1. **OS Map & Hack: FAQs**

**What data can I use?**

The following datasets will be accessible and provided to you by Ordnance Survey:

**OS APIs:** OS Maps API, OS Vector Tile API, OS Places API, OS Features API, OS Linked Identifiers

**OS Data Products:** OS MasterMap Topography Layer, OS VectorMap Local, POI, Greenspace, OS Highways Network, AddressBase Core, DSM, DTM, Aerial Imagery

Participants can use third-party datasets such as open-source libraries to help create and implement their solution.

**Do I need to sign up to the OS Data Hub?**

To access the datasets listed above, you will need to sign up to the OS Data Hub and sign to the standard T&Cs. Existing users will need to create a new account for the purpose of the event.

**What are the participation costs?**

There is no cost to attend this event, however all participants will be responsible for supplying their own devices and internet access.

**Where will OS Map & Hack take place?**

OS Map & Hack is a fully virtual event. The opening ceremony, team presentations and closing ceremony will be broadcasted via the Microsoft Teams platform and a Discord server will be set up throughout the two days to allow continuous collaboration for all.

**What will happen on the day?**

Participants will be sent a calendar invite when they register. We will follow up this invite with a full agenda and access to all links required.

You will also be sent an invite to join the Discord server a couple of days before the event. Participants will need to check-in online via an automated ‘check-in’ channel and process. You will then be able to access public rooms open to all participants and a private room specifically for your team.

The opening ceremony will be broadcasted via MS teams and we will then announce the start of the hackathon.
A full agenda will be shared with participants nearer to the event.

**Am I required to enter as a team?**

You have the option of entering as an individual or as a team. Teams of up to five members.

If you enter as an individual and would like to be placed into a team, you must provide your skills so that we can place you into the appropriate cross-functional team.

**What time does the hackathon start and finish?**

**Wednesday 6 Oct:** start 0900 – finish 1800

**Thursday 7 Oct:** start 0900 – 1600, closing ceremony to take place at 1800

Timings have included slots for participant’s presentations and judging, although these times as subject to change.

**How will the winners be selected?**

Presentations to be taking place during the afternoon of the second day in a Pecha Kucha style format, via MS teams.

Participants will be required to outline their concept, the APIs they have used, and the technical and creative process taken to reach the concept. Results of the hackathon to be research, working software, analysis or a proof of concept.

**What is the judging criteria?**

**Creativity:**  
how unique, innovative, and creative your project is

**Implementation of APIs:**  
In addition to the use of the eight OS APIs, how many transactions, API calls and features are included. The quality of use and the development.

**Impact:**  
The potential value your project could provide in the journey towards a sustainable future.

**Do I need to be able to code to enter?**

We encourage all participants to have basic programmatic skills however, if you are entering as a team, then you may decide to have a non-technical team member.
Tutorials, workshops, and code examples will be provided to all participants before and during the event. There are also channels provided for dedicated technical support on Discord.