Scottish Universities Press: Collaborating across Scotland

What? A fully open access and not-for-profit press owned and managed by 18 Scottish academic libraries.

Why?

Shared problem - how to provide a clear and cost-effective route to OA publishing for our researchers against a background of changing funder requirements and rising subscription and OA costs for libraries and HEIs.

Who?

- SCURL - 30 years experience of providing shared services
- Using skills and experience within SCURL network
- Member libraries contribute to running costs via subscription
- Voice for all institutions through the Management Board
- Editorial Board of academics from member institutions overseeing peer review
- Locally hosted platform with University of Edinburgh using OMP
- Open calls and transparency
- Start-up mentality - just do it!

How?

Opportunity

- Scope out the true costs of digital publishing, keeping costs low for the academy
- Exploration of alternative publishing models
- Responsive to policy changes and HE environment
- Support and opportunity for Early Career Researchers (ECRs)
- Potential to publish longer, specialist or experimental content

When?

We are preparing to open a call for proposals later in 2022. Keep an eye on our website!

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