

Abstract

The Disruptive and Innovative Power of Open Data and its implications for Intelligent Policy Making

The past three years has seen nation states, regional authorities and cities all setting up Open Data initiatives. The reasons are numerous and compelling; transparency and accountability, the drive to improve public services, the creation of social and economic value are all seen as reasons to publish public sector information. The UK is a pioneer in this work having put thousands of datasets online. These range from maps to spending data, crime to education data. It has also pioneered new engineering and technological approaches to open data - this linked data capability is a next stage in the development of the Web.

Professor Shadbolt will examine the rapid emergence of open data and the technologies that support it. He will explore how government and business can benefit from open data with particular reference to evidence based and intelligent policymaking.