Open access monographs – where are we now and where are we going?

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About OAPEN-UK

• 5 year research project on open access monographs
  – Quantitative pilot – 2011-2014
  – Qualitative research programme

• Cross-stakeholder
• Real-world
90 HSS titles: 2006 - 2014

Experimental Group (29 titles 2011-14, 16 titles 2013-14)

OA with CC licence
OAPEN Library
Google Books
Publishers website
Institutional Repository

Control Group (29 titles 2011-14, 16 titles 2013-14)

Standard e-book agreements
Publishers website
E-book aggregators

Print version available for sale
E-book device friendly version available for sale
Qualitative research

• How do attitudes, perceptions, policies and processes need to change to support OA for monographs?

• Stakeholder groups
  – Funders
  – Publishers
  – Institutions
  – Researchers
  – Learned societies
Why are we doing it?

• The ‘monograph in crisis’
• Supporting HSS researchers
• Ensuring policy is evidence-based
What have we found?

• Systems and processes
  – System-wide change is essential
  – Need to align with wider changes to e-book publishing

• Attitudes and behaviours
  – OA monographs need to fit with existing priorities and values
What have we found?

- Funding and finance
  - Where will the money come from?
  - What about Green?

- The future...
  - The importance of choice
Further Info

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