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## Open textbook publishing: is this what you've been looking for?

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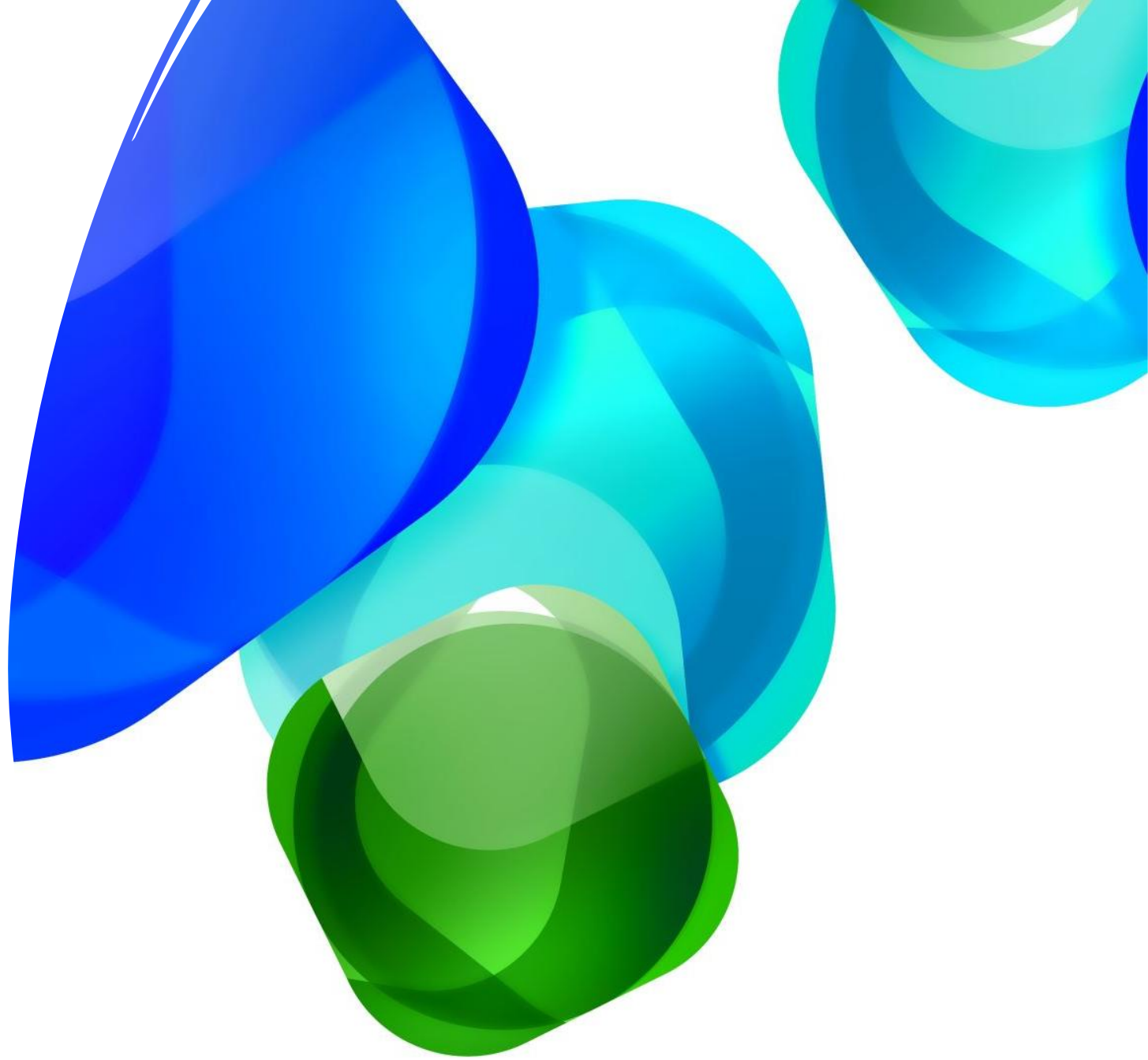
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# Open textbook publishing

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Is this what you've been looking for?



# The problem is... cost

From a Library perspective:

- Print textbooks take up a lot of shelf space
- There's never enough copies
- They have to be replaced regularly as updated editions come out
- Students prefer digital material
- Digital textbooks are many many times more expensive than print

# The problem is... relevance

For students

- Access to copies
- The textbook doesn't map seamlessly onto the syllabus
- Older editions might be out date
- The content isn't dynamic

*The problem  
is...  
time*

For teachers

- Changing to a different title means reconfiguring teaching
- Alternative titles will have same cost/relevance implications
- Who has time to write a textbook?

# The solution?

Collaborative  
Open access  
Textbooks

(made with a University press?)

- The burden doesn't fall to one author
  - Colleagues who agree on pedagogical approach
  - Colleagues from beyond the institution
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- Support throughout the process from the Library

*collaborative*

- No cost to the user
  - Anyone with an internet connection can use it
  - Other institutions may adopt the text to support their teaching
  - Easier to revise or update to new editions
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- Support throughout the process from the Library

*open  
access*



- More control over teaching materials
- Tangible output for those on education and scholarship pathway
- Contribution to the field
- Support throughout the process from the Library

# textbook

# Psychology pilot project

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1 year



1 core textbook



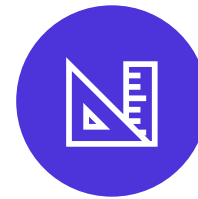
~900 students



6 chapters



10 authors



Plans for a 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

# A University press?

watch

this

space