Event/Course Title | QSR NVivo for Windows Training Workshop  
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Date of event | 10/05/2016 -11/05/2016

1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):

This two day workshop at the Glasgow Caledonian University was hosted by QSR International. This workshop provided training for Nvivo Software for windows. This is software which provides various tools for qualitative data management and analysis. This classroom workshop was aimed to help attendees gain the knowledge and practice needed to begin my own project with NVivo. Day One covered the fundamentals of NVivo by using sample data, created a project and worked with textual data, introduced principles for effective coding, some basic queries. The second day looked at other source types, explored mapping tools available and more advanced queries.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.

This was a two day workshop, the afternoon of each day was used as a practical time to work on your own project and practice what we had learnt using own data. This was ideal as I am currently mid-way through data collection, and help me think about creating a project structure to manage my data and begin case study summaries. Having the expertise on hand from QSR meant that any questions we could explore the multiple ways which Nvivo could cope with my research questions and design and find the way which worked best for my current project, whilst having a broader knowledge of the software. As someone who is a kinaesthetic learner this approach was of more benefit than online learning environments which I had tried before attending.

As this covered skills within Nvivo for a variety of projects I was able to develop skills beyond the remit of my PhD project, this means I have skills such as qualitative survey analysis for future projects/roles. This is common software across various disciplines but is particularly relevant for projects within social science analysis which I look to pursue as an early career academic.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

- Project structure created within practical afternoon sessions will be taken forward and adapted as I continue my primary data collection and data management.
- I intend to code directly onto audio file to save time, where appropriate. Still transcribing key quotes.
- Matrix coding queries— this may be useful for both giving an overview of data for interviews and broad understandings of cross case analysis. This would also be a great transferrable skills when using survey based projects where big data take a qualitative ‘open-ended’ form to understand how this could be presented to policy/quantitative based audiences.
4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials.

Workshop provided a USB of training resources to create an example project from scratch (instead of the complete ready-made project and coding used online training). The rest of resources were QSR website, or within software such as ‘getting started guide’. I would be happy to share this data with CAPOD.

6. Tips/experience learned from the event

The biggest take home message or tip for me is to remember to ask what the purpose of your queries are? Use logic and consider how much detail (i.e. nodes) are needed to answer your research question/project brief so you don’t do too much unneeded work, which in turn leads to better time management.

7. Any additional comments or information regarding the event

n/a

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Yes ☒ No ☐