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The Open University’s repository of research publications and other research outputs

Open Research Online - a self-archiving success story

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Sometimes getting as much as 80% of the University’s journal article output voluntarily deposited.

- Scholarly communication
- Quality
- Open access
- Ease of deposit
- DOI import
- Self-archiving

Engagement with academics
- Presentations
- Researcher Induction
- Departmental meetings
- User training
- Copyright Advice

- Statistics
- Top downloads
- Twitter
- Blogging
- User group
- Drop-in sessions

Open Research Online: A Self-Archiving Success Story

Questions: Is a mandate the only way? (Evidence from a self-archiving, non-mandated repository)

Answer: As demonstrated, effective advocacy and development can result in 60%+ coverage of peer-reviewed journal output. For institutions that are reluctant or not yet ready to introduce a mandate, it is still possible to maintain a well-populated, well-used and sustainable research repository.

Just some of the developments we’ve been working on!

- Google Analytics
- Integration
- Visitor stats
- Academy and research students
- Visitors: More than 1 million in the last 3 years... estimated 35% academics and 30% research students.

Sometimes getting around 36 full-text deposits per week, compared to a low of 2 per week before the advocacy/development campaign.

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12,500 items; 28% full text.

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