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# The Ascent of SOAPbox

A new generation of open access publishing bubbles up in Trinity College Dublin

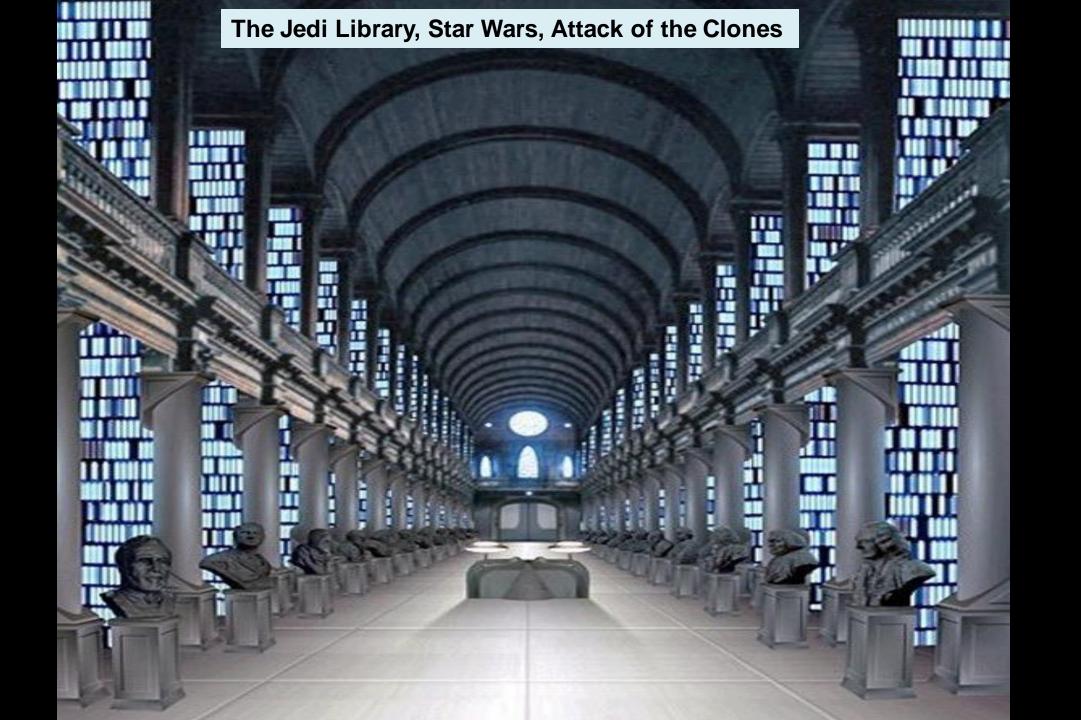
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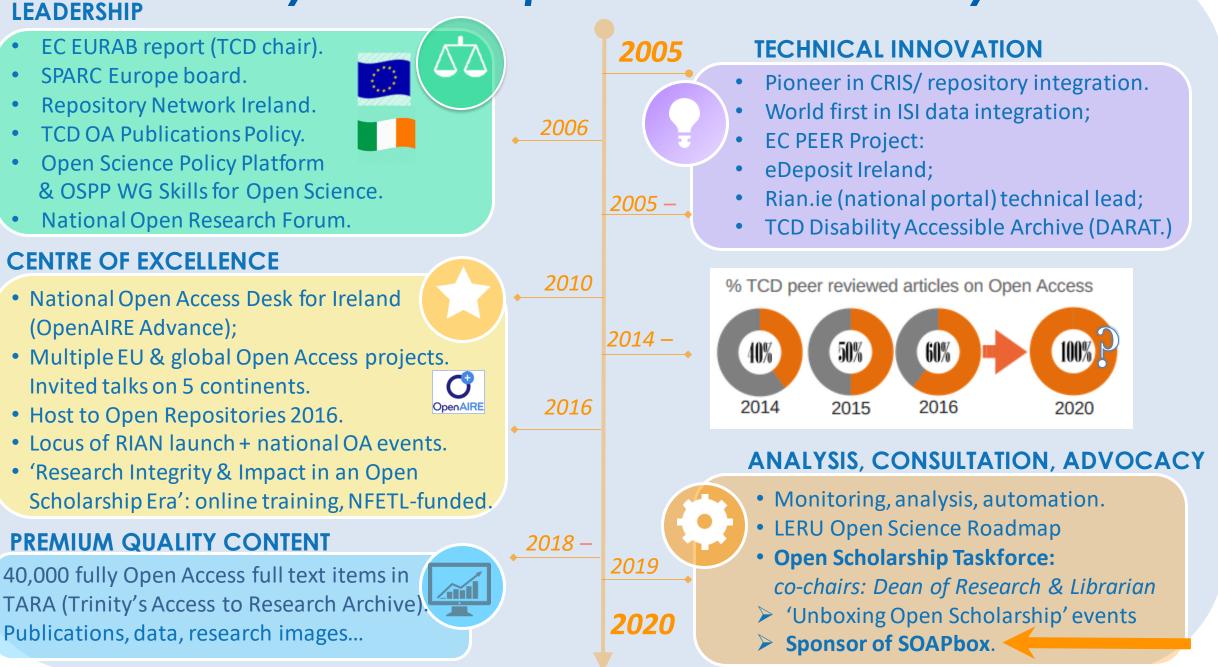


