openWorks case study information from Edge Hill University (EHU)

Scope: August 2013 – July 2014

Data

Staffing Structure and FTE staff for OA
There are no post at EHU exclusively designated for open access. In Learning Services there is myself (Academic Liaison Manager) as the open access contact, and the EHU Research and Enterprise Support Office deal with APC payments. A university OA working group is planned for the coming academic year.

Number and cost of APCs paid
Six APCs agreed for payment totalling £2,429.64

Number of deposits, full text and metadata only (note whether public or restricted, and if ETDs are included)
No. deposits metadata only = 447
No. deposits full text (public) = 109
No. deposits full text (restricted) = 14
There were no ETDs deposited.

Income for OA (Wellcome and RCUK)
N/A

Internal funding for OA
Staff make an application to the university Research and Enterprise Support Office, and if the journal is considered good quality funds are made available, however there is not a pre-defined fund specifically for OA.

Narrative

Institutional Context
EHU Mission Statement:
Edge Hill University will provide an intellectually-stimulating, creative and inclusive environment for its community. Teaching and learning of the highest standard, supported by pure and applied research of international significance, will provide a firm foundation for its graduates, and other stakeholders in a rapidly changing world. An international perspective, knowledge and understanding, and a life-long capacity to learn and adapt, is the surest way of securing an individual's and the nation’s future.

EHU Strategic Plan 2013-2020 research targets:
Progress on REF - 50% of academic staff returnable in next REF
Impact Agenda - Range of well-developed impact cases for each projected UoA
Research Environment - Doubling current grant income (in real terms)
Postgraduate Community - Minimum of 36 PhD completions from Graduate Teaching Assistants
Interdisciplinary Research - Institute for Public Policy and Professional Practice,
Institute for Creative Enterprise, Postgraduate Medical Institute and Clinical Trials Unit established with national and international impact and strongly supporting prospective REF returns
Applicable Research - Develop practice based research expertise in professional areas, e.g. Education, Health and Social Work

Student numbers:
9426 Full-time undergraduate students
684 Full-time postgraduate students
5181 Part-time undergraduate students
7061 Part-time postgraduate students

Employee numbers: 3432

**Context for figures**
As a relatively new university (2007) EHU is still working to build its research profile, activity and publications. This is reflected in the data above.

**Institutional policies**
EHU currently has no policy on open access. The current EHU Research Strategy sets out a five-year strategy (January 2013-December 2017) and looks towards the period after the 2014 REF. In the section on research growth there is a requirement ‘for all staff to register their research output via Edge Hill Research Archive (EHRA) reflecting its commitment to open access’.

**OA governance**
The Head of the Research and Enterprise Support Office has stated that an open access working group is planned for the coming academic year. Membership has yet to be decided. At present issues on open access would go to the faculty or university research committees.

**Issues, challenges and opportunities**
The main issue for EHU is to address open access at a university wide level. The formation of a working group will begin this process. The initial challenge for the working group will be the need to develop an open access policy and ensure implement across the institution. The HEFCE requirements for the next REF are a motivational opportunity to kick-start compliance and increase deposits in the EHU repository.

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