**Pulse Check: Librarians, researchers and open access publishing**

Data points from an informal survey of librarians and information professionals who have a role in informing researchers about publishing their papers open access.

Librarians report that the Research Office and Departments are the top groups outside the library that inform researchers about open access publishing options.

How librarians rated their researchers’ knowledge of issues related to publishing their journal articles open access:

**MAJORITY RATED GOOD TO FAIR**

- **ARTICLE PROCESSING CHARGES (GOLD OA)**
- **COPYRIGHT**
- **FUNDERS’ POLICIES/COMPLIANCE**
- **JOURNAL EVALUATION (QUALITY, REACH)**

**MAJORITY RATED POOR**

- **SELF-ARCHIVING (GREEN OA)**

"A little marketing goes a long way ... The old 'if we build it they will come' doesn't work, and never has."

Does your library offer any funding for article publishing charges?

- **75% NO**
- **15% YES**
- **10% WE ARE EXPLORING**

The top library-led means of informing authors about open access publishing options selected were:

1. **POLICIES AND MANDATES**
2. **REGULAR OA PUBLISHING INFORMATION SESSIONS**

"...whatever we do, we must take an holistic, empathetic and user-centred stance ..."

Most effective initiatives to get researchers to upload a version of their journal articles to the institutional repository:

- **DEPOSITING FOR THEM**
- **PERSONALIZED REQUEST TO DEPOSIT**
- **DIRECTIVE FROM A MORE SENIOR RESEARCHER OR RESEARCH OFFICE**
- **INSTITUTIONAL MANDATE OR POLICY**
- **INCENTIVES SUCH AS IMPACT METRICS OR OTHER RECOGNITION**
- **GENERAL PROMOTION/PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT DEPOSITING**

Survey: This informal survey of Library Connect subscribers was conducted in October 2017. There were 238 survey respondents from 30 countries.

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