

Meeting on the agenda

A further opportunity to learn from each other's activities and practice

A benchmarking meeting will take place during the Matariki Humanities Colloquium at Queen's University in October 2015.

This meeting provides a further opportunity to learn from each other's activities and practices and will contribute directly to the projects aim to consider how we measure our effectiveness. At this meeting, representatives from each of the libraries will present what has been learned from

considering the responses to the second survey.

It is expected that this will included details of measuring performance, as the questions used in the second survey have allowed each library to share more information about their assessment activities.

Discussion will also focus on planning the next stage of the project, including considering the next survey topic.

Survey responses available online

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Network partners have responded to a series of questions in the second phase of the benchmarking project.

The responses share details of projects in the provision of the library space that supports the student experience.

Each library has been invited to review the responses and will share what they have learned at the upcoming benchmarking meeting.

These responses can be reviewed via the projects online collaborative workspace at <https://benchmarking.matarikinetwerk.com/>

Queen's to host Matariki Humanities Colloquium

The third Matariki Humanities Colloquium, *Religion across the Humanities*, will be held on the 1-3

October 2015 at Queen's University, Canada.

This colloquium is part of a series that bring together researchers and librarians

from across the Network to foster dialogue, and examine resources and best practices at other Network institutions.

The Colloquium will run two concurrent streams; Faculty and Library. In the Faculty stream academics will present papers on the current state of research and teaching in the study of religion. Library presentations will focus on practical sharing of resources, expertise and experiences related to support across the humanities. Topics of presentations will include: the library's role in students'

Project progress highlighted

Third conference paper available via the project online workspace

A recent library conference presentation has enabled the project team to share the development of the project and engage with the wider profession.

Information on the progress of the project and the development of a library assessment capability maturity model were included in the paper 'Building on what works: towards a library assessment capability maturity model.'

experiential learning; data management in digital humanities; and collaborative projects with partners within and outside the library and institutions.

Since their inception, the series of colloquia are informed by and contribute to the Libraries Benchmarking Project.

This was presented by Simon Hart, project manager, at the 11th Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries and Information Services, in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In this paper he contextualizes the development of the maturity model within the benchmarking project and wider library assessment practice.

Contacts update

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The Durham University Library contact is now Christopher Skelton – Foord.

Christopher has taken up this responsibility as part of his role as Head of Policy and Planning.

The project team acknowledges the valuable contribution provided by the previous contact, Pete Maggs.

Pete left Durham in June 2015 to take up the role of Director of Library Services at Lancaster University.

This is the third conference paper from the project team that maps the development of the project.

This paper, along with the previous papers, is available via the projects online collaborative workspace.

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