

# Sharing Best Practice: Support Structures in the UK



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# Overview

- ☐- Apologies for the acronyms!
  
- ☐- The Funded Projects
  - The Repositories Support Project (RSP)
  - The Welsh Repository Network (WRN)
  - Enhancing Repository Infrastructure in Scotland (ERiS)
  
- ☐- The Un-funded Initiative
  - United Kingdom Council of Research Repositories (UKCoRR)



# The Repositories Support Project

- ☐ Initially a 2.5-year JISC-funded project
  - September 2006 – March 2009
  - Lead Institution – University of Nottingham
  - Partner Institutions – University of Southampton, Aberystwyth University, Digital Curation Centre (University of Edinburgh), UKOLN (University of Bath)
  
- ☐ Second Phase – April 2009 – March 2012
  - University of Nottingham
  - Team of four – Project Director, Project Co-ordinator, Open Access Adviser, Technical Officer



# The RSP

**High level representation** Funding councils / publishers etc

## High-level advocacy

Presentations / materials aimed at senior managers

## Repository establishment

Technical Support  
DSpace  
&  
ePrints

## Encourage use

Presentations / materials for researchers / teachers

## Grassroots advocacy

Presentations / materials for researchers / teachers

## Encourage re-use

Presentations / materials for service providers

**Repository Administrators** Support to run repositories (e.g. preservation)

# The RSP Offers...

## ☐ On site support

- Institutional visits – free, impartial consultancy from a team of experts

## ☐ Enquiry service

-  - [support@rsp.ac.uk](mailto:support@rsp.ac.uk)
-  - 0845 257 6860

## ☐ Website Resources

- Reusable advocacy materials
- Briefing papers (technical & procedural)
- RSP Wiki pages
- Resource bank of links and references (publications etc)

## ☐ Buddy Scheme

# RSP Events

- ☐ To share experiences & network with repository peers
- ☐ To develop delegates' repository related professional awareness
- ☐ To offer practical experiences applicable within your organisations
- ☐ To provide delegates with an opportunity to seek informal or formal support from the RSP
- ☐ To broaden the RSP's understanding of the national repository scene and resultant support needs

# Recent Events...

## ☐ RSP Summer School

- Three-day residential training event covering most of the aspects of repository management (technical, preservation, metadata, advocacy etc)

## ☐ Research in the Open: How mandates work in practice

## ☐ Preservation training events

## ☐ RSP Software Day

## ☐ Communicating for effective advocacy

## ☐ <http://www.rsp.ac.uk/events/>

