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ToucanTech Webinar

Organise your donor data in 100 days



Who am I?



 Data nerd: "married to the database", "photocopier whisperer", "that weirdo who loves GDPR" and my current favourite: "plugged into the matrix"



- Favourite lockdown activity: curating my beautiful database
- Excited to complete post-lockdown: full data audit at Marymount to ensure compliance with GDPR (yay!)
- Adopted new puppy, Echo

Get a head start on organising your donor data

- You might be returning to the office or still working remotely, but you're ready to hit the ground running!
- To know where you're going, you need to know where you are
- How do you know where you are?
- All of these can give you great snippets of information and an overall picture of the situation – your database data, or lack of, will shine a light in the corners no one wants to go to!



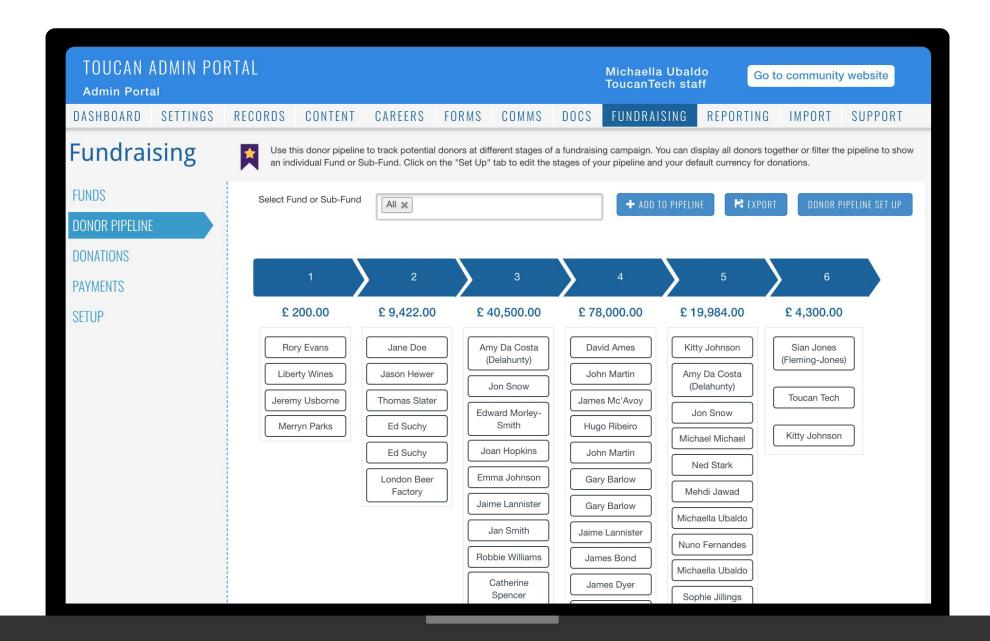
My experience in joining established development offices

- Donation data often patchy, and there's not very much to go on for stewardship
- Huge gaps in certain fields
- Records held together/ missing records
- Data in the wrong places
- NO WRITTEN PROTOCOLS (sigh GDPR anyone?)



