Open Research Online

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

Open Research Online - a self-archiving success story

Conference Item

How to cite:


For guidance on citations see FAQs

© 2010 The Authors
Version: Version of Record
Link(s) to article on publisher’s website:

Copyright and Moral Rights for the articles on this site are retained by the individual authors and/or other copyright owners. For more information on Open Research Online’s data policy on reuse of materials please consult the policies page.

oro.open.ac.uk
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

- PVC research
- Citations
- Research week

Open Research Online: A Self-Archiving Success Story

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

Question: 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.

- 12,000 items; 28% full text
- ORO currently contains an estimated 81% of the OU's journal output published in 2008 and 2009
- Visitors: More than 1 million in the last 3 years... estimated 28% academics and 30% research students

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

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