



WHELF Research Group

A-to-Z of Research Support – An overview of research support services in WHELF Institutions

This document aims to be an overview of research support activities from Library services in the following WHELF member institutions:

- Aberystwyth University
- Bangor University
- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- Cardiff University
- Swansea University
- University of South Wales
- University of South Wales Trinity Saint David

This document is not a comprehensive report on each institution's activity; please refer to the individual institutions for more information. Instead of providing a detailed narrative of the services some major activities or themes have been used and some context provided for how they fall between institutions.

- APCs
 - One of the clearest distinctions in the sector is the management of Article Processing Charges for Gold Open Access. Aberystwyth, Bangor, Cardiff University and Swansea all include management of APCs or 'support for APC spend' as activities, Cardiff Met, USW and UWTSD do not include that activity as they all use Green Open Access.
- Bibliometrics
 - Aberystwyth, Cardiff University and Cardiff Met specifically mention supporting Bibliometrics, Swansea mention that the Research Librarian supports SciVal.
- CRIS
 - All of the institutions except UWTSD mention an institutional research information system, 3 of the institutions (Aberystwyth, Bangor and USW) use the same system, Pure.
- Doctoral Training Programme
 - Bangor, Cardiff University and Swansea specifically mention supporting their Doctoral Training Programmes, Aber mention providing support for their Postgraduate Study Skills programme.

- Electronic Theses
 - All of the institutions mention making electronic theses available from their respective repositories, or are in progress for setting up a new system.
- Information Support for Researchers
 - All of the institutions mentioned supporting the information needs of Academic Research Staff and PGR students.
- Open Access Policy
 - All of the institutions have an Open Access Policy that is publicly available.
- Open Access Support
 - All of the institutions mention a wide range of support for Open Access, both one-to-one support and groups.
- Repositories
 - All of the institutions mentioned using an institutional repository for their research outputs, most mentioned using the same repository for their theses as well. Most of the institutions were using external repository systems or were implementing them.
- Research Data Management Policy
- Research Librarian
- Systematics Reviews
 - Bangor and Cardiff both state that they provide support for Systematic Reviews.
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