

The Resource Discovery Network is:

A national collection of 66,000+ Internet resources with full record and

- Subject-specific services via hubs / gateways
- RDN Virtual Training Suite
- RDN Include
- Case Studies / learning pathways

The screenshot shows the RDN website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "ResourceFinder" and a "GO" button. Below the search bar, there is a "browse" section with a list of subject areas and their sub-topics. The subject areas listed are:

- ARTS & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES (In development)
- BUSINESS (Economics | Management ...)
- COMPUTING (Information Systems | Theory of Computation ...)
- ENGINEERING (Aerospace & Defence | Bioengineering ...)
- GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENT
- HEALTH & MEDICINE (Allied Health | Animal Health ...)
- HUMANITIES (History | English ...)
- LAW (By Subject Area | UK Law ...)
- LIFE SCIENCES (Agriculture | Animal Health | Natural World ...)
- MATHEMATICS (Algebra | Probability & Statistics ...)
- PHYSICAL SCIENCES (Chemistry | Earth Science ...)
- SOCIAL SCIENCES (Politics | Psychology ...)
- HOSPITALITY, LEISURE, SPORT & TOURISM

On the right side of the interface, there is a "Behind the headlines" section with a news item about Archaeology and a "RDN news" section with several news items. At the bottom of the interface, there are logos for various partner organizations: ALLIS, BIOME, EEVL, HUMBUL, PSigate, and SOSIG.

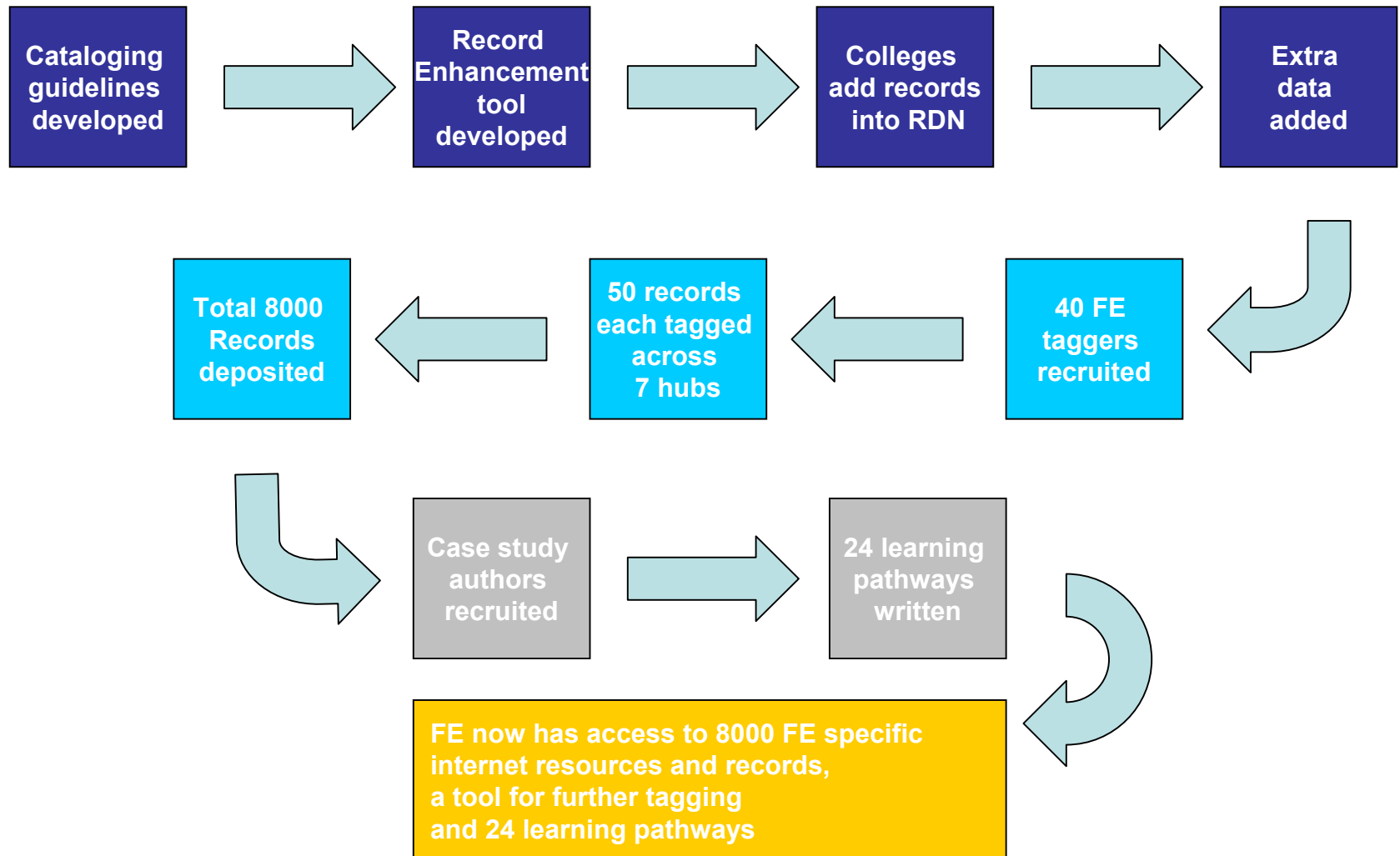
Aims

- Updated FE cataloguing guidelines.
- Record enhancement tool usable by 3rd parties.
- 8000 RDN records tagged to FE data.
- 24 Curriculum pathways.

Therefore:

Increase FE relevance of existing RDN records

Process



Record enhancement tool

- Will allow users to import existing web-links and records from RDN and FE institutions.
- Web based.
- Allow users to add FE specific information.
- Could be extended to further 3rd party use.

The screenshot shows the 'RDN FERRET' web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the RDN logo and links for 'home' and 'log out'. Below this, a header section contains the instruction: 'Use this form to classify a record you have selected from the RDN database'. The main content area is titled 'RDN fields (read-only)' and displays the following information: 'Title : Ireland s history in maps : Irish history, geography and genealogy (Irelandhistory.com)', 'RF id : oai:rdn:humbul.ac.uk:1107', and a descriptive paragraph about IrelandHistory.com. Below the description, the 'Subjects' are listed as 'History |'. The 'RDNFE classification' section includes a link to 'background' and a dropdown menu for 'FE subject category' set to 'LDCS LearnDirect LearnDirect Classification System'. The 'FE level' is set to '2' via a dropdown menu. There is a 'FE notes' text area with a scroll bar. At the bottom, there is a 'complete' checkbox and two buttons: 'update record' and 'cancel'.

Issues

- What level?
- Duplicate records, duplicate systems?
- FE broader range?
- Composition of FE notes field?
- Ownership?
- Maintenance?