Pathfinder Projects

The OA Good Practice Pathfinder projects will support and complement universities' work on OA compliance and enable the creation of a range of resources that they can tap into as their own need dictates.

The projects will help us search out what's working well for institutions as they implement OA policies so that these examples can be shared widely across the sector. Through working to bring librarians, repository managers, research managers, researchers and others together to open up focused conversations, the projects will ensure that lessons learned once don't need to be learned afresh by someone else. There won't be a 'one size fits all' solution, but there will be a rich variety of experience and support to draw upon.

To ensure that, from the start, the current projects are oriented to sharing their experience, the lead HEI will be working in close collaboration with associate HEIs and, where appropriate, that publishers, intermediaries and systems vendors be included as unfunded partners in order to enhance the benefits to HEIs that these stakeholders can bring.

Snapshot of the Pathfinder projects:

Find links to all OA Good Practice Pathfinder blogs here
Coventry University:
Associates: University of Northampton; DeMontfort University
Elevator Pitch: 'Enabling HEIs with limited financial and human resources considering aspects of impact with regard to Open Access implementation.'
Project URL: http://blogs.coventry.ac.uk/researchblog/category/oa/

Northumbria University:
Associate: Sunderland University
Elevator Pitch: 'Will enable HEIs with limited external funding to develop evidence-based, creative responses to the challenges and opportunities of Open Access.'
Project URL: http://oapathfinder.wordpress.com/

Oxford Brookes University:
Associates: Nottingham Trent University; University of Portsmouth
Elevator Pitch: 'Understanding researcher behaviours through sense-making for better OA engagement'
Project URL: http://sensemakingopenaccess.blogspot.co.uk/

UCL:
Associates: Newcastle University; University of Nottingham
Elevator Pitch: 'Pathways to increase OA looking at advocacy, publication management and data investigation'
Project URL: http://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/open-access/

University of Bath:
Associates: University of Bristol; University of Exeter; University of Cardiff
Elevator Pitch: 'Will examine options for reducing admin costs for OA implementation'
Project URL: http://gw4openaccess.wordpress.com/

University of Hull:
Associates: University of Huddersfield; University of Lincoln
Elevator Pitch: 'HHuLOA will focus on good practice to identify and implement a range of OA initiatives across three non RLUK research intensive partners'
Project URL: https://library3.hud.ac.uk/blogs/hhuloa/

University of Edinburgh:
Associates: Heriot Watt University, University of St Andrews
Elevator Pitch: 'Will produce re-usable resources for OA practitioners'
Project URL: http://libraryblogs.is.ed.ac.uk/loch/

University of Glasgow:
Associates: University of Southampton; Lancaster University; University of Kent
Elevator Pitch: 'Will improve OA metadata management via EPrints whilst considering transferability of outputs to other platforms'
Project URL: http://e2eoa.org/

University of Manchester:
Associates: Edge Hill University; Liverpool John Moores University; University of Liverpool; University of Salford
Elevator Pitch: 'Builds a North West Community of Practice for OA: producing toolkits, running workshops and hosting a landmark conference'
Project URL: http://blog.openworks.library.manchester.ac.uk/

OA Implementation Community

The OA Implementation community (OAIC) consists of a series of workshops/ events and online interactions – from webinars, to guest blogs- by which, HEI managers (e.g. librarians, research managers, repository managers) are able to share and improve understanding and good practice in the implementation of UK funders' OA requirements across different professions and institutions.

Jisc OAIC workshop- Pathfinders, processes and problem-solving: 17th June
The first Jisc OA Implementation Community (OAIC) workshop brought together the current, newly commissioned OA Good Practice Pathfinder projects with those from the wider HE community, who have in common interest of implementing Open Access requirements of research funders and HEFCE. Packing a huge amount of information into one day, it became clear that by bringing together librarians, research managers and other administrators, the OAIC may provide a much needed space for discussion, problem-solving and information sharing.

See further details at: http://tinyurl.com/k6no8mb

Jisc OAIC webinars: 'HEFCE OA requirements for REF'

In response to HEFCE's new policy for open access relating to future research assessments, the first Jisc Open Access Implementation Community webinar provided an opportunity for delegates to receive an overview of the policy and to pose questions and comments to HEFCE and Jisc directly. Presentations considered the implications of the policy on research and the assessment of research as well as what services, tools and guidance were available or were forthcoming to support institutions in the implementation of this policy. Underpinning all these considerations were what key issues would need to be addressed if full implementation is to be fully realised.

See recording and HEFCE FAQ responses at: http://tinyurl.com/pd6xqhb

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