Role of stakeholders in IR Development

Establishing Institutional Repositories

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Objectives:

- Identify the stakeholders in IR
- Establish their roles in IR development

Introduction

- One of the first exercises as the repository manager is to undertake an analysis of stakeholders involved in IR.

- Take time to identify everyone with an interest and establish the key benefits that will apply to each group

- This will ensure your IR begin on a positive note & wide reaching support.

Who are stakeholders?

- Individuals, groups and other organizations who have an interest in the actions of an organization and who have the ability to influence it

- Thus stakeholders could be decision makers, employees, suppliers and students of the university

Why should you identify IR Stakeholders ?

- There are two critical reasons to identify stakeholders:

- (1).To promote-IR Manager needs to persuade others of the benefits of IR. The aims may include obtaining backing or funding

- (2).To consult-IR Manager needs to engage local stakeholders to identify their interests or concerns regarding the service

Role of Librarians

- Librarians have critical role to play in both establishing & maintaining an IR through:

- (1.) Collection management & stewardship of collection (Building content)

- -Librarians have critical role in collection management & preservation through IRs. Capability to add authors or give permission to self archive

Role of Librarians cont.

(2.) Understand software & train authors

- Deciding the software is the first step in creating IR. Librarians have enough knowledge of working with IR software. Librarians should train authors how to deposit their work to the IR

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- (3). Establish standard metadata
- (4). Review submission for quality of content
- (5). Persuading authors to contribute

  Expose authors to copyright awareness

  Submit research output for those who cannot self-archive

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- (6).Training users search techniques
- Help in filling content into IR and again to extract from IR-increase in access of resources & information
- (7). Promotion & marketing

-Know all principles, benefits, processes in order to market

-Have advocacy programs

Role of authors, academics & researchers

- The real challenge is not technical implementation of IR but cultural change necessary for it to become embedded in activities & behaviour of researchers

- Uploading of research output

- Ensuring high quality & standards of materials

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- Negotiating copyright issues with publishers. This should be done before publication of papers
- Contributing content
- In short, this group provide and use content in the IR
- Communicate clearly benefits of publishing within the OA framework so that lecturers can contribute and make

Institutional administrators, senior magt & policy makers

- This group of stakeholders represent the institution as a whole

- IR Manager will be required to sell the concept of the IR to these key decision makers

- Aim of initial communication with this group is to get the concept of IR on the institution's strategic agenda

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- Subsequently, this group of stakeholders will perform the important task of approving and backing the IR and committing staff time and resource

Role of ICT staff

- Fulfill the vital role of installing, configuring and maintaining IR software and hardware

- IR Manager needs to develop clear lines of communication with the ICT colleagues who require to understand the purpose of IR and how it fits in the institution's vision

Other support staff

- Play a beneficial role for IR
- Departmental administrators and secretaries who may organize content on behalf of academicians
- Copyright experts who will be a source of advice

External stakeholders in IR

- Government –be at the fore-front to develop OA policy for the country & other relevant policies

  Initiate OA projects and create enabling environment for such projects

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- Consortium
- KLISC
- Work with government as institutions to develop policies relevant to Kenyan environment and support sensitization
- Mobilize resources from members
- Introduce a monitoring & evaluation of IR projects

Conclusion

- Success of IRs depend on commitment by all parties concerned-users, administrators, researchers, Librarians
- Sensitize all stakeholders

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