Research360: Sustainability of Project Outputs

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Research360 focused on strategic activities (√) to ensure that completed (☆) or developing (☆☆) outputs (bold) will be sustained after the project finishes. Project outputs focus on supporting researchers during the planning & active stages of research, so that data will be ready for publication & reuse once the remaining infrastructure is complete.

Roadmap & Business Case
- Roadmap for EPSRC approved & published in May 2012 (opus.bath.ac.uk/31279)
- Business case identifies stakeholder benefits (opus.bath.ac.uk/32509) & makes case for RDM
- New high-level group established to oversee roadmap implementation

STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

- PGR DMP templates (opus.bath.ac.uk/30772)
  - Requirement for transition to 2nd year
- Development of metadata schema using existing standards
  - Standards will ensure future interoperability with existing internal & external services
  - Business case requests funds for DataCite subscription
- First university to outsource pilot institutional data repository development to EPrints Services
  - Selection of EPrints, already used for publications, to facilitate integration with existing CRIS infrastructure
  - Business case requests resource for continued development of data repository
- Plugin for EPrints to enable use of Bath data storage infrastructure
  - Plugin to be published in the EPrints repository.
  - Plugin to be used in development of pilot data repository.

- Provision of bespoke DMP support
  - Business case requests staff to continue providing service
  - Exemplar DMPs to support staff in research support office
- Guidance on data storage services & use of cloud (http://bit.ly/YXyu1M)
  - Computer Services to own & maintain guidelines
- Increased uptake of centralised data storage
  - Business case requests resource to ensure storage provision meets demand
  - Business case requests staff to continue providing advocacy, training & guidance
- Provision of secure facilities to enable data sharing with collaborators
  - Computing services own processes & will maintain guidance
  - Plans to continue development of services to meet researchers needs.

Guidelines on institutional benchmarking
- Recommendations will be implemented by Research Information Manager

REF & Research Data Guidelines
- Recommendations will be implemented by Research Information Manager

Training on organisation & description of research data
- Business case requests staff to continue providing training

RDM Website & Researcher Support
- New Bath website for all data management activities at go.bath.ac.uk/research-data
- Individual support available from research-data@bath.ac.uk
- Business case requests resource to maintain these services after project completion
- RDM training for Research Support staff during 2013 to enable them to respond to individual DMP queries

RDM Policy & Policy Guidelines
- Draft RDM Policy developed, with accompanying guidance explaining how to comply
- Improved understanding of RDM issues amongst key institutional stakeholders
- Further revisions underway after feedback from University Research Committee
- Annual review of policy mandated

RDM Training workshops & module
- RDM Training workshop developed
- New online RDM training module in development
- Workshops embedded in PG Skills programme
- Online module will be embedded in Bath’s VLE
- Business case requests resource to maintain these resources after project completion
- RDM training for Librarians during 2013 to enable them to deliver additional future workshops

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

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