Prof Sheelagh Carpendale: Distinguished Visitor Fellowship
May 2015 – St Andrews, Dundee, Edinburgh Napier

Prof Carpendale's visit was extremely successful and busy. She arrived to Scotland on Sunday 3rd. Monday 4 was spent in a visit with Prof Jessie Kennedy (Napier University), discussing research. The following days were spent in preparation of a SICSA one-day workshop in St Andrews for Friday May 8, on "Sketching and Constructing Visualisations-A hands-on Introduction on data literacy" (https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-sketching-and-constructing-visualisations-a-hands-on-introduction-on-data-literacy-tickets-16799000262). The workshop was well attended (24 attendants excluding organisers, with many from universities in SICSA and beyond) and quite successful. For the workshop Prof Carpendale flew in Dr Samuel Huron (http://www.cybunk.com/blog2/fr/a-propos/) from Paris and it counted also with the collaboration of Dr Miguel Nacenta (Prof Carpendale's host in St Andrews).

The majority of the week of May 11 was spent in Dundee hosted by Dr David Flatla, where Prof Carpendale gave two seminars, one at the department of Computer Science (https://www.computing.dundee.ac.uk/events/2015/05/research-seminar-prof-sheelagh-carpendale) and one at the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design (http://www.sicsa.ac.uk/events/sicsa-dvf-professor-sheelagh-carpendale-2/). On Friday, Napier University (through Ms Natalie Kerracher) hosted Prof Carpendale for a talk on Interaction with Information in our Everyday Lives (http://www.iidi.napier.ac.uk/c/news/newsid/13382582).

Monday 18 of May, Prof Carpendale provided the keynote in the first "Summer of V's" event series organised by the St Andrews Institute for Data-Intensive Research (http://www.idir.st-andrews.ac.uk/blog/2015/05/20/summer-vs-workshop/), which was very well received. The rest of the week was spent on research and student one-on-ones with, among others, Prof Aaron Quigley, Dr Miguel Nacenta, Dr Uta Hinrichs and many students and interns at the School of Computer Science in St Andrews.

As a result of Prof Carpendale's visit, besides the wide audiences engaged in her talks, workshop and her contacts with academics in Scotland, several new projects have been started and multiple existing collaborations have been revitalised. Prof Carpendale left on Sun May 24. She also had a great time in Scotland!