# Hands- on: curating the RRPP qualitative data

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#### Material check

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- Informed consent
- Interview questions
- Data files
- Other documents

## Starting with one file: data unit level information





- Participant: Gender, age, occupation, education etc.?
- Situational information: time, place?
- Usually the minimum that can be found are date and gender
- Look at the beginning of the file since often at start of an interview participants tell about themselves
- Is the list of interviews available? It may have background information needed
- Decide what is the data unit level information that can be derived from the dataset and other documents available





### One file practice: Anonymisation



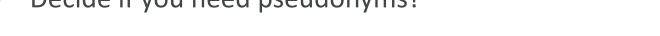
- Check what exactly is mentioned in the consent about the confidentiality and anonymity
- Decide whether you need to categorize the data unit level information
  - That is the minimum level you need to imply for anonymising the file content, as well
- Glance through the data file
  - Are there proper personal names?
  - Are there other proper names (organisations, firms)
  - Are there unique locations (place names) mentioned?



## Start making an anonymisation plan



Decide if you need pseudonyms?



- What need to be removed and/or categorized?
  - Is the exact occupation common or out of ordinary?
  - What proper names and locations are revealing and which are not?

- What detailed information can be left in the data file?
  - For instance, if you categorize the participant's age and the place of residence is categorized systematically, some details may be left intact









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