

NoWAL Digitisation Project

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the project is to deliver a number of services based around digitisation processes to NoWAL institutions. The services aim to support the current and future digitisation needs of NoWAL member institutions by providing impartial digitisation information and encouraging staff to share knowledge and information.

Scope

The services fall into three main categories:

- Joint procurement of a high quality digital reproduction service
- Shared training and development
- Knowledge exchange and networking services

The services will be brought together through the development of an enhanced NoWAL website, creating a single point of contact for high quality guidance, advice, training and links to a range of specific services in the UK and overseas. The services include:

- Consortia procurement of a high quality digital reproduction service
- Shared training and development to meet institutional requirements
- Knowledge exchange and networking potentially using Web2 tools.
- Advocacy methods and marketing materials created for collaborative use by NoWAL institutions.
- Investigation of e-licensing in Higher Education.
- Current financial information for existing services available in the UK providing value for money comparators.

Benefits

The project will address the concerns expressed by representatives of NoWAL institutions in regard to digitisation.

Benefits rising from the full implementation of the project will enable:

- Increased student and academic staff satisfaction of learning resources
- Shared knowledge and experience through the use of Web2 tools
- Institutional compliance with all necessary legal requirements in an increasingly complex area
- Increased knowledge, skills and experience of existing staff with the potential to increase moral, commitment and performance
- Institutions with existing services to be provided with more flexibility including options for future developments
- Institutions in the process of setting up or considering the development of digitisation services are provided with valuable information and advice

The project will run from June 2009 to April 2010 and aims to deliver the services outlined above which are designed to address the digitisation needs of NoWAL institutions and support them in this activity.

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