Open Access and the increasing skill list of our profession

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Overview

- From a smaller University perspective:
  - My role supporting and promoting open access.
  - Skills needed to support open access agenda
  - Challenges – financial impact
  - Future support

University of Worcester

- 9 academic schools including a new medical school

- Student population for 2022/23 was **9,567**.

- Teaching focus but with areas of research activity.
  - 71.7% studying on an undergraduate course and 26.9% of students are on taught postgraduate programmes.
  - 1.4% are postgraduate research students.

My role – Head of Open Scholarship and Content Management

- Open Scholarship
  - Support for research and special collections
- Acquisitions
  - Reading lists, ILR, stock management
- Eresources
  - Packages, serials, read and publish
- Systems/discovery

A bit about me

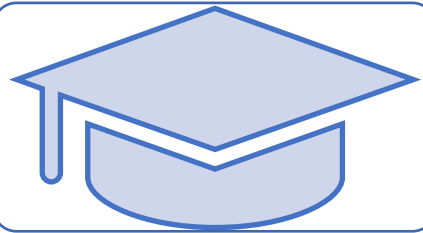- First professional post in HE…..

Social Care Charity

Subject Librarian – health, social sciences, law and business.
Research Librarian
Evidence Analyst.

National Library for Health
Member of systematic review teams, written evidence reviews.

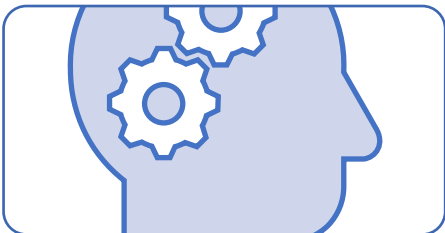# Supporting Open Access at Worcester University (my first year).

University

- Research activity, lack of infrastructure, focus on the **REF.**
- Variable & often limited understanding of OA.

My Role

- Raise awareness of repository, REF consultation.
- Stakeholder feedback, developing 'library offer', staffing.

Skills

- OA models, copyright/legal, scholarly publishing standards, bibliometrics.
- Engagement

Diversity in Open Access Publishing - Opportunities

Diversity in Open Access Publishing – Skills (increasing knowledge burden)

Publishing models
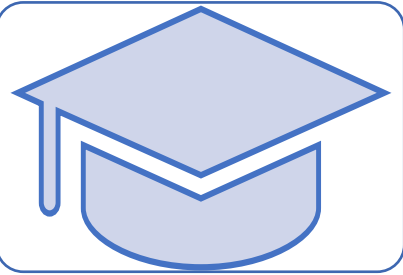Technical
Legal

(JISC, Webinars, Events, Conferences)

Influencing and engagement
Business plans
Finance

Diversity in Open Access Publishing – challenges

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Challenges & Impact

- Focus on student experience

- Income – REF

- Recruitment

- My role

Support

Tailored resources – benefits to teaching & learning

Mentoring/Buddy

Collaboration

Any questions?

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