

RLUK Redefining the Research Library Model

Workshop on the Role of the Library in the Research Process

1 July 2013, University of Leeds Edward Boyle Library Conference Room

The aim of this workshop is to consider the leadership role of the library in supporting institutional research, and to share ideas about how this strategic role can be translated into service delivery. The outputs from this workshop will contribute to the RLUK Redefining the Research Library Model work strand and the development of the next RLUK strategy.

Participants will be called upon to review a number of short papers in advance of the workshop and be ready to actively debate the issues raised. We will use a combination of short presentations and group discussion to prompt our thinking.

Programme:

- 10.00 Arrival, tea and coffee
- 10.30 Welcome and Introduction – Nicola Wright, Deputy Director of Library Services, LSE
- 10.40 What is the leadership role of the library in supporting institutional research?

In this session we will examine what the library could contribute to the research process and to identify key areas where the library should be leading within the institution. We will consider how well the library is currently positioned to provide this leadership within our institutions.

- Stella Butler, University Librarian and Keeper of the Brotherton Collection, University of Leeds
- John MacColl, University Librarian and Director of Library Services, University of St Andrews
- Jan Wilkinson, University Librarian and Director of the John Rylands Library, University of Manchester

12.30-13.15 Lunch

- 13.15-14.30 What are the issues which we need to address in order to improve our performance in this leadership role?

In this session we will identify and consider a range of factors which influence the performance of the library and our ability to translate strategy into operational services.

- Nicola Wright, Deputy Director of Library Services, London School of Economics
- Stephen Pinfield, Senior Lecturer, Information School, University of Sheffield
- Gavin Beattie, Associate Director - Research and Learning Liaison, King's College London

14.30 Break

14.45 Practice examples: How are libraries translating strategy into service?

In this session colleagues will share their ideas and practical experience of developing activities and services in support of institutional research.

- Chris Gibson, Research Services Librarian, University of Manchester
- Martin Reid, Head of Academic Services, LSE Library Services
- Theo Andrew, Scholarly Communications, University of Edinburgh

15.45 Wrap-up and reflections on the key points from the day

16.00 Close