



ESCALATOR

IN A NUTSHELL

ESCALATOR aims to support the development of an inclusive and active community of practice in digital humanities (DH) and computational social sciences (CSS) in South Africa.

The programme kicked off in December 2020 and provides a scaffold for existing and emerging initiatives around digital and computational research capacity in the humanities and social sciences. Although various new projects will be launched within the ESCALATOR programme, it also aims to highlight the work already underway in the country.

Should you be aware of any initiatives that would benefit from being part of the community, please share this information leaflet with them or ask them to contact the programme team.

[CONTACT THE PROGRAMME TEAM](#)

FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES

DIGITAL CHAMPIONS INITIATIVE

This initiative aims to attract individuals interested in growing their digital or computational skills and networks. Several tracks are developed to address needs identified in the community. Each track offers a unique approach to learning new skills and connecting with the local and international community. We are actively looking for partners interested in collaborating on developing and implementing these tracks.

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EXPLORER



Grow awareness of fundamental concepts of digital scholarship
**Launched May 2021*

EMBARKER



Learn about the vast landscape of digital scholarship and start applying it to your own work
**Coming soon*

ENHANCER



Develop more advanced digital skills by applying it to a humanities or social sciences project
**Coming soon*

ENABLER



Discover resources that can facilitate the development of a local community of practice
**Coming soon*

EDUCATOR



Master skills in developing contextualised open education resources
**Launched January 2022*

EMPOWER



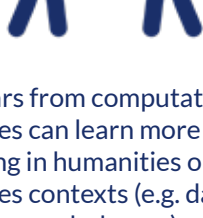
Join a community of women using digital and computational skills
**Launched August 2021*

EXECUTIVE



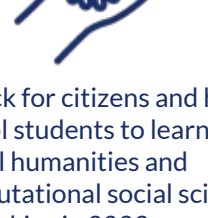
Resources and information to support management with decision making, budgeting, and partnering to grow digital and computational skills in their units
**Launching in 2023*

EXCHANGER



Scholars from computational sciences can learn more about working in humanities or social sciences contexts (e.g. data, pitfalls, vocabulary...)
**Launching in 2023*

ENGAGER



A track for citizens and high school students to learn about digital humanities and computational social sciences
**Launching in 2023*

STAKEHOLDER MAP

One of the critical needs identified is understanding the landscape of digital humanities and computational social sciences in South Africa. The DH & CSS stakeholder map project will collect information about researchers, research projects, datasets, tools, training, publications, etc. Information will be made available to the community via interactive visualisations and machine-readable formats.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

HUMAN CAPACITY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ESCALATOR has offered online opportunities rather than in-person capacity and community development events. In Q3 and Q4 of 2022 and 2023, there will be opportunities for researchers, students, research management, and professional research services staff to join regional events in person or virtually. The events will showcase digital and computational practices in humanities and social sciences, offer hands-on skills development workshops, and provide networking opportunities.

JOIN OUR ONLINE EVENTS!

SLACK WORKSPACE ONBOARDING

Learn how and why to use Slack for connection and collaboration in the ESCALATOR programme.

TUESDAYS
10:00 - 10:30
Everyone welcome.

[REGISTER HERE](#)
for the next date that will suit you

EXPLORER TRACK MONTHLY MEETUP

To ask questions about EXPLORER or ESCALATOR in general. Meet community members and team. Make suggestions to improve.

LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
15:30 - 16:30
Newcomers to digital and computational practices in humanities and social sciences.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)
for a meeting that fits your schedule

PYTHON/R STUDY GROUP FOR HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES

We meet every two weeks to dedicate time to programming practice and skills development. Whether a novice or experienced, use this time to code and grow.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY
11:00 - 13:00
Anyone interested to learn/improve R or Python skills in humanities/social sciences. Self-paced learning in a group.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)
to receive connection details and only join when you can

DH COLLOQUIA

To learn about the DH landscape and see projects in practice.

ONCE PER MONTH (WEDNESDAYS)
10:00
Everyone welcome.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)
for the SADiLaR newsletter to stay informed

REGULAR DATA ANALYSIS WORKSHOPS VIA THE CARPENTRIES

Learn to work more efficiently with data using tools like OpenRefine, R, regular expressions, etc.

AD HOC
Anyone interested to learn skills covered in the [Library Carpentry](#) or [Data Carpentry](#) curricula.

[CHECK HERE](#)
for upcoming workshops

Or contact admin-afr@carpentries.org

STAY INFORMED OR GET IN TOUCH!

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MAILING LISTS

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A general distribution list to stay updated with the ESCALATOR programme and related events, opportunities, and news.

Join: <https://bit.ly/escalator-announce-signup>

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: <https://escalator.sadilar.org>

Twitter: @DHCSSZA

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/escalator-ytplaylists>

Zenodo: <https://bit.ly/zenodo-community>

SLACK

A virtual workspace to facilitate communication, connection, and collaboration

Read more: <https://bit.ly/escalator-slack-info>

Join: https://bit.ly/DHCSSza_Slack

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

• We want to hear from you and use your input to help shape the programme and various initiatives.

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• Woman in humanities & social sciences, tell us how we can support you to grow your digital/computational skills and networks.

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• EXPLORER feedback

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• Or email escalator@talarify.co.za with any feedback or questions.



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