NoWAL renewed – still here, but different

Following a period of review and transition, NoWAL, the North West Academic Libraries Consortium, is now going forward with a slimmer centre, but supported by members contributing more help in kind to a smaller range of activities. These include a refreshed, collaborative approach to continuing professional development (CPD); ongoing support for consortial procurement; and communications that enable networking and sharing of useful experience and information across all NoWAL member libraries. In terms of CPD activity, we are currently developing a new staff development model, and will be focusing on internal delivery by and for NoWAL members initially. This approach will be evaluated on an ongoing basis, and will be reviewed after its first year.

Nicola Siminson has been appointed as the NoWAL Operations Officer, a new NoWAL post, working three days per week and based at the University of Manchester. If you would like to contact NoWAL to find out more, please get in touch with Nicola:

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