

University IoT Programme

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LPWAN

- Low-Power Wide-Area Network
- Wireless
- Long-range communication between things
- Low bit rate
- Long battery life



LoRaWAN

- One type of LPWAN
- Uses star topology:
 - A gateway relays messages between multiple end-devices and backend server
- Widely adopted globally, including the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Netherlands, India
- The Things Network global community build initiative
- Also deployed by CENSIS in Glasgow, and Digital Catapult in London (50 gateways)



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University LPWAN Research & Innovation Infrastructure







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Argyle House





Argyle House: meeting room occupancy



Estimote Beacons (Bluetooth)

- Smart cushion with with Force Sensitive Resistor
- presence, movement, temperature, light level

LoPys = Local Sensor Hubs

- collect data from beacons
- transfer to backend server over LoRaWAN

Currently deployed:

- E4 meeting room
- K-East & K-West
- F-East & F-West
- 9 Sensor Hubs, 58 beacons
- 114 recorded sensor readings every 2 minutes





Questions

- How can we use visualisation to explore and understand the data?
- What are the views of staff in Argyle House about the data collection?



Main IoT Programme Goals for 2016/17

- Establish IoT communications infrastructure on University estate
- 2. Experiment with infrastructure and sensors via a small set of pilot projects
- 3. Establish a governance framework to manage the IoT Programme
- 4. Address specific areas of concern/importance with focused 'action groups'



5. Establish IoT Innovation Consortium for startups, SMEs, government, civic science...