2021 Workplan - Proposed

These are the proposed top level areas for the 2021 workplan, drawn from proposals crowdsourced in early 2021.

- REF21-1: REFEDS Coordination and Management
- REF21-2: Specialist Working Groups
- REF21-3: Promotion and Communication
- REF21-4: Standards and Specifications
- REF21-5: REFEDS Services

REF21-1: REFEDS Coordination and Management

Lead: Nicole Harris

Aims:
- To progress REFEDS position as an important player within the access and identity management space internationally.
- To build on established relationships with GÉANT project and other federation-related activities around the world.

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<td>REF21-1A</td>
<td>REFEDS BOFS at appropriate meetings throughout the year (maximum of 2).</td>
<td>Suggestions for where to target BOFs in 2021 welcomed. Proposal for an &quot;unconference&quot; style REFEDS meeting has been circulated to the community for discussion.</td>
<td>Nicole Harris</td>
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<td>REF21-1B</td>
<td>Maintain and develop the REFEDS blog, wiki and website.</td>
<td>As normal.</td>
<td>Nicole Harris</td>
<td>01/21</td>
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<td>REF21-1C</td>
<td>REFEDS annual meetings.</td>
<td>TNC and Internet2 Technology Exchange Meeting (if held)</td>
<td>Nicole Harris</td>
<td>01/21</td>
<td>10/21</td>
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<td>REF21-1E</td>
<td>Manage REFEDS contracts with third parties.</td>
<td>These are contracts with external parties that support REFEDS such as Spherical Cow Consulting and RETI.</td>
<td>Nicole Harris</td>
<td>01/21</td>
<td>07/21</td>
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<td>REF21-1F</td>
<td>Manage REFEDS Sponsorships.</td>
<td>Current sponsor list.</td>
<td>Nicole Harris</td>
<td>12/18</td>
<td>01/21</td>
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<td>REF21-1G</td>
<td>REFEDS Distinguished Engineer Programme.</td>
<td>On hold</td>
<td>Heather Flanagan</td>
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<td>This is on hold as we only plan to have virtual meetings in 2021.</td>
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REF21-2: Specialist Working Groups

Lead: Heather Flanagan

Aim:
- To provide infrastructure and support for evolving ideas and areas in the REFEDS community.

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<td>REF21-2A</td>
<td>FOG: Federation Operators Group</td>
<td>Peter Schober with support from Nicole Harris</td>
<td>01/21</td>
<td>12/21</td>
<td>This is an ongoing discussion group and as such has no goals.</td>
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REF21-2B  | SIRTFI  | Tom Barton  | 01/21  | 12/21  
REF21-2C  | Assurance  | Julie Ziegler  | 01/21  | 12/21  | The goal as of 2021 of this working group is to:
  • revisit and modernize the specifications (formal review).
  • ensure test facilities are in place to enable adoption.
REF21-2D  | Entity Category Support  | Heather Flanagan  | 01/21  | 12/21  | The goal for 2021 will be to produce a v2 of the REFEDS R&S specification.
REF21-2E  | Federation Trust 2.0  | Tom Barton and Judith Bush  | 01/21  | 12/21  
REF21-2F  | SPOG: SP Operators Group  | Laura Paglione  | 01/21  | 12/21  | This is an ongoing discussion group and as such has no goals.
REF21-2G  | Federation Baseline Expectations Working Group  | Pål Axelsson and Alan Buxey  | 01/21  | 12/21  
REF21-2H  | REFEDS OIDCre  | TBD  | 03/21  | 12/21  | Restarting the OIDCre working group to serve as a requirements gathering point for information to submit to the OIDF OIDCre working group.

### REF21-3: Promotion and Communication

**Lead:** Nicole Harris

**Aims:**

- To provide materials and support mechanisms to help federations promote effective approaches to IdPs and SPs.
- To provide feedback on documents produced by other groups to support clarity of messages.
- To reach out to target groups where specific messaging could be beneficial.

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Liaison with identified stakeholder groups and establish consistent working relationships  |  |  |  |  |  
Further work to be defined following REFEDS Strategy meeting  |  |  |  |  |  

### REF21-4: Standards and Specifications

**Lead:** Heather Flanagan

**Aims:**

- To provide support for the development of standards and specifications under the REFEDS banner.
- To pilot specification work to support implementation requirements.
- To put in place structures to ensure specification and schema sustainability.

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REF21-4A  | Schema management  | Schema Editorial Board with support from Heather Flanagan  | 01/21  | 12/21  | Work items to include:
  • eduPerson Reporting Code proposal to be prepared.
  • Discussions on SCHAC Gender updates.
  • Splitting the protocol-specific elements out of the schema.
  • Formally vote to include voPerson in schema supported by the SEB.

### REF21-5: REFEDS Services

**Lead:** Nicole Harris
Aims:

- To continue using MET and enhance where possible.
- To support the basic REFEDS infrastructure needs (website, wiki, and mailing lists).

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<td>REF21-5A</td>
<td>MET: revision of the MET service to bring back to consistent working environment</td>
<td>Contractor</td>
<td>01/21</td>
<td>12/21</td>
<td>Call for proposals issued: <a href="https://refeds.org/a/2492">https://refeds.org/a/2492</a>. Deadline for proposals: 26th February.</td>
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