# Open Repositories 2013 Workshop

## Where next for institutional repositories?

### Background

Institutional repositories have been a feature of the scholarly landscape for well over a decade, and they have varied missions, for example to curate and share research outputs, special collections, archives and museum artifacts, learning materials and other content. Open Access institutional repositories in particular have been a key response by universities to the “journals crisis”, enabling them to open access to the research outputs from their faculty using the “Green OA” route. Infrastructure that lies behind repositories is now mature, if still evolving, for example in the development of shared services. In the UK, the Finch report noted some continuing role for repositories (though did not stress Green OA), and both the Research Councils (RCUK) and Wellcome OA policies include reference to them. The broader view of repositories remains including but not limited to the open access strategic and policy drive.

More recently, repositories have also been considered as a home for research data. Furthermore, interesting new models are emerging, for example between repositories and university presses in the support of monograph publishing, in campus-based publishing, in collaboration with Gold OA publishing, and in research information management.

Institutional repositories can be seen as one aspect of wider university policies on scholarly communication and the management of the outputs of institutions, which will need to respond to a rapidly changing environment for universities. Institutional repositories, and the institutional policy context in which they operate, stand at something of a crossroads in terms of their role and value.

In June 2013 Jisc is planning a workshop with the aim of defining a range of futures for institutional repositories within and beyond Green OA and scholarly communication more widely, with associated implications for their role and value to their parent organisation.

This workshop will engage a variety of key stakeholders from repository managers, university senior management, academics, publishers and research funders.

In addition a workshop on the emerging requirements for repository software will be held where UK stakeholders can articulate the requirements that they believe the systems need to support.

# OR2013 Workshop:

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This workshop addresses the conference theme of **“Role and impact of repositories in the research ecosystem”**

**The aim for the Jisc OR2013 workshop in June 2013 will be to:**

1. Share outputs of the Jisc June workshop which include:
   1. Landscape and trends report: what are the main relevant drivers, and how are universities managing and sharing their intellectual outputs and engaging with scholarly communication more widely?
   2. Description of pioneering examples from the UK.
   3. Outline of possible futures for repositories from thought leaders in the field
   4. Requirements for repository software.
2. Engage the wider international repository community at OR13 to discuss and validate these futures and feed in new exemplars adding a wider context to the UK view.
3. A short report of the Jisc OR2013 will be written up and made openly available.

**The length of this session would be:**

1 and ½ hours

(½ hour presentation, ½ hour breakout groups, ½ feedback and discussion)

**We plan to accommodate:**

30/40 participants

**Technology and facility requirements:**

We will need a room with cabaret style tables for the breakout groups. Screen and projector.

**Any other supplies or support required:**

We would require filp charts for break out groups and markers.

**A brief statement on the learning outcomes from the session:**

See aims above. The learning outcome would be for participants to clearly start to articulate a set of possible directions for their repository and value to their institution within the changing landscape of policy, scholarly communication and technology.

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