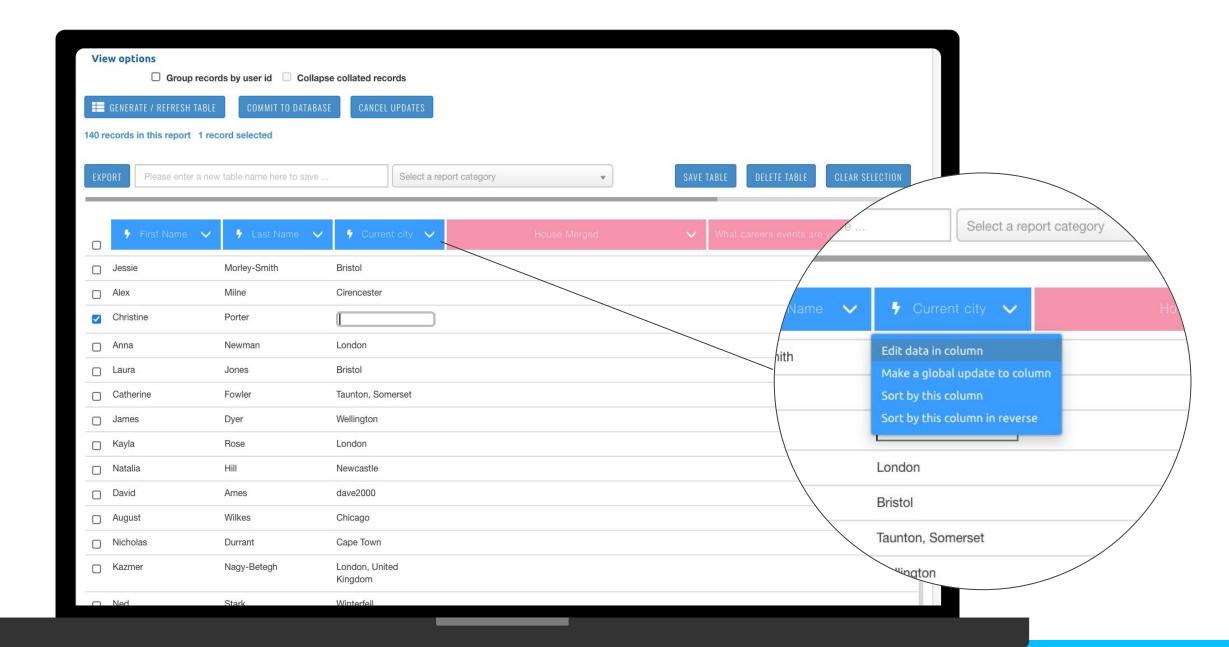
First things first... know who your donors are!

- Spend time looking for your donors on your database.
- Check with your accounts/ business team whoever is responsible for Gift Aid claims/ checking against bank statements
- Check in electronic and physical files: does the database accurately reflect the correspondence that you have? Scan things in, or with ToucanTech you can sync your email correspondences!
- Are some gifts still 'real' or are they ready to be written off?



