

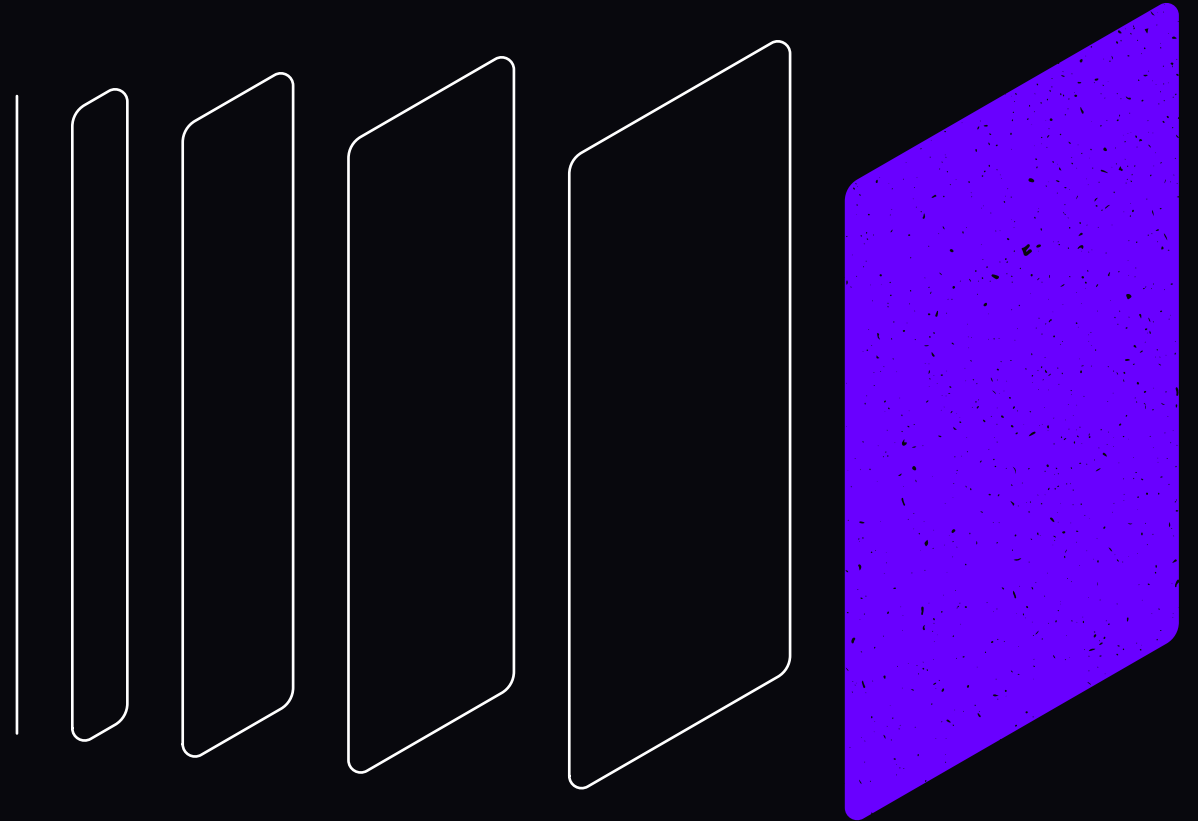


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Collaborative Open Access Library Hosting in Scotland



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About Edinburgh Diamond

- Edinburgh Diamond is based within the University of Edinburgh library and provides publishing services for academics and students who wish to publish Diamond Open Access books, journals and conference proceedings
- **2009:** launch of journal hosting service, using OJS
- **2021:** launch of book hosting service, using OMP
- **2021:** rebranded as Edinburgh Diamond
- **2023:** 20 journals, 11 books
- The Edinburgh Diamond service is provided free of charge to staff and students of the University of Edinburgh
- **BUT,** separately, we also provide a shared service with other institutions around Scotland



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About SCURL

SCURL: Scottish Confederation of University & Research Libraries

Mission: SCURL is a membership body that supports service development and improvement across Scotland's university and research libraries. Key areas of work are coordination, collaboration and advocacy.

Aims:

- improve services for users and maximise resource through collaborative action
- collaborate towards the creation of a co-operative library infrastructure in Scotland
- advocate the contributions and benefits of library services to stakeholders
- provide mutual support for members.



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SCURL Shared Service | Open Hosting

- **2018:** UoE submitted a proposal to create a shared service governed by SCURL
- **Aim:** to equip member institutions with a hosting solution to fulfil their Open Access publishing activities, with the development time charged to the University of Edinburgh
- **Fee:** Currently £1,400 + VAT per year (not for profit)
- **Launch:** three members
- **2023:** eleven members
- **Meetings:** four times a year



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agus nan Eilean



University of
St Andrews

Service Includes:

- Hosting platform & workflow management system via Open Journal Systems (OJS) & Open Monograph Press (OMP)
- Workflow training
- Ongoing technical support, upgrades & migrations

- Guidance with:
 - Archiving & preservation
 - Copyright & permissions
 - Metrics & reporting
 - Policy development
 - Promotion and discoverability
 - Publication ethics
 - And more!



Service Doesn't Include:

- Workflow management
- ISSN, ISBN & DOI allocation
- Indexing database submissions
- Annual reports
- Copyediting services
- Typesetting services



Benefits of a Shared Hosting Service

- Flexible hosting and publishing solutions e.g.
 - St Andrews: hosting service
 - RBGE: publishing arm of membership group
 - SUP: publisher
- Pooling knowledge
- Teamwork
- Innovation



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Challenges of a Shared Hosting Service

- Resource
- Financial barriers
- Lots of voices (pros and cons)
- Conflicting opinions (rare!)



Feedback from Partners

- “Moving to OJS and OMP significantly **increased the visibility and usage** of our online publications. Readers are happy with the interface, which was customised to meet our needs, and we save time on processes that are automated through various plugins. Most importantly, having a local hosting system with local support is extremely helpful.”
 - Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
- “The service provided by this host have been excellent, both in the initial setting up of the system (including the migration of back issues and the customisation of the website) and in the competent and timely support received throughout these years. **The attention, care and qualified collaboration received have certainly contributed to the development and the success of the journal.**”
 - *Journal of the European Association for Health Information and Libraries (JEAHIL)*



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The Future

- Continue to develop service strategy and policies as a team
- Promote and grow the service
- Further investment
- More resource
- Gather more feedback and grow service according to user need





Open Institutional Publishing Association

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Areas of focus

Advocacy for the value of
institutional publishing

Raise the profile of
both individual
members and the
wider collective

Funding
opportunities?

Establish Advisory
Board (?)

Networking and support
for staff in similar roles
within presses/
publishing operations

Open access
advocacy

Collaboration with
libraries (RLUK,
SCURL, LPC, IFLA)

Collaboration and
discussion with key funders
(UKRI)

Special Interest
Groups (?)

Collective benefits from
joint marketing
opportunities (e.g.,
conference attendance and
shared costs)

Joint discounts on
relevant organisational
membership (e.g., AUP,
LPC)

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?



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