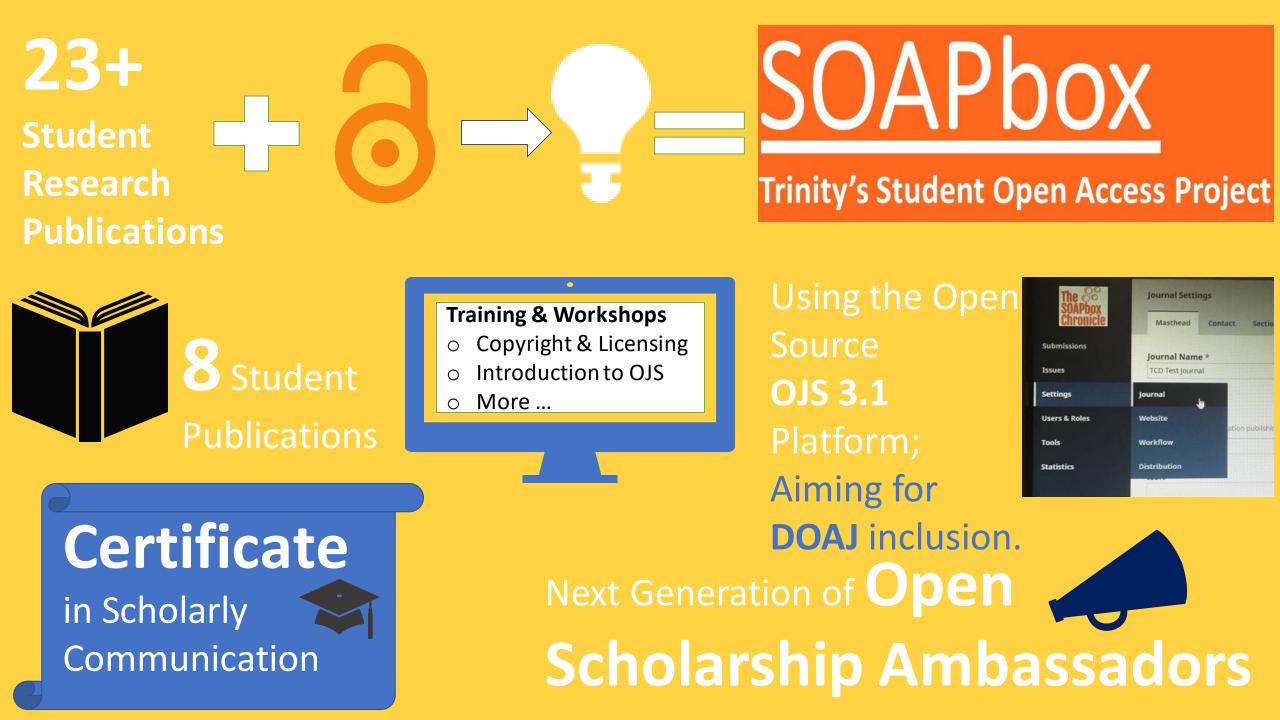


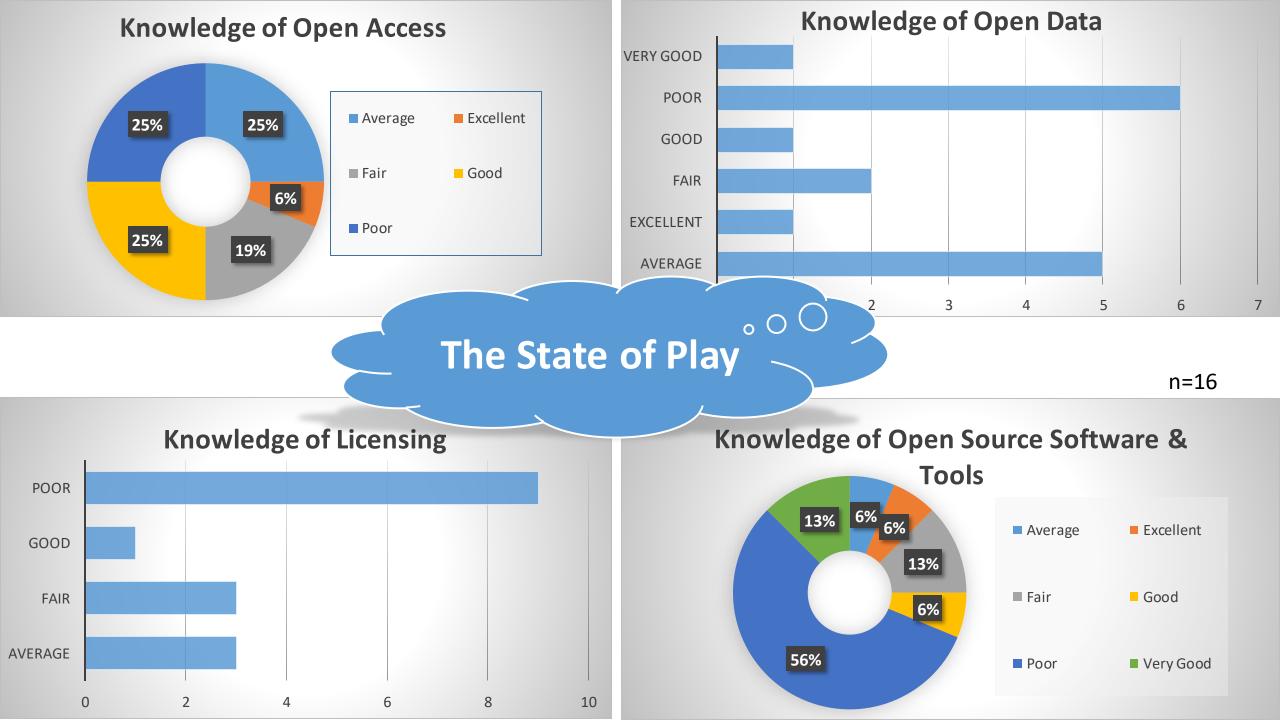
 The Open **Science** revolution will be led by earlycareer researchers."

> Professor Linda Doyle, Dean of Research, Trinity College Dublin

