OA Monographs
Making Mandates Reality

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Where are we now?

UKRI Policy, Plan S for Monographs, and REF. Current allocated funding for projects.

If REF follows suit: £19.2m to move to OA monographs.

Transition from acquisition to ScholComms.

BPC models are problematic, for several reasons.

The money is not in the right places.
Three strata of library subscription models

**Large, well-funded academic presses**
MIT’s D20 with subscription threshold; CUP’s Flip it Open; Michigan's Fund 2 Mission.

**Small to medium-sized academic presses**
Low risk, no threshold models like Opening the Future

**Scholar-led born-OA presses**
Open collectives working together to provide combined offers
Piloting
Opening the Future

CEU PRESS

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY PRESS
FOUNDED 1899
As membership funds accrue, the next book can be published.

OA - a rolling process
“We need experiments”

- Well, OK we need *participation*
- If everyone just waits, experiments will fail
- There are not that many models
- Experiments are affordable but we need long-term transition
How to appraise investment

- "Local Teaching Need"
- "Usage Metrics"
- "Global Collection for Everyone"
- "Local Research Environment (OA)"
- "Researcher Output"
1. The acquisitions budget must change
2. Models have acquisition components
3. Care is needed around metrics
4. Library leadership is key
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