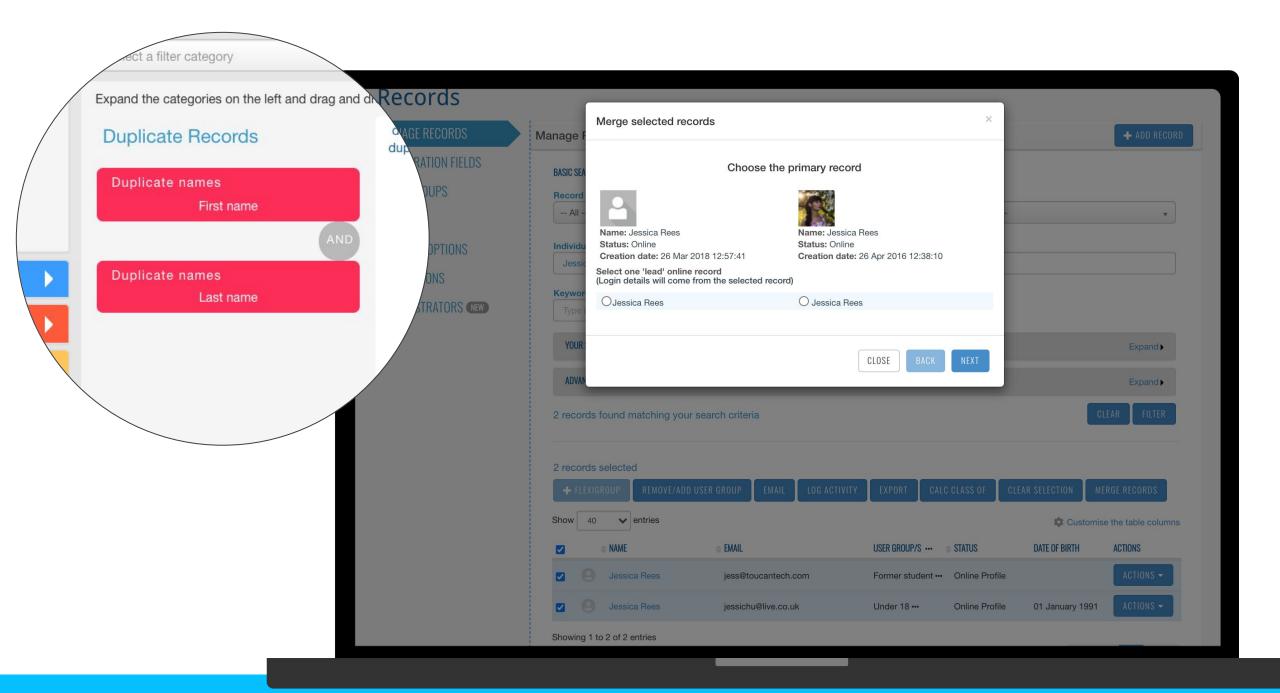
Gaps in certain fields

- This can seriously affect your mailing segmentation
- Identify the gaps could be as simple as gender, title, preferred name, salutation
- Put in regular cleaning protocols ask questions regularly of your database. For example: do any individuals have a blank title field?
- Problems can occur when individuals move house or change their last name - ToucanTech functionality enables you to pull certain fields into a mass email to send to a group of people to ask them to check their data and update if required!



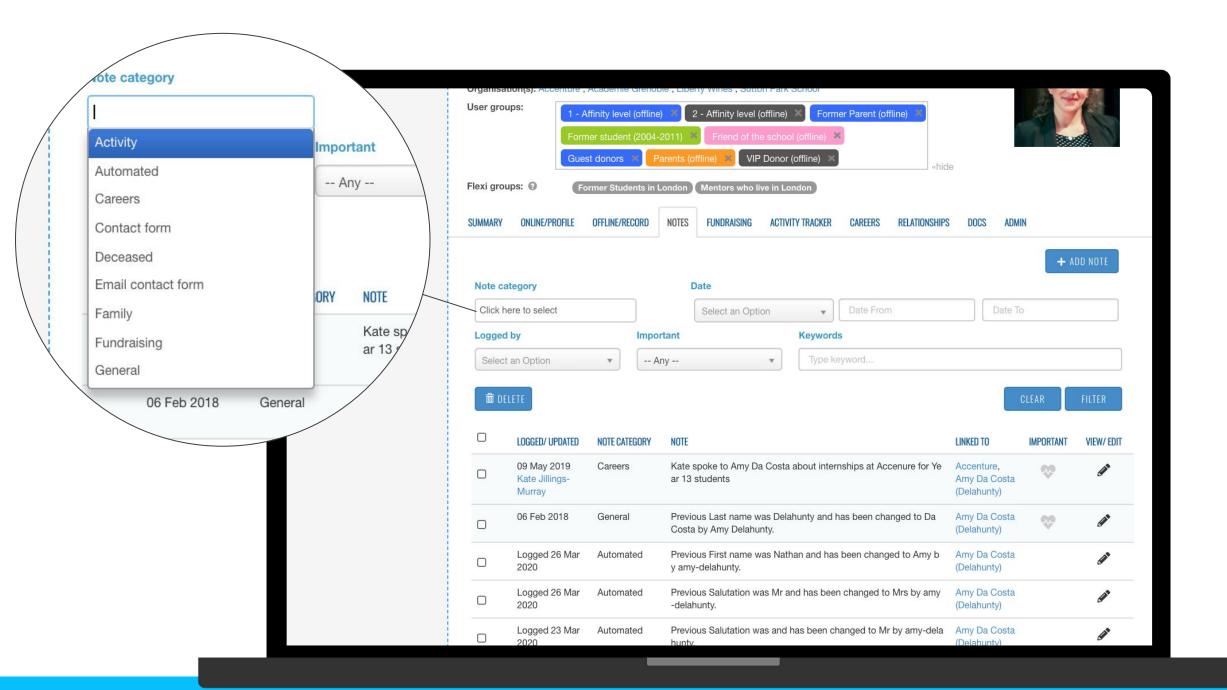
One record – one person

- Trust me on this one you can thank me later
- Problems such as tracking consent preferences, or activities such as attending events, occur frequently in records with more than one person
- Save yourself a lot of hassle separating them down the line.
- Even with joint Gift Aid claims, it's worth it.
- Mail-as-one salutations and addressees are the answer
- Check for duplicates