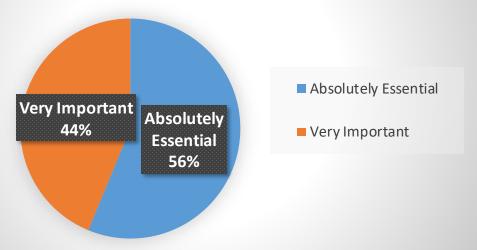
## 15 years of Open Access in Trinity



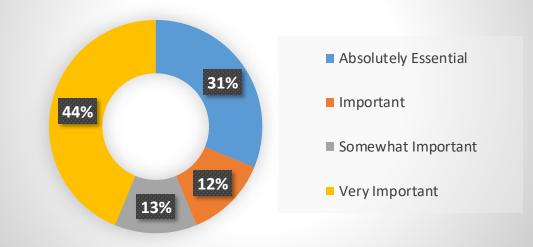




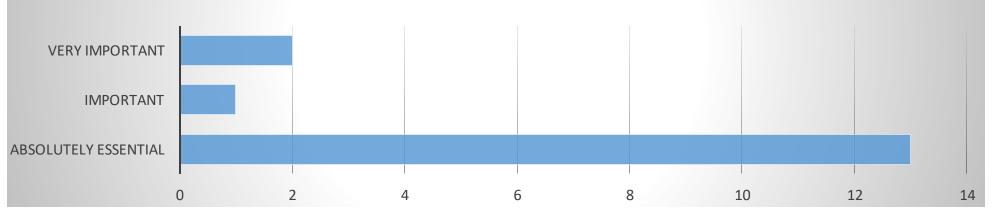
### Importance of Publication being Open Access



