

Sussex Research

(Book) Sprinting towards open publishing: developing strategy and tools to support digital scholarship

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- What does Open mean for libraries?
- Open publishing at Sussex a sprint or a marathon?

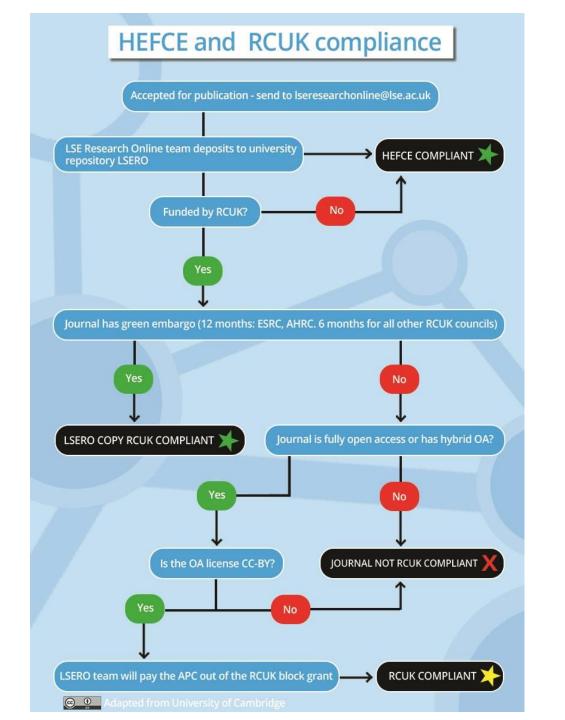
- Our booksprint experience
- Challenges and benefits of Open

What does Open mean?

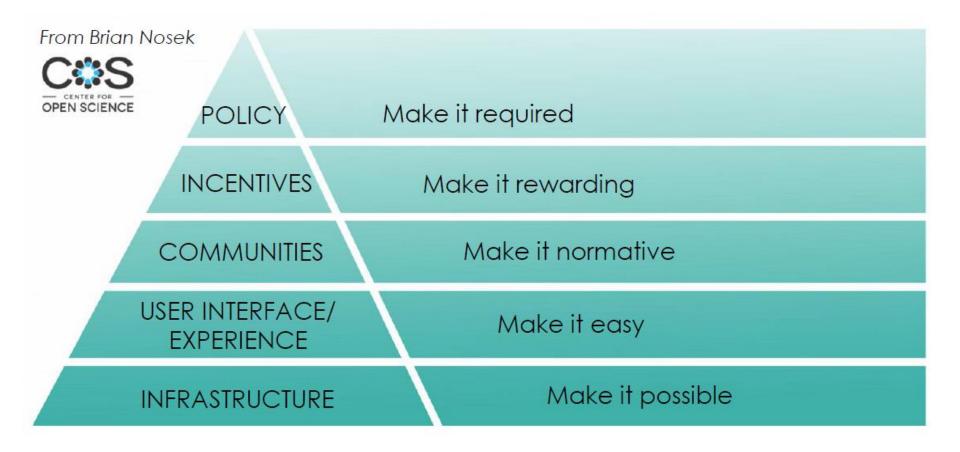
Budapest Open Access Initiative Declaration: "...lay the foundation for uniting humanity in a common intellectual conversation and quest for knowledge" (http://www.budapestopenaccessinitiative.org/read)

Burton (2009): "the Open Scholar ... makes their intellectual projects and processes digitally visible and ... invites and encourages ongoing criticism of their work and secondary uses of any or all parts of it--at any stage of its development" (http://www.academicevolution.com/2009/08/the-open-scholar.html)





Changing a research culture







"Universities should be creating opportunities, not setting rules"

James Baker, Lecturer in Digital Humanities @j_w_baker

How can libraries support a transition to an Open research culture?

- Improving infrastructure and interfaces to make Open more easy –
 ORCID, integrations between repositories
- Establish Open as standard researcher behaviour through training and advocacy
- Incentivise Open by supporting open initiatives from within the Library budget (as advocated by David W. Lewis: https://scholarlycommons.net/)







Connecting Research and Researchers





















What does your 2.5% look like?

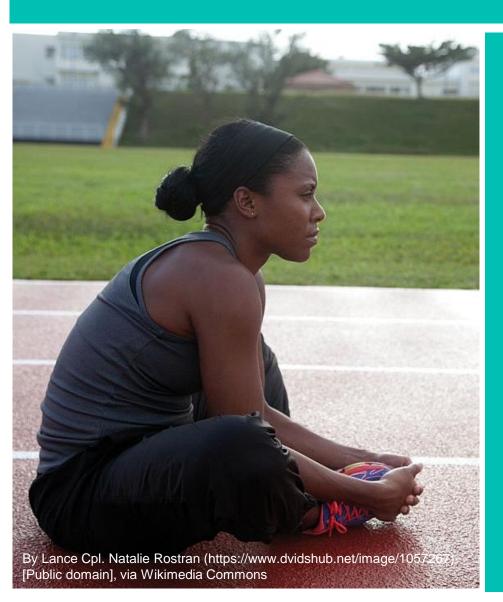
- Precedent has been set to fund wider infrastructure and to invest in innovative open business models
- Financial constraints present an opportunity for radical reprioritisation in terms of budgets
- Supporting (and funding) local and wider Open initiatives that align with institutional priorities





Sussex and Open publishing – sprint or marathon?

