

Open Data Lab Report Back

#OpenDataTO

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HOW DO WE RE-IMAGINE GOVERNMENT & CITIZENSHIP

9.30 - Mayor Announces Toronto.ca/Open

Just announced toronto.ca/open - our open data initiative, and DataTO.org, our independent companion site at [toronto innovation showcase](https://toronto.innovation.showcase)

about 12 hours ago from TwitterBerry

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10:16am The First Mashup

<http://is.gd/4L7dv> Quick test playing with the city's new open data. City wards laid on top of Google Maps. #opendatato

about 11 hours ago from TweetDeck

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We gathered

Our collaborators...

- City staff and management
- Software developers & technologists
- Web entrepreneurs
- Social entrepreneurs
- Designers
- Social policy researchers
- Data librarians

● Multi-disciplinary

We had a challenge

Imagine a city that thinks
like the web...

Our Materials



An afternoon in the Lab...

1. Inspire - 4 presentations: Peter Corbett, Dave Wallace, David Suydam, Matthew Milan
2. Learn - 6 x 10 minute “speed dating” between community members & City data experts
3. Imagine - 9 x 30 minute brainstorming
4. Share - 9 x 3 minute report back

> 500 tweets on #opendataTO
> 4500 words of notes on
<http://wiki.changecamp.ca/OpenDataTO>

Key Questions

- Where does the data come from?
- How is it populated?
- What's in/what's out?
- What formats?
- Is there a standard?
- What frequency?
- What else do you have?

Nine Ideas

- A framework and toolset for multi-language translation of city data, supported by Toronto's technology & newcomer communities
- Multi-modal commute times to support location decisions (work/live, etc) and carbon footprint reduction
- TO Fun-finder: using geo-location, events, community centres etc to find fun things to do within X km radius

Nine Ideas

- Embeddable widgets to find library books through private blogs, Facebook, etc
- A well-documented API wrapper to standardize data into common formats
- Fact-checking statements around and between elections - budgets, council votes, elections

Nine Ideas

- Neighbourhood community services finder mashup (211, TDSB, TCHC, Police, etc)
- GPS-aware mobile app with one-button access to next vehicle to your location
- Childcare space sharing service, e.g. 3/5 days in one location/time swapped for another location or time

What people need to
make ideas reality...

trust

more data, more
ways

a real problem to solve

What is the impact of
one day?

the beginning of a
new conversation

inside/out and
outside/in

Ask the community
how they might solve
your problem

real problems

+

open data

+

city staff expertise

+

community capability

=

awesome

Child-care space sharing app

- a real problem experienced by real people
- open data released now
- a city expert who understands the problem space clearly articulating the problem
- an opportunity for data-in as well as data-out
- leverage the peer to peer power of the web
- community members with capability and passion

today's open data launch, who tell me that they are highly intelligent and good looking! #opendataTO

about 5 hours ago from TwitterBerry

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very cool @mayormiller is here for beer o'clock #opendataTO

about 5 hours ago from SocialScope

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Where to next?

What can we do
together?

How do we make
open civic innovation
sustainable?

We need an
ecosystem

Welcome!

This site is for users and publishers of open access data in the Toronto region. It is a very early alpha release, so if you experience issues [report them here](#). Today you can publish a request for data to the community, where members can comment and rate the request. In future iterations of this site, publishers and others will be able to post details of known and existing data sources so that community members can rate them for prioritization. Users will then be able to find data sources that have been published.

Find

Request

Publish

About Us

We are a community of people from the Toronto region who have an interest in freeing data to support innovation in the public, social and private sectors. This site has been built by and for the community. It is a space for community members to find, unlock, publish and use open data for civic, social and economic purposes. [More...](#)

Join the discussion in our [Google Group](#).

Activity

Recent Requests

- [GO Transit data](#)
- [Place Data for Businesses](#)
- [CCTV Footage](#)
- [Terrain information - inclines, declines, construction, etc.](#)
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Hot Requests

- [Request to make the TTC's Next Vehicle Information System data available](#)
- [Pedestrian/Cyclist and Car Collisions](#)
- [Bike Lanes \(Current & Future\)](#)
- [GO Transit data](#)
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New since last time: 7 messages

This is a discussion group for Toronto's open access data community and a companion to the DataTO.org website.

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[When's TTC coming to GoogleMaps](#)

By Louis St-Amour - 6:00pm - 5 authors - 9 replies

[Standard REST interfaces](#)

By Louis St-Amour - 6:08pm - 6 authors - 8 replies

[DataTO.org Launched - What do you think?](#)


By Louis St-Amour - 8:15pm - 4 authors - 4 replies

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By Stephen van Egmond - 7:17pm - 3 authors - 2 replies

[Geospatial data formats](#)

By Mat Krepicz - 7:16pm - 1 author - 0 replies

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What are the
components of
Toronto's open data
ecosystem?



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