



Bradford Scholars is powered by DSpace

What is DSpace?

DSpace is an open source software package for capturing data in any format, including text, video, audio and data. The stored data is distributed over the web enabling the worldwide scholarly community to search, locate and access an institution's intellectual outputs not only via the repository web site but by using any search engine like Google or Yahoo.

Why DSpace?

DSpace provides an easy way for the University to manage the research materials and publications created by our academics in a professionally maintained repository to give them greater visibility and accessibility in the long term.

We already have experience at Bradford on using DSpace to run Virtual Scholars—the University of Bradford Mas-

ters' Dissertation platform. Our experience tells us that the DSpace package is flexible and robust enough to support our repository and to allow for a quick and easy way to deposit materials of varying kinds.

In addition to the many attractive technical features, DSpace users can also rely on a vibrant and active community of developers ready to assist with technical and non-technical queries from the user group.

Furthermore, the DSpace Foundation, a non-profit organisation founded by Hewlett-Packard and MIT, provides leadership and support to the global user community. This ensures DSpace has a clear roadmap at all times.

Who else is using DSpace?

DSpace is used at universities, colleges, various re-

search centres, museums, government and commercial organisations. In fact, DSpace is the most popular repository software package with over 300 installations around the world

DSpace is being used by a range of institutions around the world including the University of Leiden, the Netherlands; The University of Helsinki, Finland; and the Johns Hopkins University and MIT in the United States.

In the UK DSpace is in use, among other organisations, at Imperial College, the London School of Economics, the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, and the University of Manchester. Further information about DSpace institutions is available at http://www.dspace.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=596&Itemid=182.

Latest developments

At Bradford we have just upgraded to the latest version of this software package (V1.5.1) with the assistance of the JISC-funded Repository Support Project. Staff from the RSP provided help on-site in upgrading the software well as answering a number of technical queries from the BURP! team.

Information about DSpace is available at <http://www.dspace.org>. You can also contact the BURP! Team via email at bradscholars@bradford.ac.uk.



Coming to a venue near you: A Bradford Scholars repository road show!

Wednesday 24th September 2008 (Heaton Mount, The Oak Room, 12:00-13:00)

Pubwatch event at the School of Management - Bradford Scholars: an institutional repository for the University of Bradford. Aimed at staff at the School of Management.

November 2008 Research Showcase (date and venue to be confirmed)

Research Showcase - A Bradford Scholars stand with BURP! staff to answer your queries about repositories and related matters.

Keep a look out for further advertising in the Staff Briefing, departmental bulletin boards and your email box about any local repository events. Events are being arranged now for Staff Assemblies and other academic staff meetings at your School. If you would like the Bradford University Repository Project staff to come and talk about Bradford Scholars at your department, we are happy to arrange a lunch time event or give a presentation at any suitable staff meeting. Contact the Project staff via email at bradscholars@bradford.ac.uk or call us for an informal chat on 01274 233400.