

# Investigative Study: establishing a Scottish Higher Education Digital Library for Scottish Universities

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# The context

- 300 consortia actively purchasing e-content worldwide
- NESLi2 meets part of the need: terms for adoption by individual institutions
- The opportunity: extend the benefit of collective negotiation and information provision in a coherent national system for Scotland

# The objective

- Practicable plan to establish SHEDL
- Address needs of Scottish HE
- Extending access to non-HE usage is a matter for the future
- Key to success is appropriate governance and consultation

# The issues to address

- Governance: central vs. distributed management
- Equitable sharing of financial costs
- Licensing terms publishers offer
- Establishing a practical licensing policy
- Ensuring acceptance and “ownership” of the concept within Scottish HE
- Planning priorities and action plan

# The task

- Discussion & recommendations on feasibility, planning and optimisation of SHEDL
- A roadmap for implementation
- Benchmark policy and practice in European & international consortia

# Methodology

- Collegial approach & Steering Group scrutiny
- Desk research: most complete information files on publisher policy and on consortia
- Programme of structured interviews with cross-section of SCURL membership
- Benchmarks will be identified
- Draft report for discussion and feedback before it is finalised

# The deliverables: a report

- Publisher licensing policy and practice:
  - ◆ a review of pricing models
  - ◆ licensing terms
- Governance and management
- Possible funding models
- Policies & practices of comparable consortia
- Interface: NESLi2 & other JISC licensing
- Summary of the key issues to address

# The deliverables: roadmap

- Procedures for review and updating the plan
- Establish appropriate governance
- Appoint management
- Create an appropriate consultative framework for SHEDL and its stakeholders
- Three-year plan for acquisitions with priorities

# The deliverables: seminar

- Seminar in September for all stakeholders before finalising the report:
  - ◆ to explain recommendations
  - ◆ to discuss any issues that arise
  - ◆ to take account of feedback in finalising the report.

# The deliverables: a marketing plan

- Press conference: Scotland and London
- Press releases: press, e-newsletters, listservs
- Postings to the SCURL website
- Explain SHEDL to Scottish University librarians
- Create navigable website for SHEDL
- Set up listserv for SHEDL stakeholders
- E-newsletter for SHEDL stakeholders
- Create Ning social network for Scottish HE

# The interview programme

- The interviews are the centrepiece
- Three blocks of interviews from 30 July to 31 August
- Grouped into three locations:
  - ◆ Aberdeen / Dundee
  - ◆ Edinburgh
  - ◆ Glasgow

# Issues for interview

- Primary objective of participation
- Benefits of participation
- Assigning collection management responsibilities to SHEDL
- Consultative machinery
- Organisation of SHEDL
- SHEDL governance structure
- How SHEDL should be financed

# Schedule of work

- Initial briefing with Steering Group 1 June
- SCURL Away Day, Glasgow 5 June
- Schedule of interview appointments 30 June
- Desk research; consortia interviews 27 July
- Interviews: SCURL members etc 31 Aug
- Analyse information; report outline 7 Sept
- Draft Report 21 Sept
- Seminar with stakeholders 3 Oct
- Final report 12 Oct

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