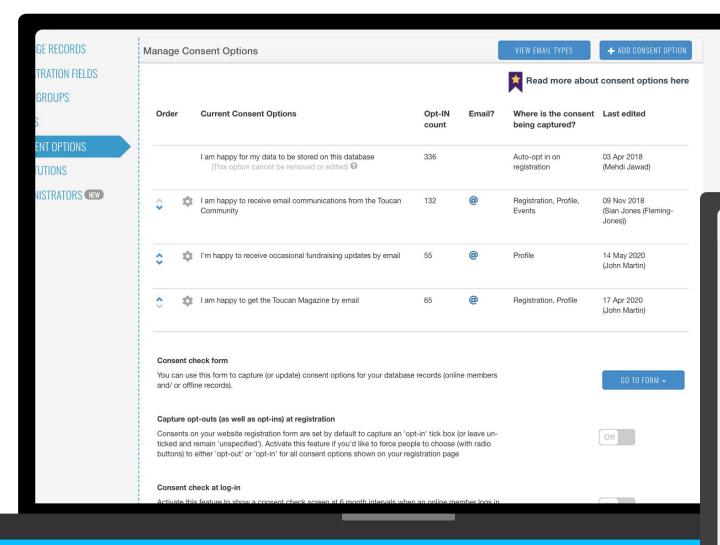
Data in the wrong places, or completely inappropriate data

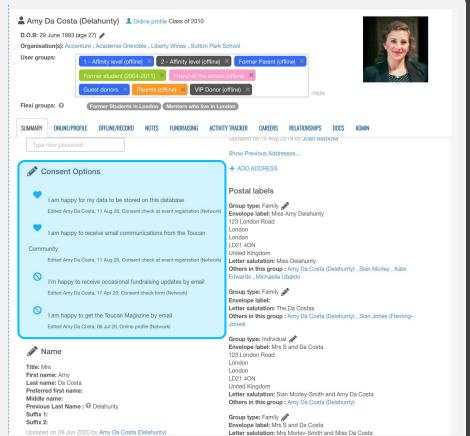
- Long notes that you can't search through?
- Flags/attributes that no-one understands?
- Figure out what data is in there by looking at sample records and start figuring out what you need to keep, and what needs to go.
- This will need to grow and adapt as you go.
- Create simple data entry rules for teams with multiple people entering information - such as naming conventions for logging events & communications
- It's helpful to have an audit log of every change and which admin made the edit in case you'd like to check more details with them
- Refer to your record retention policy. If you don't have one... make one!



GDPR compliance

- We all know what it was like in 2018 and it's not getting any easier!
- Make sure you're complying with existing policies.
- Got a team? Over the next few months, review your processes for handling data. Build a template to make it easier!
- If it's just you, give yourself time to go through original processes against any new updates. Having your ducks in a row early will allow you to glide through any investigation.





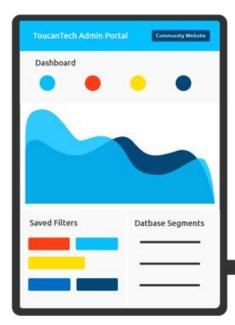
Keep it going – don't stop at 100 days!

- Keep going with those cleaning protocols
 they pay off
- Thinking about doing a survey or telephone appeal? When writing the questions, consider where that data is going to go
- Processes change: make individuals responsible for reviewing and adapting every process guide



About ToucanTech

ToucanTech is an easy, affordable and beautiful fundraising CRM and website software to manage your supporter records, email newsletters, online payments, events, mentoring, careers and more!







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