Getting published (and how the Library can help)

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Overview of session

- What is publishing?
- Conferences
- Institutional repository
- Journals
- Books
- Websites
- Resources available in the Library
- Legal information
What is publishing?

- **Definitions:**
  - ‘To make public’ (OED)
  - ‘to release (a product of creative work) for public distribution or sale usu. with the consent of the copyright holder’ (Webster’s Dictionary, 3rd Ed.)

- **Used to be:**
  - Print; Static; Restricted

- **Now it’s:**
  - Print, online, both; Fluid; Restricted or open to all

- **Universities’ role**
  - A producer AND a consumer, often of the same material
Conferences

- Approach conferences both as a presenter and a delegate

- Resources in eLibrary
  - British Education Index, Web of Science, Sociological Abstracts, ERIC, etc
  - Search keyword AND ‘conference’ to see what has been published and through which conferences
  - Can refine search field to ‘Conference Information’

- Try the following online directories:
Conferences (cont…)

- Search the websites of professional bodies or societies active in your field

- **Try keyword searching in a search engine** (eg Education AND Conference AND AND Florida)

- **Mailing lists**
  - Eg JISCmail - [http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/](http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/)
Institutional repository (Ubira)

- http://www.eprints.bham.ac.uk

- **What is the purpose of an institutional repository?**
  - to create global visibility for an institution's scholarly research;
  - to collect content in a single location;
  - to provide open access to institutional research output by self-archiving it;
  - Covers both peer-reviewed and non peer-reviewed material
  - to store and preserve other institutional digital assets (eg "grey" literature like theses or technical reports).

- **How the Library can help:**
  - Digital Assets Team
    (eprints@lists.bham.ac.uk)
Other repositories

- **Directory of Open Access Repositories**

- **Social Sciences Open Access Repository**

- **ESRC Social Sciences Repository**
  - [http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/AdvancedSearchPage3.aspx](http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/AdvancedSearchPage3.aspx)

- **Institute of Education EPrints (IoE Eprints)**
  - pilot repository provides access to the research output of the institution
  - [http://eprints.ioe.ac.uk/](http://eprints.ioe.ac.uk/)

- **ARRT (Access to Research Resources for Teachers)**
  - a subject based repository providing access to the publication output relating to education
Which journal to publish in…

- **eLibrary**
  - Use **Social Sciences Citation Index**
    - Will show you the impact factor of journals you are considering publishing in
  - Use **Ulrichsweb** to identify potential journals
    - An international periodical directory available via eLibrary
    - General info about titles is given, but no access to articles

- Ask where colleagues publish their research
- Check publisher terms and conditions
- Mailing lists often put out calls for papers
Identify the best journal

- **Publisher**: Who is the publisher of the journal? What is the importance of the society or university to the discipline?

- **Editor and editorial board**: What are the qualifications of the editor and the editorial board? Are they prominent members of the profession?

- **Review process**: Are contributions to the journal refereed? What is the review process? Who determines what is published, a panel of reviewers or the journal editor? What percentage of papers are accepted for publication?

- **Currency**: How often is the journal published? What is the delay time between a manuscript being received, accepted, and published?
Identify the best journal (2)

- **Audience**: For what audience is the journal intended? Does the content of the articles support the intended audience?

- **Type of articles**: What kind of articles are included? Case reports? Research articles? Methodology articles? Review articles? Book reviews?

- **Access**: Is the journal indexed in major indexes such as PsycInfo, Education Abstracts, Social Science Citation Index, etc.?

- **Format**: What is the format of the journal? Printed? Electronic? Both? Are there any differences between the print and the online version?
Books

- Often easiest to publish a chapter
- Collaborate with experienced colleagues
- Find related books and see who published it
  - BookData Online (eLibrary)
  - Amazon
Webpages

☐ Use your University webpage to promote your work

☐ Add a list of publications to your webpage (professional and personal), and link to Ubira and eLibrary whenever possible
Resources in the Library

- **Books** (available in Main Library - LB 2369, PN 155) eg…
  - How to Get Research Published in Journals by Abby Day
  - Becoming a Writing Researcher by Anne Blakeslee
  - Handbook of Academic Writing by Rowena Murray

- **IT training courses**
  - Research and Information Skills
  - Referencing software
  - IT skills
  - [http://www.skills.bham.ac.uk/courses/staff.shtml](http://www.skills.bham.ac.uk/courses/staff.shtml)

- **Courses**
  - Library Services ‘Getting Published’ WebCT course
    - [http://www.skills.bham.ac.uk/courses/infoskills.shtml](http://www.skills.bham.ac.uk/courses/infoskills.shtml)
  - Writing grants information
    - [https://www.intranet.bham.ac.uk/rcs/funding/writinggrants.pdf](https://www.intranet.bham.ac.uk/rcs/funding/writinggrants.pdf)
Contract Information:
- If an agreement needs signing on behalf of the University, the Head of Legal Services will sign.
- The University very rarely stands in the way of publication (eg would do so to avoid ‘prior publication’ interfering with a patent application)

Copyright Information:
- http://www.library.bham.ac.uk/support/copyright
- http://www.jisclegal.ac.uk/LegalAreas/CopyrightIPR.aspx

For primary advice on copyright matters please contact:
- Malcolm Kendall (Legislation Manager), Library Services
  copyright@contacts.bham.ac.uk
In summary, some suggestions...

- Shamelessly publicise yourself and your work!
- Be prepared to do some hard work initially to get your work ‘out there’
- Make using Ubira part of your work-flow
- Use the WebCT courses and books in the Library – make the most of the free resources available

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