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Campus Champions

The UK NGS Campus Champions program aims to provide a clear connection between researchers at NGS participating institutions and the broader NGS. This will ensure that sites are fully engaged with the NGS and able to exploit the full range of available services in support of their local users.

What will the campus champion do?

To fully exploit the investment implied by joining the NGS, it is essential that staff in the member institution are able to connect quickly and easily into the processes and the information networks of the NGS. To enhance this process the presence of a campus champion will ensure that there is within the institution;

- A source of information regarding NGS resources and services that will benefit research and education on their campus,
- A source of user accounts on their campus, allowing researchers and educators to quickly get using their allocations of time on NGS resources,
- A conduit for the campus e-infrastructure needs, requirements and challenges, with direct access to NGS staff.
- A host for an NGS Roadshow event giving visibility to the institutions commitment and showing the mechanisms to interested members of staff that enable utilisation of the different resources available through the national e-infrastructure.
- Direct access to the outreach and training group in the NGS including all of the material and support that this group provides.



Why would an institution become a member of the program?

In addition to the improved engagement with the host institution and the implied benefits through supporting common service interfaces, the NGS will directly provide several enhancements in its current services:

- Detailed Training and documentation on the processes for user registration and management. This will include the provision of a local Virtual Organization to which Champions can add users which acts as a sub VO to the main NGS VO.
- Addition of relevant items for the Champion into the NGS surgery meetings.
- Allocations of NGS time to allow for supporting new users and novel developments.
- Material for publicizing NGS and related local activities, including research success stories etc.
- Attendance by a member of NGS management to give a seminar on the NGS which can be used to kick off the program locally.

How does an institution join?

Campus Champions should be either a member of central IT services who's remit includes research computing, or a researcher whose work includes related resource utilization and who has a passion for engagement of colleagues in the activity.

Once the person has been nominated then they should contact the NGS. We will ask for a letter of support from a member of senior management such as the director of information services, after which will organize training where necessary for them to ensure that they are knowledgeable about the NGS, its capabilities and how your users can get the best from it.