



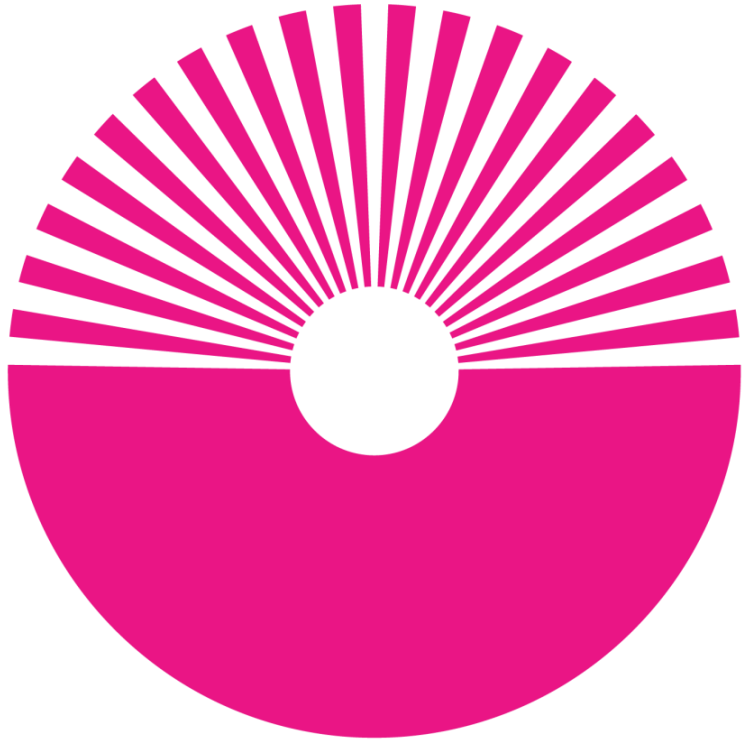
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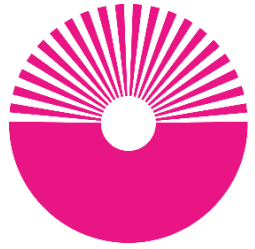
Equity, Diversity and Sustainability in Open Access Publishing

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**OpenBook
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The **Open Book Collective** is a charity and digital platform which enables libraries and institutions to discover and support a diverse, international range of small-to-medium Open Access Book publishers



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Aims

Generate
new revenue
streams for
OA publishers
& SPs

Support OA
book
publishing
models not
reliant on
BPCs

Make it
easier for
librarians to
support OA
membership
schemes

Build a new
community of
publishers,
service
providers,
librarians

Ethos

Open
infrastructure

Not for profit

Community-
& values-led

Supporting
biblio-
diversity


Book Processing Charges

Expensive: around £10-11k for major publishing houses

Inequitable: most accessible to permanent staff on research grants/in institutions that fund BPCs

Entrench the hierarchies, monopolies and lack of bibliodiversity already inherent in academic publishing: dominance of English, established scholars, “prestigious” institutions, accepted forms and genres.

Three categories of member



Service providers for
OA Books

Diamond OA
presses, often
academic-led

Hybrid
presses,
committed to
transitioning
to 75% OA on
their front list

Offer to publishers

- Reducing BPCs: the OBC is a means for publishers to generate new income streams, helping them transition away from using book processing charges and to increase their output of OA books.
- Robust OA infrastructures: the OBC delivers new financial resources to the service providers of OA book publishing.
- Simplified workflow: the OBC manages invoicing, contracting, and payment flows, making membership programmes possible for even small publishers/service provider
- Outreach: the OBC undertakes outreach work on behalf of publishers/service providers to a global community of potential supporters

Offer to libraries

- Ease of comparison: global and local relevance
- Bespoke or pre-selected packages
- Demonstration of value to budget holders
- Due diligence: assessing financial reporting practices, governance, peer review etc – also giving libraries a trusted group of publishers they can recommend to faculty
- Simpler workflow for managing multiple membership programmes & renewals
- Ability to invest in a fairer and more equitable OA landscape, rather than a single publisher or offering

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