UK Information Policy: opening government up to citizens

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How much do you   0%

trust your government

to give truthful and

accurate information?

100%

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Daily News

MPs' expenses scandal!

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A
Perfect Storm

Low trust

Technological development

Social

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Digital Agenda
for
Europe

Photo: World Economic Forum

"One way to create trust is to increase transparency in government."

Neelie Kroes

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Current players in information policy

CabinetOffice

(Rt Hon Francis Maude MP)

Public Sector Transparency Board
Chief Information Officer Council
Directgov
Government Digital Service
UK Statistics Authority

Ministry of JUSTICE

(Lord McNally)

The National Archives
   Office of Public Sector Information/Advisory
   Panel on Public Sector Information
Information Commissioner

dcms
department for
culture, media
and sport

Department for
Education

BIS Department for Business
Innovation & Skills

European Commission

defra Department for Environment
Food and Rural Affairs

DWP Department for
Work and Pensions

Home Office

DH Department
of Health

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Heroes

and

Heroines

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Photo: Community Organisers

Hero Number #1

William
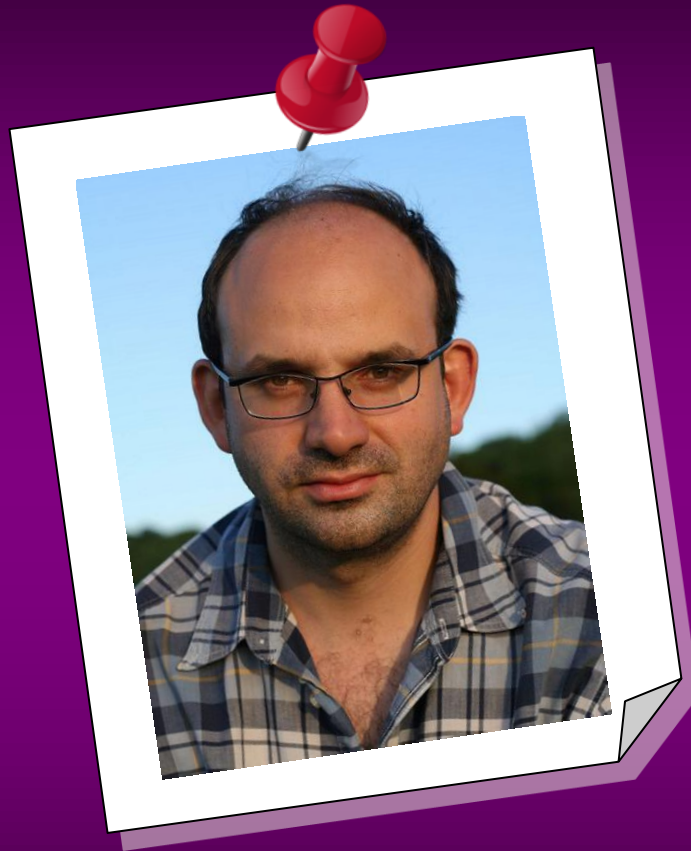# Perrin

Civil servant >
community activist

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Hero Number #2

Tom
Steinberg
MySociety

Civil servant >
masher & activist

Photo: MySociety

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Hero Number #3

Tom

Watson MP

Minister for
Digital Engagement

Photo: Oxford Internet Institute

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Power of Information Task Force

Terms of Reference

"To advise and assist the government on delivering benefit to the public from new developments in digital media and the use of citizen- and state-generated information in the UK, including those identified in the Power of Information Review."

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Heroine Number #1

Carol
Tullo

Director, Information Policy & Services, The National Archives – public sector information guru

Photo: Civil Service Live Network

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Loughborough University

Hero Number #5

John

Sheridan

Leading on linked data & WWW Consortium

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Hero Number #6

Photo: ResearchSpace

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Tim

Berners-Lee

Most influential
open data advocate

Photo: Wikipedia: Enrique Dans

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Making money
for
government:

the Trading Funds

Geospatial information underpins much public sector information
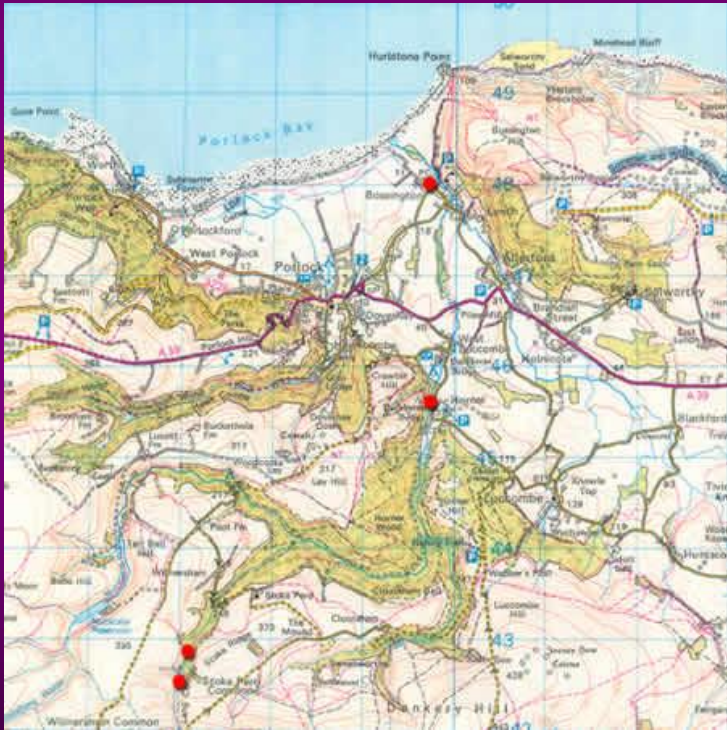
Map: Ordnance Survey

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Election 2010

Main parties pushing transparency

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Photo: Emmanuel College, Cambridge

Hero Number #7

Rufus

Pollock

Cambridge University & Open Knowledge Foundation

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Heroine Number #2

Martha
Lane Fox

Digital champion

Photo: Cabinet Office

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Hero Number #8

Jimmy
Wales

Founder of Wikipedia – political engagement

Photo: Wikimedia Foundation: Jimmy Wales

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Open Knowledge Foundation

Open Government
conference

Academics

Lawyers

Community activists

Developers

Civil servants

Human rights groups

Library & information professionals…?

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Influence

of the

information
profession

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RECOMMENDATIONS
TO THE
UK INFORMATION PROFESSION

1. Investigate and develop new skills needed in government

2. Develop wider skills relevant to government eg policy-making

3. Public libraries to engage more with information literacy

4. Co-ordinate campaigning/lobbying to government

5. Encourage leadership and policy champions

6. Articulate the value of the information profession

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