RESEARCH LIBRARIES FOR INNOVATIVE RESEARCH, OPEN SCIENCE AND SCHOLARSHIP: LIBER STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

The purpose of the Strategic Directions is to enable LIBER Participant libraries to assess how their participation in LIBER is helping them to take action in certain priority areas. These Strategic Directions will help to inform decisions regarding the incorporation of new activities in implementation plans of the LIBER Steering Committees over the next two years. The key enablers for realising these Strategic Directions are collaboration, communications and advocacy, finance and resourcing and raising awareness.

LIBER will continue to implement the current LIBER Strategy until the end of 2017, and stresses that it will also continue to focus on research libraries' traditional need through our ongoing activities.

LIBER will support our Participants to:

Enable Open Science
Responsible Steering Committee: *Scholarly Communication & Research Infrastructures*.
Chair: Wolfram Horstmann

Research libraries have a role in enabling open science to support increased transparency, better quality research, a higher level of citizen engagement, and accelerating the pace of scientific discovery through the facilitation of data-driven innovation. Libraries are key players in enabling open science. They can help build 'commons' ensuring the long-term availability of research results, foster new forms of publishing, enable new methods of knowledge discovery, and open up metadata. As well as the development of supporting infrastructure and services, libraries are key in supporting advocacy and metrics open science, and building partnerships. Research libraries can and should provide access to cultural heritage and collections and offer them for use beyond institutional boundaries and enable innovative use and reuse e.g. in the digital humanities.

LIBER will provide a forum for libraries to build capacity and best practice in this area; supporting the development of skills in RDM, collaborating with other research stakeholders, sharing information and developments in areas such as digital humanities, and developing best practice in the use of metrics.

Lead in Changing Scholarship
Responsible Steering Committee: *Reshaping the Research Library*. Chair: Julien Roche

Research libraries are operating in an era of unprecedented change and opportunity. In order to respond, library leaders need to understand the changes in the environment that will impact on the shape of libraries to come and embrace new ways of leading in order to harness these opportunities and meet new challenges. When it comes to Open Science & Scholarship, libraries are well placed to take the lead in their institution; working with both the institutional leadership and the research community.

LIBER will work to equip future and current library leaders with the skills to be able to take the lead and position the library as being at the heart of innovative and open research environments.

Engage in Shaping Innovative Research
Responsible Steering Committee: *Communications & Advocacy*. Chair: Wilhelm Widmark

It is clear that research libraries have a role in advocacy on areas related to innovative research, open science and scholarship, such as open access, open data, copyright, text and data mining and infrastructure. They are well positioned to advocate to the researchers work with and towards institutional leadership. Collectively, research libraries can work together to make the case on important issues relating to research. Research libraries need to be empowered to advocate, communicate, connect, and represent their community and researchers' interests. Evidence gathering for policy creation, strengthening internal and international networks, sharing of best practice, and strong representation at EU level are all required to ensure that LIBER libraries are empowered to make the case for policies and infrastructure to support innovative research.

LIBER will develop and promote positons on topics relevant to libraries supporting innovative research, such as open access, open science, research data management, copyright and TDM, and provide LIBER libraries with the tools to engage stakeholders on these issues.

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