Dear Partners,

We are pleased to announce the launch of our WP2 quarterly update newsletter within which we will provide quarterly updates about progress on making data available to support the investigation in to the viability of the York City Environment Observatory. We have decided to follow this approach to encourage you to make contact with us regarding your questions, concerns or suggestions and involve you into the decision-making process.

A few words about the Work Package 2:

The main role of this work package is the development of a York city environment open data and model platform, and to publish as many open datasets that can be used by the other work packages and consortium members as possible. We are aiming to put a number of high quality data and resources on the Open Data platform and looking to have these held in a way which allows for private or restricted resources, to be created and shared only under specific credentials within the consortium.

YCEO page

As you might already have seen, since the 31st October a new section has been added to York Open data platform to host the YCEO. The project is split in 2 phases, the pilot phase which will be developed between June 2016 and December 2017 and the implementation phase. The pilot phase of the YCEO aims to integrate, combine and analyse data related to York in a way that has never been done before. Data discovered along the project will help the city to better understand how environmental issues affect health, wellbeing and the economy of the city. For more information about the YCEO please follow the below link: https://www.yorkopendata.org/yceo/

User Guide

We recognise that not all of the partners or users will have used Open Data platforms before and therefore to help you and your users to navigate on the YOD site, we have published a User Guide: https://data.yorkopendata.org/dataset/user-guide

Please take a tour on our York Open Data site, and check out some of the datasets, so you can see what kind of data we publish. You might find some of your data would be appropriate to upload, and if that is the case please contact us.

WP2 Progress in October and December:

- YCEO sub-page launched

- Logos updated to reflect stage and status of project

- Ongoing work to release live-time, restricted and GIS data;

- Investigation of ways of improving platform's search engine

- Release and update of a number of internal CYC datasets such as Footfall, performance indicators, One Planet Council, and Heritage data

- York Open Data platform re-designed to include this new categories

If there are any areas that you would like to give us feedback on, or any topics you would like to read about, please contact us at the following email address: **info@yorkopendata.org**

Regards,

York Open Data