



STRATEGY

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2012 - 2014

(abridged)

SCURL Strategic Aims:

- A To improve services for users and maximise resource through collaborative action and shared services
- B To collaborate with other organisations, sectors and domains towards the creation of a co-operative library infrastructure in Scotland
- C To advocate matters of shared interest on behalf of members to funding & planning bodies and other professional organisations
- D To provide mutual support for members
- E To develop SCURL as an organisation

SCURL Strategic Priorities 2012 - 2014

1. Continue to strive for effective collaborative content procurement
Our priority will be to build on the longstanding successful record of collaborative content procurement across Scotland, to establish a viable SHEDL2 model and to complete the next round of collaborative procurement agreement for books and printed journals.
2. Maximise access to physical and digital collections
Our priority will be to seek to eliminate barriers to access to Scotland's research collections, including those to online access to resources. We will develop toolkits which demonstrate best practice and actively encourage libraries to use these.
3. Showcase Scotland's research and collections
Our priorities will be to maximise repository effectiveness, to make Research Data visible and discoverable, to facilitate the greater adoption of Open Scholarship, to promote the Scottish Collections Policy and to promote Scotland's Unique and Distinctive Collections
4. Develop and promote collaborative shared services and systems
Our priorities will be to maximise opportunities for developing and promoting collaborative services in order to minimise duplication of effort across institutions, to maximise value for money and to improve the quality and enhancement of the user experience.
5. Effective advocacy and promotion
Our priority will be to establish SCURL as a trusted advisor for developments for improving library services in Scotland and to ensure that our website and our publications meet current needs, enable effective promotion, information sharing and collaboration and which are appropriately targeted.
6. SCURL organisational re-development
Our priority will be to ensure that the SCURL organisation and finances are secured for the medium term and, through the establishment of communities of practice to ensure that SCURL is in a position to maximise knowledge exchange.