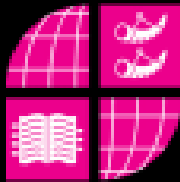


BURP!



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Welcome to the first issue of the BURP! Newsletter.

In 2008 the University of Bradford Library sought [JISC](#) funding to set up an Institutional Repository (IR) for the University's scholarly works. The funding was granted under the JISC Repositories and Preservation Programme for Repositories Start-up and Enhancement Projects (SUE).

BURP! mission

The aim of the one-year Project is to set up an open access digital IR for Brad-

ford's scholarly content .

The Project has kick-started with the installation of [DSpace](#) software. The Project Team are also in the process of talking to various academic Schools to gauge interest in acting as a pilot School.

The early adopter communities will be assisting in BURP! by giving feedback on the suggested repository platform, by participating in interviews and focus groups and, most importantly, by submitting their own scholarly publications

to the pilot repository.

How to get involved

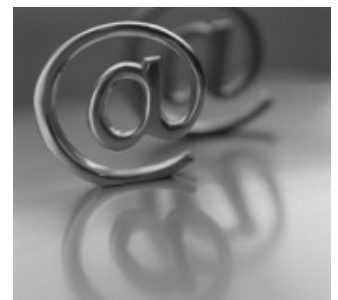
If your School is not part of the repository pilot, you can still assist by completing our online survey about repositories. The survey is intended for members of staff and is available at <http://www.surveys.bradford.ac.uk/repositories>. Over £50 worth of Amazon book vouchers will be drawn between participants.

You can get in touch with the Project Team via email

at lib-repository@bradford.ac.uk if you have any questions or comments about BURP!.

...next issue in May

Look out for information on copyright, deposit agreements and user licenses in Issue 2.



What is an institutional repository (IR)?

An IR is an open access digital repository of scholarly materials produced at an institution. It is institutionally defined and not based on any one subject area or School. An IR is also cumula-

tive, accepting new materials as and when they are produced. Institutional Repositories are interoperable with other institutional systems. At Bradford this means interoperability with the Library

Catalogue, Blackboard and the forthcoming content management system. Because an IR of this nature is openly accessible to anyone, the content may also be harvested by external systems

like the central repository service [OpenDOAR](#) and the



Benefits of an institutional repository include:

Open access brings increased visibility to University and its scholarly footprint.

Increased citations for journal articles (up to 336%) and higher impact rate .

Quick and easy deposit for long-term secure storage .

Permanent URLs (cite them now or 20 years from now and they WORK!).

Your research can be located via e.g. Google and accessed immediately without high journal subscription costs!

BURP! survey on repositories -

Are you a member of staff at the University of Bradford? We have an online questionnaire for you to fill in. The responses will inform the Project Team on staff views regarding repositories and how users would like to interact with a Bradford repository. Take part before 30th May at <http://www.surveys.bradford.ac.uk/repositories>. All participants will be entered into a prize draw (Amazon book vouchers worth over £50).

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