



# Open Source in Transport Planning

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## What (we think) industry needs (credit: Tom Van Vuren)

### **New ways of working**

- Low entry
- Open Source Data
- Open Source Tools
- Machine Learning
- Artificial Intelligence
- Agent-based models

### **Old ways of working**

- Commercial tools
- Barriers to entry
- Hierarchy in expertise
- Tried and tested
- Prescriptive

### **Opportunity**

- Disruption
- Creating community
- New questions
- Democratising models and data
- Narrative, not numbers

## Previous short courses on data science in transport

Event	Organisation	Location	Attendees	Date	Participants
Getting from A to B	ODI MCR	Online	60	May 2021	Public
PCT Advanced Training	DfT/Landor	Online	80	Nov 2020	Local government
sfnetworks hackathon	R-Consortium	Online	50	Sep 2020	Public
STATS19 road safety hackathon	DfT	London	5	Dec 2019	Central government
R for Road Safety Research	RACF	London	20	Oct 2019	Central/local government
R Spatial Data training	DfT	London	20	May 2019	Central government
Transport Data Science with R	LIDA	Leeds	30	Apr 2019	Public
Geocomputation with R	LIDA	Leeds	30	Apr 2019	Public
R and transport data with R	HE/RACF	Leeds	20	Nov 2018	NGO
Spatial data analysis workshop	RSS	Cardiff	10	Sep 2018	Government/NGO

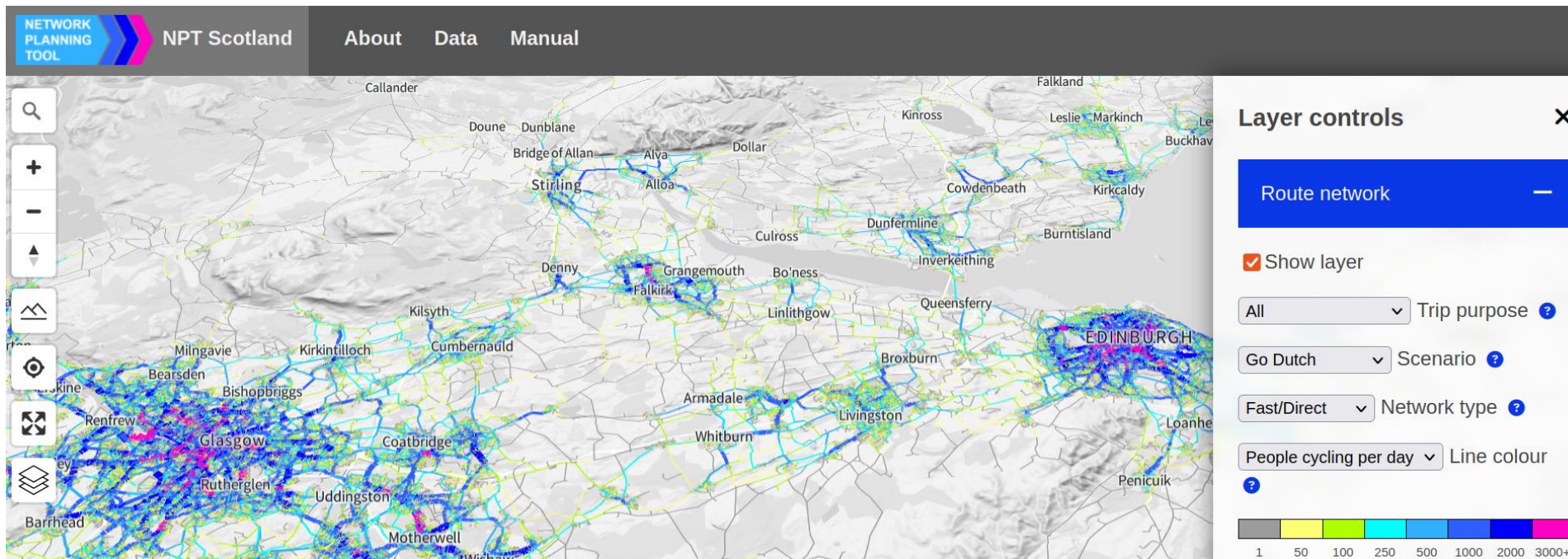
Example of data skills building courses delivered through ITS for a range of stakeholders.

Question for board: should we revive data science CPD courses?

# Data Science for Impact

## Why are we doing data science?

Propensity to Cycle Tool has "revolutionised strategic cycle planning" and is "used by >35,000 transport planners, consultants, advocates and members of the public". Source: [REF](#).



Demo of next generation strategic network planning tool funded by Transport Scotland.  
Source: [www.npt.scot](http://www.npt.scot) + live demo if time allows.

Question for board: What should we build next with these data science skills?