Connecting Librarians to Researchers

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NVivo Trainer Development Network Webinar
Agenda

- History and Context
- What we do today
- Why we do what we do
- What we have learned
History and Context
Decentralized urban campus
12 schools
Responsibility-centered budgets
Multiple IT organizations
NVivo setup at Penn Libraries

- Library Computing Guide
- Keyserver license sharing
- PC and Mac software
- Desktop versus laptop access
- Managing expectations and tracking usage
History of training

- Library Tutorials Guide
- Library Tech Workshops
- Monthly workshops by guest presenter at start
- Coordination with campus experts
- Building expertise within Penn Libraries
- Helping researchers choose what tool to use when
- Blog posts to feature special projects
What we do today
NVivo workshops and user group

- Collaboration with library and research lab staff
- Monthly workshops on NVivo Basic use
- Library Guide on NVivo
- Canvas course for campus conversations
- Monthly user group featuring mini-workshops on special topics
- Integration with existing local training
- Local listserv
Why we do what we do
NVivo Challenges

- Learning Curve
- Unfamiliar Interface
- Platform conversion issues

http://onlineqda.hud.ac.uk/Step_by_step_software/NVivo/NVivo7/images/NVivo7_main_window.jpg
NVivo Joys

- Visualization results
- Combine many researchers on one project
- Powerful analysis tools
User Group Functions

- Make learning more transparent
- Individuals get to “show off” pet projects
- Get local ideas to be visible
- Discipline-specific conversations
What we have learned
Multiple voices help

- Shifting from workshop to networking is not easy
- Techniques such as Lightning Rounds help
- We need more examples by discipline and project type
- Workflow issues need to be addressed
Questions?

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