Equity, Diversity and Sustainability in Open Access Publishing

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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.
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

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