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Opening statement

You will have seen that our activity has been growing over the last year, particularly in the form of regular online workshops, many in partnership with our stakeholder organisations. These have been on a wide range of topics – forthcoming topics range an introduction to Octopus, a UKRN-supported initiative intended to create a new model of the primary research record, to a discussion of open scholarship in the arts, humanities and social sciences. We hope you find them interesting! Equally, if there is a topic or initiative you think we should include in the series please let us know.

Local Network Leads

Our Local Network Leads drive activity at 56 institutions in the UK, and largely do so voluntarily. We are keen to not only recognise this service, but also support them in their professional development. We will run a residential retreat this year (restrictions permitting), and this will be followed by a series of online workshops specifically intended for this community. If you are at an institution that does not yet have a UKRN Local Network and would like to set one up, let us know – we’re here to help!

News

The latest news from the UKRN, as featured on our website news page. To publish your news on our site, please send it to ukrn-admin@bristol.ac.uk.
UKRN support for Local Network Leads

UK-wide survey on research and research-related issues

Reproducibility for Everyone’s June campaign

To make science reproducible, focus on prevention not cure

An enhanced narrative CV template for the research community

University of Bristol Open Research Prize winners announced

University of Surrey Open Research Award winners announced

University of Sheffield statement on Open Research

Winners of the 2021 BNA Credibility Prize

Find more news on the UKRN website
Events

Upcoming events. To advertise an event on our website events page or to publicise via the UKRN Twitter account, email ukrn-admin@bristol.ac.uk.

Octopus: The new primary research record

Online workshop
13th July 2021
12-2pm BST/GMT+1

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13th July 2021, 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Learn more and register here

Octopus is a project partner of UKRN, which sets out to be the new primary research record of science. Rather like taking the concept of ‘registered reports’ further, in Octopus, the unit of publication is much smaller – meaning that you can publish (establishing priority, and getting constructive reviews from others) Research Problems, Hypotheses, Protocols, Data, Analyses, Interpretations or Real World Implications and Translations. A Peer Review is also an equal type of publication as any of those seven. It is free and instant to publish (or to read publications), but every new publication needs to be attached to an existing one – so data cannot be published without being linked to the published Method by which it was collected etc. For a prototype of Octopus, see https://science-octopus.org.

As Octopus moves from prototype to launch version, the team want to work with researchers across as many disciplines as possible; those that are Open Science newbies, sceptics and innovators alike, to help refine the user experience. This workshop is a chance to try out Octopus and give your feedback on how it could be improved.

Local Network Leads summer retreat

9th - 11th August 2021
Learn more here

A summer retreat for UKRN Local Network Leads, to facilitate professional development and community building. The retreat will take place at Cumberland Lodge (Windsor, SL4 2HP, United Kingdom).

Open scholarship beyond the lab

22nd September 2021, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Learn more here

How relevant is the open research and scholarship agenda to the arts, humanities and social science disciplines? As momentum builds to make scientific research more accountable and transparent, through the use of open research initiatives, such as pre-registration of research projects and the use of preprints, this is a timely moment to consider the relevance and importance of open scholarship for other academic disciplines.

Reproducibility for Everyone
A message from R4E:

Reproducibility for Everyone (R4E) is a community-led education project to increase adoption of open research practices at scale. R4E volunteer co-instructors run over 20 workshops per year at premier scientific conferences. Since 2018, R4E volunteers have run workshops on 6 continents for thousands of researchers!

This June, we want to highlight the impact of R4E’s work so far with the #R4EtaughtMe campaign. Please help amplify the lessons learned by researchers all over the world by sharing our #R4EtaughtMe posts!

If you are looking for a way to show your support for a community-led project like ours, please consider making a donation during our #R4EtaughtMe campaign. Even $3 helps keep us going and supports R4E Stipends for under-represented researchers!

Resources highlight: position statements

The UKRN Steering Group has published a series of statements outlining UKRN’s position on various facets of research.

You can find all current and future position statements on the UKRN website along with links to citable and downloadable PDF versions.

UKRN position on academic publishing

UKRN position on meta-research

UKRN position on responsible research evaluation

UKRN position on COVID-19 research
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