



STANDING FOR UKSG ELECTION 2026-2027

Vice Chair



Bethany Logan is Associate Director of the Library at the University of Sussex, where she provides strategic leadership for research and open scholarship, content and discovery, and user experience. She Chairs the University's Open Research Group, is institutional lead for the UK Reproducibility Network and established the Library's open press. Bethany has twenty years' experience in academic libraries, constructively engaging with scholarly communication ecosystems and driving change through collaboration.

As a Trustee of UKSG and Chair of its Outreach and Education Committee, Bethany has contributed to shaping the organisation's strategic vision and strengthening engagement across its diverse membership. She is proud to have supported volunteers in establishing the UKSG podcast series and expanding the conference bursary programme to be more inclusive. Bethany is committed to ensuring that UKSG remains a forward-looking organisation, one that is equipped to navigate change and provide connection and inspiration for new voices and future sector leaders.

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Surina Bhatti is the Policy and Business Development Manager at Georg Thieme Verlag KG, where she focuses on bridging the gap between sustainable publishing models and the practical needs of the global research community.

A regular attendee of the UKSG Annual Conference, Surina values the organization's unique capacity for cross-sector collaboration. She particularly enjoys the networking opportunities the conference provides for building new, cross-sector relationships and views UKSG as the primary forum for driving real solutions to the challenges facing libraries and publishers alike.

If elected as a Trustee, Surina will lead initiatives that ensure UKSG remains a collaborative and shared space for the entire sector. She is committed to bringing a balanced, empathetic approach to the Board, combining strategic policy expertise with a genuine focus on the people across the knowledge chain.



Liam Bullingham leads the Academic and Research Services team in Library and Cultural Services at the University of Essex, UK.

Within UKSG he has co-organised the November Conference, worked on UKSG Uncovered and regularly hosts sessions during the Annual Conference. He co-organises the popular 'Open Research Week' annual event series with universities in Liverpool and Lancashire, is a member of the LIBER Educational Resources Working Group and is also on the Executive Committee of the British Conference of Undergraduate Research. Liam regularly talks on the topic of artificial intelligence in Libraries and has written a guide for students on working with AI at university for the Sage Skills platform. He is a Fellow of Advance HE.



Natalie Klimas started her publishing career in 2007 in rights with a trade children's book publisher and, wanting a new challenge and interested in learning about digital, moved to academic publishing with Cambridge University Press in 2012. Natalie is a Senior Library Sales Manager for the UK region, which involves speaking to University Librarians about online resources and discussing sector trends and issues. Outside her typical responsibilities, she has undertaken strategic contributions including serving on working groups for Cambridge Core and Cambridge Elements and has moderated and presented in several webinars. Natalie liaises with Jisc and took a leading role in developing the Cambridge Open Research Agreement which aims to support a sustainable transition to open access whilst navigating the challenges this presents. Alongside working at CUP, Natalie serves as a primary school governor, acting as the link governor for English and sitting on the Teaching and Learning committee.



Oliver Cocks is Head of Content Retention for MLS at Springer Nature, where he owns and leads strategic initiatives to improve Content Retention, Article Transfer effectiveness, and author experience across a large and diverse journal portfolio. With a background spanning editorial, publishing performance and intelligence, and publishing strategy, he brings a data-driven and collaborative approach to portfolio development and governance. Oliver works closely with editors, publishing teams, platform developers, and external partners to design scalable, evidence-based solutions that balance editorial quality with operational effectiveness. He has played a key role in establishing cross-company governance structures and advancing best practice in Content Retention across scholarly publishing. He is an active contributor to sector-wide initiatives, including serving on the Think. Check. Submit. committee on behalf of ALPSP and regularly engages with society partners and industry groups. Oliver holds a research background in behavioural ecology and is based in London.



Donald Malanga is the Head of Collections, Acquisitions, and Discovery at the University of Southampton, where he oversees strategic initiatives to develop, manage, license, acquire, and facilitate library collections. With over 14 years of progressive experience in higher education, he develops data-driven library collection strategies to improve research, teaching, and learning outcomes. Prior to his current role, Donald served as the Director of Library Services at the University of Livingstonia in Malawi, where he developed substantial expertise in governance, academic library leadership, and administration. He actively engages in sector-wide initiatives through Research Libraries UK (RLUK), contributing to the Collection Strategy Network and the Decolonisation Group, and serving as co-convener of the Meaningful Measures Toolkit Task and Finish Team: Research Culture Working Group. Additionally, he has held governance roles as the Past President and current Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Association of Records Managers and Archivists (ARMA) Malawi. Donald is standing for election to the UKSG Board of Trustees because of his dedication to developing a collaborative, inclusive scholarly communications ecosystem guided by responsible, meaningful metrics, alongside sustainable library collection development practices. He holds a master's degree in library and information studies and an MPhil in Intellectual Property Management. He is currently finalising his PhD in Information Systems at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. If elected, he aims to foster better cross-sector dialogue, equitable access to knowledge, and progressive leadership that reaffirms UKSG's role as a key connector and innovator within the information and scholarly communications landscape.



Marie Moss is a scholarly communications professional with over a decade of experience across academic publishing and digital content services. She joined Kortext as a Library Specialist in April 2025, working with universities across the UK and Ireland to advance digital learning strategies, strengthen content access, and support institutional engagement.

Marie spent more than six years at ProQuest as a Senior Books Specialist, partnering with academic libraries on collection development and commercial content strategy. Earlier roles at Kortext and Cengage have equipped her with a strong understanding of market dynamics, stakeholder priorities, and the evolving scholarly communications landscape.

She is an executive committee member of the National Acquisitions Group, reflecting her active contribution to sector collaboration and professional community. Marie brings a strategic, governance-focused perspective and is committed to supporting UKSG's mission and helping shape a sustainable, inclusive future for scholarly communication through insight, sound judgement, and collaborative leadership.



Henry Spilberg has 25 years' experience in academic and scholarly publishing, as a publisher of journals, textbooks and educational products. Following roles at Elsevier and Taylor & Francis, he joined BMJ Group in 2015 and manages a prestigious list of impactful research journals (hybrid and open access) across a range of medical specialties, working closely with external editors and society partners. He has particular interests in launching and developing new titles; open access and alternative publication models; and advancing research integrity and publishing ethics. Henry is an active career mentor, serves as joint tutor for the popular ALPSP Advanced Journal Development course, and co-chairs the SSP Finance Committee. He has volunteer experience as a school governor and parish councillor and is a trustee of an Oxfordshire museum and a military history charity. Henry looks forward to supporting UKSG as a trustee, contributing to its work serving the evolving needs the global knowledge community.