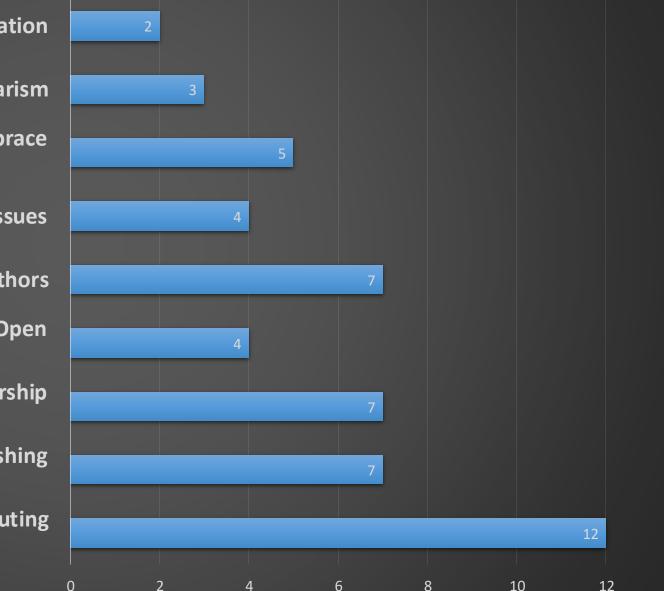
# Importance of Publication making societal / cultural impact.



### Importance of Publication being read / engaged with by people from diverse backgrounds / physical abilities.



### Barriers to embracing Open Scholarship



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Concerns about your journal's quality and reputation

Concerns regarding plagiarism

Lack of expertise within editorial teams to fully embrace Open Scholarship principles

**Concerns regarding licensing and/or copyright issues** 

**Open Scholarship skills deficits among contributing authors** 

Concerns regarding additional costs associated with Open Access Publishing Lack of incentives for authors to adhere to Open Scholarship principles Absence of best practice student open access publishing examples to follow Lack of awareness of Open Scholarship among contributing authors

# Working to Implement Best Practice OS Policies

Journal/Title	Peer- Review Policy	OA Policy	Copyright	Licensing		Advisory board with ≥ 2 rmembers with PhD	≥ 33% material	Journal has its own page	Clear Aims and Scope	1 unique URL per article.	Use of	Editorial Board informatio n displayed prominentl y on Journal.		Publishing /Quality	Publicatior Ethics	Publis hing rFrequ ency	Archivi	Author Guideli nes	Total
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# **SOAPbox Key Signifiers of Change**

### **BIG BANG**



Very rapid platform development.
Lightening-fast transformation of a significant number of journals (student-run alongside illustrious academic journals).



### **CULTURAL CHANGE**

- Embedded, creative training & education strand.
- Innovation & enterprise expertise.
- Accredited: Certificate in Scholarly Communication.
- Ongoing feedback to form understanding.



### **INCLUSIVENESS**

- Multi-disciplinary Open Science publishing community practice:
- All access; all abilities.
- All disciplines.
- All research career stages (UG & PG students + senior academics.



### ETHICAL, SUSTAINABLE, GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY

• Supporting positive societal, economic & cultural impact of research.

•Specific emphasis on the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals.

### ALIGNMENT

- University strategic goals.
- University graduate attributes.
- Dean of Research champion.
- Graduate Students' Union support.

### ALIGNMENT



#### A LIVING RESEARCH EXCELLENCE STRATEGY

The University's Strategic Plan and its Research Strategy both include a commitment to achieving Open Science / Open Scholarship.



