The springboard project: data stewardship and the Open Research Repository at Queen's University Belfast

Creating training materials and curating a podcast collection on FigShare

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Project goals

- Provide hands-on, DCC-aligned data stewardship training to a new Senior Library Assistant
- Produce training videos and documentation for users of the new Open Research Repository, powered by FigShare.
- Preserve 80 at-risk LawPod podcasts along with FAIR-compliant, persistently identified repository records.

Scan to Explore

LawPod Curated Collection

The Springboard Project

Creation of ORR Training Materials

Context

- The ORR is powered by FigShare, a new and unfamiliar interface for both library staff and researchers.
- Custom metadata fields for thesis records and non-traditional research outputs (NTROs) require seperate documentation.
- Decision made to produce a training video and a text document for each kind of output.

Challenges

- University mandates that training videos be recorded and uploaded in Panopto. Project time was siphoned off into training on this platform.
- Training materials were being developed at a time when the repository was still under development, leading to abrupt changes.

Implementation

- Rigorous proof reading process with Research Data Librarian and E-theses Librarian of video scripts and text documentation.
- Updating training materials in tandem with development of new processes.
- Final training materials made available on the repository with a DOI.

Curation of LawPod Records

Context

- LawPod is a podcast that was created by staff and students of the School of Law, Queen's University Belfast in 2017.
- The series was identified as preservation risk due to an ad hoc web-hosting arrangement.
- A pilot programme was devised to ensure 80 of the episodes are discoverable, citable and preserved independently on ORR.

Challenges

- Podcast episodes were originally archived with inconsistent naming conventions and poor quality metadata.
- Some metadata fields in FigShare were restrictive.
- Name authority difficult to establish at times.
- Podcast format is mp3, a less optimal format for preservation than flac.

Implementation

- New naming convention developed based on cataloguing principles.
- Best efforts with name authority using ORCiD, LinkedIn
- Producer credits added to description field.
- Relevant sub-series and episode number information added to Description. KeyWords and thumbnails used to identify the series.

Outcomes

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Podcast records with DOIs	Training videos for ORR	Written user guides for ORR

Scope for Expansion

- Create additional training materials focusing on other NTROs, such as podcasts
- LawPod collection pilot project can be expanded
- Work with Digital Preservation Librarian on long-term preservation of LawPod

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