

Welcome to the Scottish Journal of Open Research

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Introduction from the Editors

We are excited to be launching the *Scottish Journal of Open Research* published by the University Court of the University of Glasgow on behalf of the [Open Research Scotland group](#).

The journal is a logical next step for our award-winning¹ Open Research Scotland group that brings together those interested in supporting Open Research to discuss a wide range of emerging ideas and share best practice. The *Scottish Journal of Open Research* will publish topics on all aspects of Open Research including, but not limited to, open access publication, research data management, Open Research tools and support mechanisms, training and indicators, and good examples of Open Research in practice.

Open Research practitioners may have few channels to share their activities in a formal way. At the same time, these professionals are frequently operating at the forefront of a quickly evolving discipline – that of Open Research – and are too busy communicating with 'their' researchers to find the time to produce formal outputs for submission to traditional journals. This *Scottish Journal of Open Research* is born as a mechanism that will both enable and promote the dissemination of these Open Research practices arising from the daily activities of the professionals represented in the Open Research Scotland group and beyond.

The *Scottish Journal of Open Research* will apply quality control steps including peer review. The scope of the journal will adapt to focus on the practices of Open Research support, allowing for the inclusion of a variety of content types including articles, case studies and opinion pieces.

¹ The Open Research Scotland group won first place in *The Hidden REF Competition 2024* - category Contexts: [Hidden REF Competition 2024](#)

We decided to pilot this journal after a conversation at a previous Open Research Scotland meeting. Valerie McCutcheon playfully suggested we could have an open access journal to share articles about Open Research support. Very quickly several attendees got quite enthused and before we knew it a group of people with relevant expertise and/or passion for the idea were discussing practicalities.

This journal is in a trial period. The aims of the pilot are to provide:

- A formal platform to share and preserve case studies and best practice about Open Research support and activities that Open Research Scotland group members are involved in. Many of the written pieces of work that have been shared historically are hard to find on email lists and blogs.
- A better way to share information with the wider audience interested in Open Research.
- A structure within which we gain experience of the publication and editorial processes to help us understand what our academic authors and editor colleagues must grapple with and be better informed to support them.
- A tested example of an open access peer-reviewed journal that focuses on contributions about Open Research.
- A means for Open Research practitioners to find out about the latest developments in Open Research support.
- A place to recognise work by Open Research practitioners and those passionate about Open Research.
- A way to raise the profile of Open Research and encourage good research practice that fits in with research culture aspirations and funder requirements.

The journal is not intended as an open access journal to replace open access publication of academic research in the wide range of journals available, however articles that illustrate points of Open Research practice are most welcome.

The pilot invited submissions from within the Open Research Scotland mailing list with a view to opening submissions to anyone after the pilot.

Whilst we have included the home of the journal in its title, the team embraces the idea that Open Research implementation has no fixed geographical borders and once the current pilot is completed, the aspiration would be to welcome submissions from any authors who wish to contribute so that the journal becomes a vehicle for an international conversation around Open Research and its adoption. The release of the first issue of the *Scottish Journal of Open Research* is thus just a first step in a journey that will hopefully see it grow into covering a wide range of topics and geographical provenances. So far it has been quite a different experience than we envisaged. We plan to write up our story and share that too.

In this first issue we are delighted to present you with articles covering the Open Researcher and Contributor Identifier, Rights Retention, the inclusion of equipment and facilities in the research graph, and a book review of the first open access book published by the Scottish Universities Press.

Read more about the journal and future calls for publications here [Scottish Journal of Open Research](#)

Please read, comment, and make suggestions by contacting us at sjor@glasgow.ac.uk

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