HPC RSE Champions HPC-SIG

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HPC RSE Champions

- Original funding from ARCHER service: ARCHER Champions
- Peer-support group of RSEs with an interest in HPC
 - Particularly focused on RSEs providing service support
 - UK-focussed
- Historically:
 - In-person meetings 2-3 times a year co-located with other events
 - Monthly online meeting to discuss topics of interest
- Recently:
 - Only been running events co-located with RSECon such as this event!

- Is HPC RSE Champions worth continuing?
 - ...or, should we just carry on organizing events at RSECon each year?
- If so, what form should it take and how could it be supported?
 - Community effort with no funding?
 - Get financial support from somewhere?
 - A grouping within SocRSE?
 - Should the regular online calls be started again how do we spread the logistical burden?
 - Does it need a web presence somewhere?

HPC-SIG

- An organisation bringing together HPC professionals together from across the UK academic and public sectors.
- Primary focus on management and system administration professionals
 - Typically a lot of overlap with RSE work particularly with RSE's supporting users on HPC services (institutional and national services)
- 3 in-person meetings per year at different locations around the UK
 - Include both a technical track and managerial track
- Also online events covering particular topics of interest
- Includes a mailing list and private Slack workspace
 - Vendors are excluded so members can have candid conversations
- Most UK universities are signed-up members so you may be able to just sign up for access

https://hpc-sig.org.uk/