

Data Justice:

Fostering equitable data-led strategies to prevent, reduce and end youth homelessness

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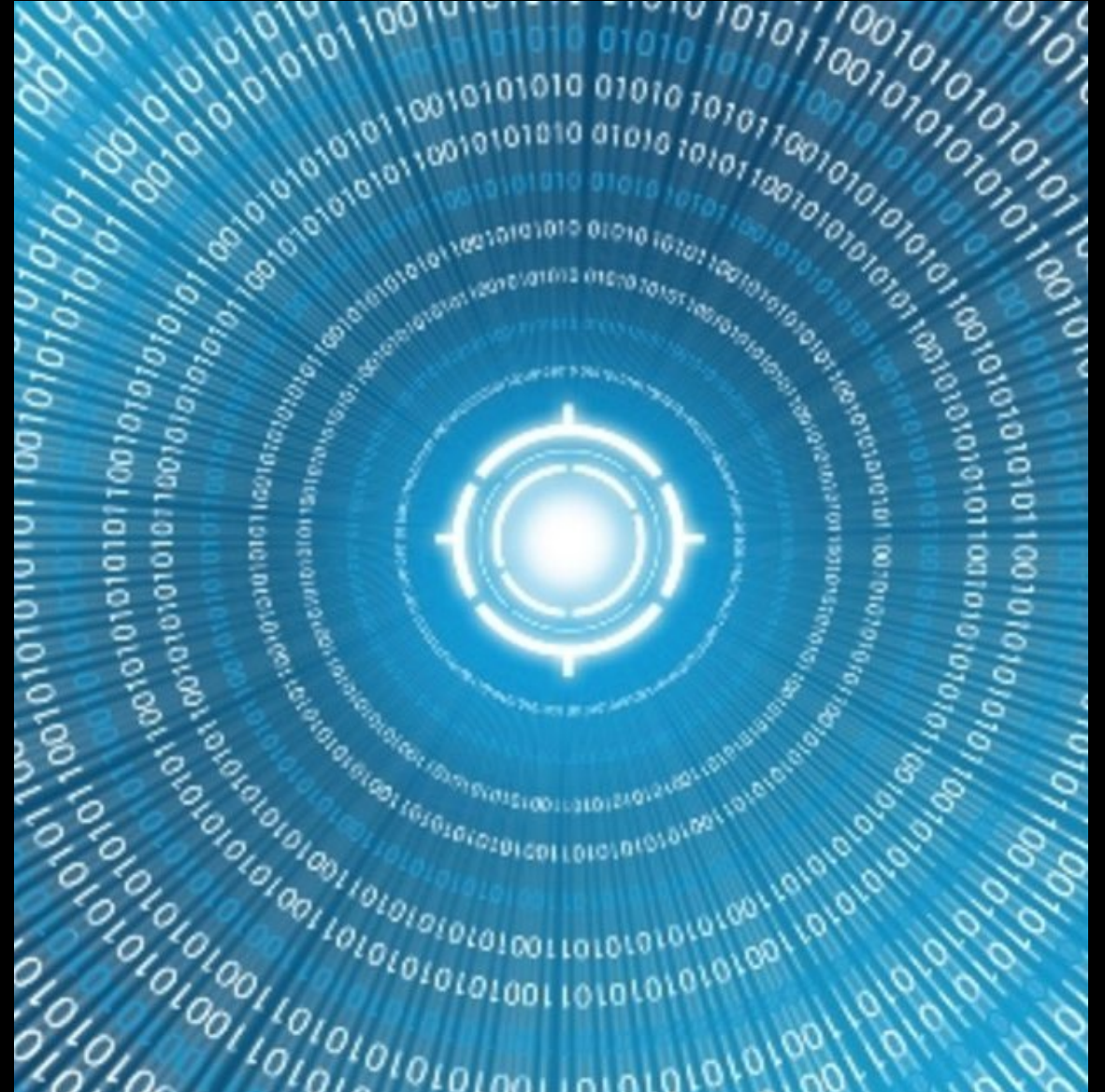
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Outline

1. Illuminate the problematic that underpins my new program of work
2. Describe the project scope, aims and objectives; and
3. Provide you with a concrete example of a just use of data, we have been exploring – in this case, a rights-based and custodial approach to administrative data usage

Project Background & Problematic



Given that the effects of these new modes of governance will be magnified for those groups who have historically been the targets of and/or dependent on State systems (Eubanks, 2018) *and* given that exclusionary relations within interlocking State systems, “can exacerbate and entrench [a person’s] already marginal position in the political, social and economic structures of society” (Bhabha, 2007, p. 154), data-led governance must be understood as more than a technical political reform – it also represents a pressing social justice issue.



Project Scope, Aims & Objectives

Our aim is to systematically identify possibilities and problems within existing state systems; design and propose equitable data solutions, which address outcome disproportionalities generated along racial-ethnic, class and gender lines; and ensure that public sector institutions disrupt, rather than entrench, historically situated inequalities.



Project Structure

Learning Lab Projects:

- The Youth Homelessness Data Alternatives lab
- The Neighbourhood Data-Autonomy lab
- The Administrative Data Coalition lab

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Using Data to Enable Sustained and Positive Transitions from State Systems for Youth At-Risk of Homelessness



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What is administrative data
and why is it important?

Rights to Personal Information and Privacy

1. Individual rights to accessing one's own personal information; and
2. Custodial rights to access and protect the personal information of others.



Use-Cases



Moving towards data-led governance in Canada – the importance of individual and custodial rights

Administrative data should only be shared when supported by a strong rights-based framework, which ensures that young people:

- Have access to their case file data;
- Can review the information and confirm that it accurately conveys their experiences in care; and
- Consent to having their data shared.



Recommendations

