Sustain Digital Scholarship?
A Tripartite Dialogue

A Teacher-Scholar’s View

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1) Sustainability is a Scholarly Practice

An initiative directed by my Pitt colleague Alison Langmead
...which means that decisions about sustainability are about research and pedagogy
2) Sustainability is an Institutional Practice

What needs to be sustained?

• Code and content
• Community and staff
• Funding
• Server space and web accessibility
• …..
• All of these things require time, money, personnel, and plans.
• No entity provides for any of this on most campuses and for most projects.
• Libraries may not be the answer for live and interactive projects.
The World Historical Gazetteer
whgazetteer.org
The WHG team is working with the University Library to store the WHG index and to ensure that it is visible in the library catalogue and search results as a citable scholarly work.
3) Open Data and Linked Open Data are not the whole solution, but they help...This allows for redistribution, forking and remixing, and where possible, open digital culture is the right thing ethically and intellectually as well.
The annual **Linked Pasts conference**, which has previously been held at KCL, Madrid, Stanford, Mannz and Bordeaux, brings together scholars, heritage professionals and other practitioners with an interest in Linked Open Data as applied to the study of the ancient and historical worlds. Panels and working groups at Linked Pasts are more goal-oriented than a conventional academic conference, and activities and agendas are often proposed, developed and revised by all participants at the event itself.

The sixth installment of Linked Pasts, hosted by the University of London and British Library in December 2020, will be a fully remote and online event, with events taking place over two weeks rather than an intense three days of in-person sessions. Other than welcome, keynote and wrap-up at the beginning and end of the conference, most activities will be asynchronous, with work or discussion taking place in whatever medium is most appropriate to the activity and community in question. Participation in the conference is free, but **advance registration is required**.
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