Subject librarianship in flux

scholarly communication partnerships at Dublin City University
✔ Irish higher education landscape
✔ Dublin City University
✔ Scholarly Communication partnerships
(1) Trinity College Dublin
(2) University College Dublin
(3) Dublin City University
(4) Maynooth University
(5) University College Cork
(6) University of Limerick
(7) NUIG Galway
Ireland higher education – key facts and figures for 2016/17

Enrolments
Male: 48%
Female: 52%

New Entrants
57%: University Sector
43%: Inst. of Technology Sector

Source: Higher Education Authority
# Ireland higher education – key facts and figures for 2016/17

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Percentage of full-time international students

- North America: 41%
- EU: 20%
- Asia: 30%
- Rest of World: 9%

Source: Higher Education Authority
MACE Press Books (Maynooth Adult and Community Education) Specialising in Radical Research Practice & Theory in Adult and Community Education
UCD Press
Publishing imprint of the university
Emphasis on Irish cultural history
Books on Ireland (politics, philosophy, law, history, film & drama…)

Founded in 1925 at Queens College Cork (now UCC)
The Irish Review

Established in 1986 (imprint of UCC Press)

Interdisciplinary scope (arts, society, philosophy, history, politics, environment & science)
Dublin City University
DCU Profile

1980 | 200 students | 6 undergraduate degrees
2018 | +16,000 students | 5 faculties
22% international students &
110 nationalities
DCU Library

70+ library staff
02 libraries
04 directorates

[1] Special Collections & Archives
[3] Public Services & Outreach
[4] Research & Teaching
Subject librarian challenges...

✓ Faculty does not identify the library as “natural” partner around scholarly communications

✓ Building professional trust

✓ Time and budget constraints

✓ Prevailing scholarly communication orthodoxies

✓ ‘Digital’ places scholar increasingly outside the library
Subject librarian in flux…

✓ Engagement-centric subject librarianship
✓ Proactive involvement in the research life-cycle
✓ Influence teaching strategies
✓ Mutual-interest conversations
✓ SC is fast-moving thus sustaining motivation
✓ Continuous CPD (stimulation & motivation)
Subject librarianship in flux…

“Researchers will be better served if SC is considered a core competency of subject librarians, similar to reference, instruction and collection development.”

Brantley, Bruns and Duffin, 2017, p. 138
Partnership v Support

The problem is not browsing or access; it’s timidity…. until librarianship moves away from our academic inferiority complex, and embraces the calling of digital work in contrast to the vocation of servitude…. 

Vandegrift and Varner, 2013
ScholComm life cycle

[1] Library provides collection dev, ref & instruction…

[2] Academic researches, collects data, analyses…

[3] Academic authors…

Competencies for ScholCom…

✓ Feed into scholar publishing services
  ▪ Copyright, standards, funders…

✓ OA repository knowledge
  ▪ Policies & mandates, RDM…

✓ Assessment of scholarly resources
  ▪ Criteria for journal selection, bibliometrics & altmetrics…
Scholarly Communication Partnerships
DCU Library Strategy

“Open Access will be a collaborative effort at DCU and the Library will lead on Research Communications Services in support of DCU’s international positioning”

DCU Library Strategy, 2017 – 2019
Subject librarianship

“The path to continuing success? The answer is centered on two alternative needs assessment approaches: relationship building and educational initiatives.”

Hensley, 2017
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