TCD Graduate Students Union Support, engagement, publicity – STUDENT LEADERSHIP –

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### **Trinity Graduate Attributes**

#### To **Act** Responsibly

#### A Trinity Graduate

Acts on the basis of knowledge and understanding
Is self-motivated and able to take responsibility
Knows how to deal with ambiguity
Is an effective participant in teams
Has a global perspective
Is ethically aware

#### To **Develop** Continuously

#### A Trinity Graduate

- Has a passion to continue learning
- Builds and maintains career readiness
- Commits to personal development through reflection
- Has the confidence to take measured risks

#### Is capable of adapting to change

#### To **Think** Independently

#### A Trinity Graduate

- Has a deep knowledge of an academic discipline
- Can do independent research
- Thinks creatively
- Thinks critically
- Appreciates knowledge beyond their chosen field
   Analyses and synthesises evidence

#### To **Communicate** Effectively

#### A Trinity Graduate

- Can present work through all media
- Is expert in the communication tools of a discipline
- Connects with people
- Listens, persuades and collaborates
- Has digital skills
   Has language skills

A particular benefit of SOAPbox is the manner in which participants acquire a holistic set of transferable skills which can be applied across a range of programmes and disciplines. ??

Gráinne Sexton, Trinity Women's Review



AUGUST 2019: 11 journals on new OJS 3.1 platform in 2 weeks. 8 of them new to Open Access & to online digital publishing + 1 academic journal start-up during OA week bringing total SOAPbox Journals to 12.

### **CULTURAL CHANGE**





### Community of Practice

Systematic Training workshops & online







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Sharing & collaboration



Social media

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Events, guest speakers, exhibitions

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Why not develop collaborative transferable review processes *across* the journals?

= Greater than the sum of its parts

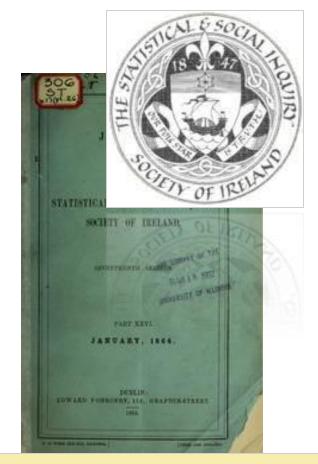


### **INCLUSIVENESS**

OPEN ACCESS WEEK 2019

**Open for Whom?** Equity in Open Knowledge

- Full OA/no APC/Author copyright retention: SOAPbox requirements. Open data supplementary content is supported and encouraged.
- Accessible for diverse abilities: new SOAPbox academic journal *'International Journal of Inclusion in Education'*: testing accessibility in OJS, to share recommendations via Community of Practice / seminar.
- 'Lay-person's summary/abstract' supported & encouraged in all SOAPbox journals via OJS author submission: concept from TCD's DARAT (Disability OA Archive) + request from 'Economic and Social Review'; supporting Citizen Science & public understanding.
- All disciplines welcomed, interdisciplinarity encouraged: current journals represent arts and humanities, social sciences, creative practice, health sciences, sciences.
- Open to new and long-established journals & publishers/authors from all research career stages.
- Research ethics training (including COPE authorship ethics).



Journal of the Statistical & Social Inquiry Society of Ireland. Established: Trinity, 1847 [Time of Great Famine in Ireland]; Purpose: understand social change & support humanity via researchinformed public policy]. 170 years old, fully OA and now a SOAPbox journal.

## ETHICAL, SUSTAINABLE, GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY



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### **SOAPbox: Early Findings**

• Student publishing bridges the research and the teaching and learning 'divide'

 requiring participants to address practical issues in research integrity, research management and scholarly communication – huge potential for development as part of inclusive learning / open pedagogical modes.

- **Community of Practice approach works** both amongst the student journal managers & between new and long-established journals triggering questioning & innovation.
- Need for training in all aspects of the publishing process

   *far* greater than expected and not just in areas associated with open science.
- Transition to OA/OJS via a parallel or tandem process (print and electronic)

   preferred by pre-existing student journals in order to fully understand the process & allow time to make necessary decisions (policy-related and other).
- **Clear annual 'handover' model required per journal –** to seamlessly support annual changes of journal personnel (student journal managers & editorial boards).
- Student publishers' commitment to ethical and global issues is overwhelming challenging all of us to find conceptual and technical solutions beyond the mainstream.

# Embracing the spirit of 'glocalisation', SOAPbox instills a life-time commitment to Open Science amongst its participants ...



### ... changing the world, from one university out.

## **Go raibh míle maith agaibh** – thank you!

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