

LAI Open Scholarship Group

Terms of Reference

Mission

To support open scholarship activities in libraries and in wider society.

Purpose and Role

- Raising awareness of open scholarship principles and practices, advocating for their adoption and leading by example
- Promoting both within and beyond the library community the value, benefits and importance of open scholarship
- Being an authoritative source of reliable information on open scholarship
- Encouraging information-sharing, collaboration and partnerships between library sectors in relation to open scholarship
- Developing and supporting initiatives that stimulate and encourage open practices not only in research, teaching and learning but also in wider society, with activities such as citizen science
- Mapping open scholarship knowledge and skills amongst library staff and supporting open scholarship training, skills development and capacity-building within libraries
- Horizon scanning to identify key developments in open scholarship that have implications for the future direction of library strategy, services and staffing

Focus

- Open scholarship as a library activity
- All library sectors

Membership

Membership of the Group is open to any individual interested in its Mission.

Committee

- Membership of the Committee is open to any personal member of the Library Association of Ireland
- The Committee will be responsible for organising activities for the benefit of the Group and its members
- Initially, the Committee will comprise the honorary positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer plus a number of other members
- The Committee will meet a minimum of four times a year
- The Committee may establish sub-committees for specific purposes and may appoint to serve on them individuals who are not members of the Committee

Links with Other Groups

Collaboration and complementarity are key aspects of the Group's work. So formal links such as affiliation will be explored with like-minded bodies, both nationally and internationally.

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