

# Research Management - Smoothing the Way

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Small group discussion – *What do we need to do? What do we need to know?*

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- Need to gather more information on expenditures on OA
- Need to include OA as cost of research from outset
- Help individuals and departments within an institution to work together
- Promote benefits to individual researchers and high level management (return on investment)
- Work towards changing the funding model for publications
- Need to gain Champions at institutional level.
- Make sure it has a place on the agenda at national / inter-institutional level
- Publicise universities that are doing well
- Create better linkages between key stakeholders at local level
- Challenge of managing input/output from multiplicity of sources – greater standardisation needed
- Everything – but how?
- Act together to push publishers to be more flexible re: OA and “double dipping”
- Maximise potential of REF to drive OA content for repositories
- Find a way to record / disseminate non standard research output
- Secure buy-in at academic research unit level
- Sharing good practice: (tool kits, events like this)
- Continue to educate researchers regarding the nature and usefulness of repositories

*What do we need to know?*

- What the REF wants!!
- More case studies – share good and successful practice
- Research council funders to publicise measures of impact
- An effective range of levers / incentives
- Who is paying for OA within institutions at individual level?
- What really motivates researchers
- How to reconcile OA requirements for different funders.
- Is there any way to use the REF to change behaviours?
- Linkage to other institutional processes that individuals do - use this to change behaviours. It isn't enough that it is the “right thing to do”
- How do we engage different disciplines?
- How do we pay for this, especially in the current context?