The process of development of metadata elements and structures can be approached and supported in a number of different ways. We sketch a user-centred approach to this process, based around an iterative development methodology, and briefly outline some major questions, challenges and benefits related to this approach. Keywords: Metadata, user-centred design, evaluation.

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