

Ad-hoc notes from RSE Support Discussion Group

- Tier 2 should complement and support Tier 1
- Local prioritisation v national coherency
- Protect RSE time for Tier 2
 - focus on code porting/development
- Coordination activity
- Tier 1 support has national focus
 - agree focus themes on an annual basis
 - involve Tier 2 champions in defining this
 - Andy Turner is a natural liaison
- Many RSEs are domain-focussed
- Many Tier 2 have existing (local) collaborations
- It is all about focus
- Lack of EPSRC effort for coordination
 - though they are the only organisation with overall managerial authority
- Tier-1 and Tier-2 RSEs need to communicate
 - regular meetings, particularly in early stages
- Disconnect between Directors/PIs and technical people
- Some HEIs are setting up RSE groups
 - Bristol, UCL, Manchester, Sheffield,...
- Management is a key issue
 - how many RSEs are in an RSE group?
- Untenable situation
 - lines of command that don't run appropriately
 - mentoring, training, travel, holidays,...
 - trying to contribute to a single activity
- RSE and career progression
 - is there an attractive career progression?
- Managing innovation
 - embedded in Research, or separate group

- Need coordination within each Tier 2
 - and ultimately between Tier 2s and Tier 1
- Long tail (lightweight, shorter term) v embedded
 - long tail is not well recognised and supported
- Collecting a list of expertises
- Analogies with PRACE
 - Tools and Techniques
 - Applications Enabling
 - Portability and Benchmarking
- Need outputs as White Papers and webinars
- Matching top-down and bottom-up
- Build community
 - easy to feel that you are alone as an RSE
- Networking and visibility
- Need a sense of community and connection

Actions

- Identify who the Tier 2 RSE are
- Find a way to share the list
- UKRSE conference in Manchester in September
 - Workshop submission (from AndyT)
- Co-location Tier 2 Champions and ARCHER Champions
 - for all future meetings
 - Next meeting in June
- Identify themes