What I wish I knew...
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Our Collection

8 million objects
3.5 million catalogued
2.2 million records online
1 million objects imaged
It’s scary out there…

My hero in 2015? The man with the plan to beat the cuts
Aditya Chakrabortty

Few will have heard of local union leader John Burgess, but he is now confronting the nightmare we will all face

Do you know savvy, local businesses, or heritage enthusiasts with lots of spare time?! Lancashire County Council are appealing for serious, interested parties to come forward and take over the running of the museum service.

Please get in touch with the council if you know anyone or any group who could realistically run our local heritage sites.
There are enormous opportunities & challenges

More information created every two days than from the dawn of time to 2003*

Not just volume but velocity of creation

This digital data needs to be curated – selected, stored, maintained, described, retrieved, disposed of, forgotten…

and sometimes preserved
Value your training - but be open to change

Archivist
Records manager
Librarian

Information technologist
Digital humanities
Software programmer
Engage with Technology

Get a seat at the table
Get developers on side
Play and explore
Understand open source
Think about integrations with your legacy infrastructure
Talk to vendors
Develop your soft skills

Essential to get buy in…

Especially from senior management and key decision makers

Engage with user communities

Ex: Broadcast
Think about the value of your assets

The cost of creating them

The cost of their replacement

Their reuse value

The reputational risk of loosing them

Build your business case
Don’t be afraid

No-one knows everything

Building up research questions for future digital technologists

Fantastic support network

Digital Preservation Coalition
Don’t take your charge lightly
Take the time to enjoy your collections
Now what?

We are in a critical phase of developing an answer to the question that digital data poses us.

An opportunity exists to build the human, technical and knowledge infrastructure that supports our important digital resources, assets and objects.

You are the generation who will deliver on this promise.