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Libraries collaborating at scale

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SUP OFFER

- An online publishing platform owned and managed by Scotland's university libraries.
- Publishing work from academics at participating institutions.
- All subject areas covered.
- We publish fully open access monographs with CC-BY licences.
- We will offer a paid for print on demand option.
- Full publishing experience from peer review through to promotion.

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SUP AIMS

- To provide a **clear and cost-effective** route for researchers at Scottish HEIs to make their work freely available to a global and more diverse audience.

- To meet the Open Access requirements set by research funders – **UKRI 2024.**

- Explore **alternative approaches** to academic publishing that have the needs of the Scottish academic community at the core.

START-UP TIMELINE

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
RESEARCH Proof of Concept report published in August	**CONSULTATION** Partnership formed across 18 institutions	**INFRASTRUCTURE** Establishing governance, technical infrastructure, creating project plan	**DELIVERY** Delivering the project plan, forming Editorial Board, Creating policies, processes and workflows	**SCALING UP** Calls for content, CIC governance, Publishing monographs, developing future plans

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DELIVERY MILESTONES

July 2022	Editorial Board appointed
August	Website and social media launched
September	Peer Review Policy developed
October	Financial review concluded – book production charge set
November	Content strategy finalised
December	FAQ webinar for Scottish HEIs
January 2023	Time-limited call deadline
February	Open call launch
March	Governance – CIC structure agreed with SCURL BC
April	Partnership development – OIPA launch at UKSG
May	Editorial Board review meeting
June	Phase 2 of the business plan approved at SCURL AGM

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OPERATIONAL

- The running costs of the press are met by participating institutions.
- Subsidised model contributes to a low book production charges.
- The press will operate on a not-for-profit basis and any surpluses will be reinvested in the press for the benefit of all partners.
- Locally hosted online platform give SUP greater control over direction of the press.
- Outsourcing book production services to an experienced professional company.
- A Management Board comprising representatives from all member institutions provides strategic direction.
- An Editorial Board will review proposals, and contribute to the development and ongoing management of the peer review process.

EDITORIAL

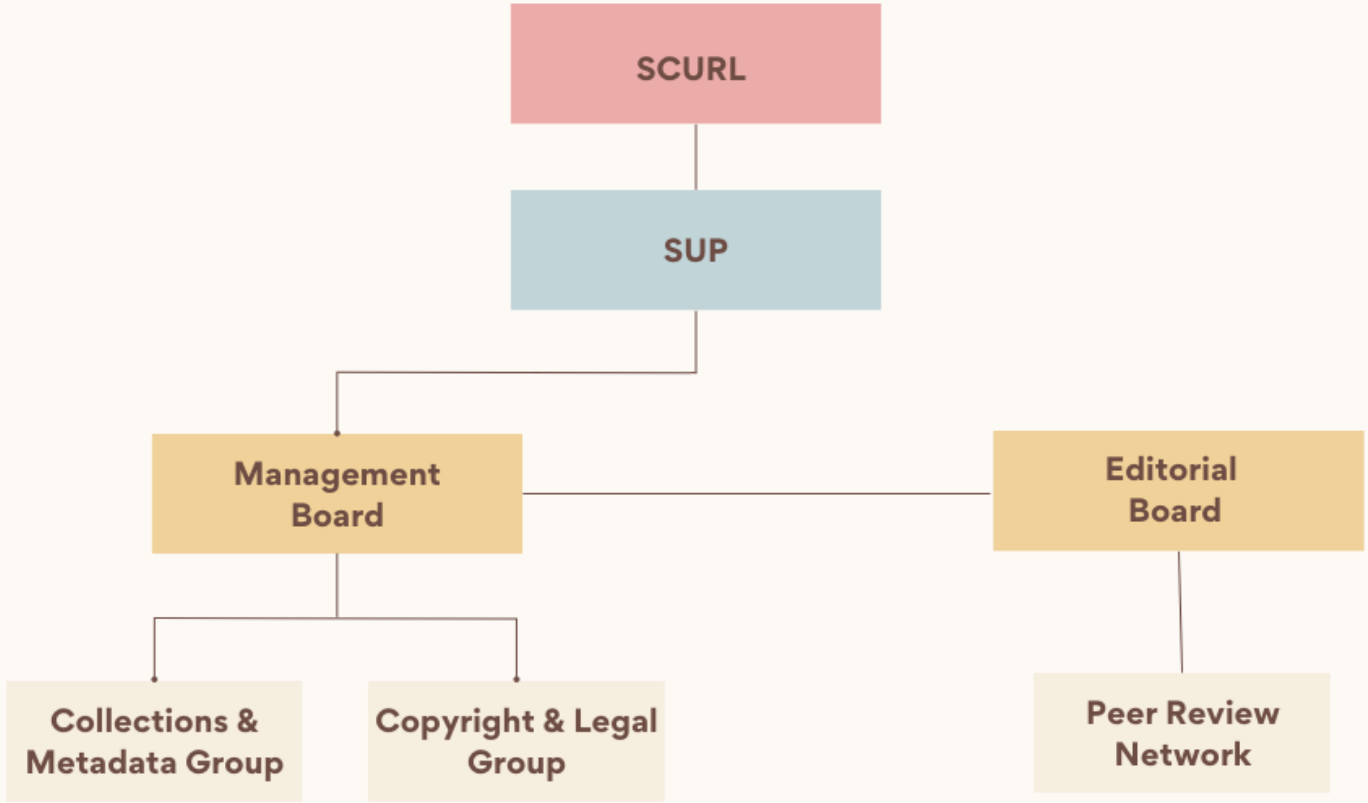
- Importance of a rigorous peer review process

- Open and transparent approach:
  - Openness in recruiting our Editorial Board
    - Discipline coverage
    - Range of institutions and locations
    - Places for ECRs
  - Shared ownership of SUP key to our identity – processes built on experiences of academic staff

- Supportive peer review experience:
  - Honorarium
  - COPE Guidelines and EDI best practice

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GOVERNANCE



SCALING UP TIMELINE

SUMMER 2023	AUTUMN 2023	WINTER 2023	SPRING 2024	SUMMER 2024
PHASE 2 APPROVED Proposal approved at SCURL AGM	**COMMISSIONING** Recruitment of Commissioning Editor to support proactive commissioning of content	**CONTENT STRATEGY REVIEW** Management Board to begin planning for expansion to different content types	**PRODUCTION & PROMOTION** First titles move to production and marketing activity launches	**SCURL AGM** Content Strategy Review to be approved

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DELIVERING OUR AIMS

OPPORTUNITIES	CHALLENGES
SUP infrastructure provides a complete publishing solution for all types of content	Funding the transition to Open Access – limitations of library budgets
Potential cost savings for institutions	Prestige of a new press and the perception of Open Access - 'REFability'
Raising the profile of libraries within institutions	Raising awareness of SUP and Open Access developments in general
Contributing to a fairer and more equitable publishing ecosystem	Keeping academics at the centre

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