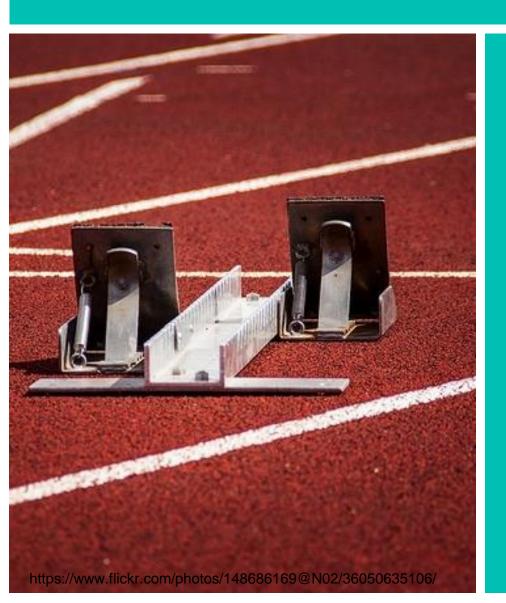
Warming up



- Library Research Support team
- Statement on Open Access
- Isolated Open activity
- Sussex Humanities Lab



Starting blocks



- Pressure from academic community
- Increase in support for Open publishing within the sector
- Position statement on Open publishing
- Creation of Open publishing group



False start





Sussex 2025 reimagines the pioneering spirit of the original purpose of the University

Sussex...dares to be different

We will operate in an open environment and...enable access and share our research

Disruptive by design

Into our stride



- Formulating the idea of what a Sussex "Press" would look like
- Avoiding Skeuomorphism
- Developing the infrastructure



A team approach

- Partnership Library AND academic led
- Bringing in the External Relations team





Passing on the baton



- Establishing a "Press" is a longterm strategic initiative
- Continue to support short-term innovations to enable early career and doctoral researchers to experiment with Open





Our booksprint experience

Sussex Research Hive



- SAGE Research Hive Scholars
- Research community events
- Imperative to publish



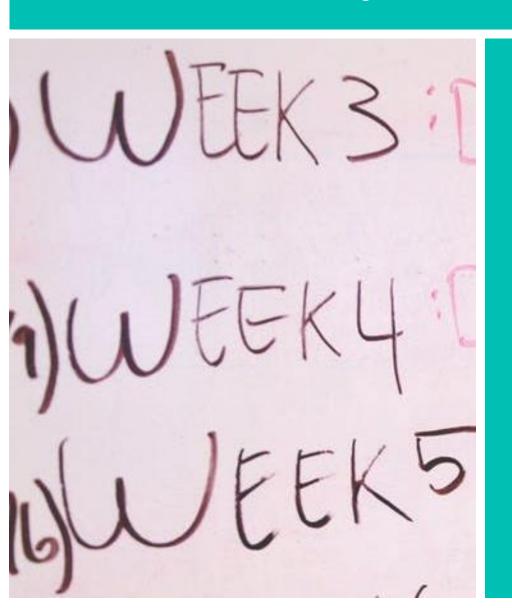
Book Sprint

- Collaborative writing
- Write and publish in days
 - Opportunities for PhDs and ECRs





On your marks



- Logistics
- Academic scope
 - The essentials



Get set

- Seven authors, four days
 - Writing on home
- A formidable facilitator
 - Booktype software





Go



Day One

- Concepts and ideas
 - Collective brain
 - Chapter outline





"Everybody sat at their computers and worked, this was serious! Litres and litres of coffee, and loads of discussions later, the first day was over."

- Marian (booksprinter)

Going





##hivebooksprint post ice cream break, the team are choosing a title for a chapter on murder at home



Still going

SCHEDULE - FRIDAY

9.00 - WRITING ROOM OPENS

10.00 - QUICK CATCH-UP

10-05 - INTENSIVE WRITING + EDITING

12-00 - CHAPTER DEADLINE

12.30 - LUNCH
PROOFREADING BY LIBRARY STAFF

13.30 - INTRODUCTION + CONCLUSION

15:00 - TEAM DEBRIEF
PUBLISHING STARTS

PUBLICATION!

RAYLONS CELEBRATIONS



" On the last day there is silence. Messy tables and stares. Some have not slept at all."

Marian (booksprinter)

Quick results

The finished book is available on Sussex Research Online

http://sro.sussex.ac. uk/68309/



Activity Overview

Beyond the Boundaries of HomeInterdisciplinary Approaches

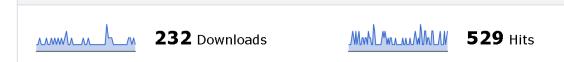


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Hurdles



Naomi Daw @Naomi_Daw · Jun 2
Replying to @homemademan
How long before you reach this stage?



- Creating something from nothing
- Disciplinary differences
 - Unfamiliar workflow



Going for gold



EDUARD CAMPILLO-FUNOLLET

Finding home on Twitter.

"The booksprint showed me a completely different way to approach the writing process."

KETAN JHA

Permanent liminality, legal community, and migration law.

"I feel my thinking is richer for having taken part."



"[Is it] better to have a couple of articles in high-quality, reputable, peer-reviewed publications than many pieces of writing all over the internet?

While there are excellent arguments for both these strategies, I feel that participating in the booksprint and contributing to an Open Access, online publication has been a really useful experience. My research has such interdisciplinary and wide appeal (who doesn't love a good murder story?) that I am eager for opportunities to share it as widely as possible". – Alexa (Booksprinter)

Step into their (running) shoes

How could open publishing benefit your organisation?

Are there any risks for your organisation?

How could open publishing benefit you as a researcher?

Are there any risks for you as a researcher?



Time trial





Questions

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