

Cooperation on Access

The Research Support Libraries Programme



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Follett Report



⌘ Joint Funding Councils' libraries review. *Joint Funding Councils' Libraries Review Group: report (1993)*.

www.ukoln.ac.uk/services/papers/follett/report

Anderson report



⌘ Joint funding councils libraries' review. *Report of the Group on a National/Regional Strategy for Library Provision for Researchers* (1996)

www.ukoln.ac.uk/services/elib/papers/other/anderson/

The Programme



- ⌘ Funded by the four UK Higher Education Funding bodies
- ⌘ A national (UK) Programme
- ⌘ £30M over 3 years
- ⌘ August 1999 - July 2002

RSLP



⌘ A Strategic Approach

⌘ A Holistic View

⌘ A Managed Programme

RSLP strands



- ☒ Collaborative Collection Management activities
- ☒ Support for Humanities and Social Sciences Collections
- ☒ Access funding

RSLP activities



- ⌘ mainly dealing with traditional library materials but, in almost every project, creating an electronic resource
- ⌘ bibliographic and archival records, digitised images and texts, web directories, collection descriptions subscribing to current metadata standards

Projects



⌘ Funding for 58 projects:

☑ 17 Collaborative Collection Management

☑ 40 Support for Humanities and Social Sciences

☑ 1 conservation unit

⌘ Mostly consortial, many cross-sectoral

Projects : some acronyms



⌘ SCONE

⌘ EGIL

⌘ HOGARTH

⌘ PADDI

⌘ NAHSTE

⌘ CASBAH

Some other RSLP Projects



⌘ Charting the Nation: Preserving and widening access to Maps of Scotland, 1590-1740

<http://www.geo.ed.ac.uk/charting/>

⌘ Mapping the World

<http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/users/lmh/rslp/index.html>

⌘ Online guide to the papers of Charles Booth

<http://www.blpes.lse.ac.uk/archives/booth/Default.html>

Some other RSLP Projects (2)



⌘ 19th Century pamphlets project

📄 <http://www.is.bham.ac.uk/rslp/pamphlets.htm>

⌘ Ensemble

📄 <http://www.is.bham.ac.uk/rslp/ensemble.htm>

⌘ Mapping Asia

📄 <http://www.soas.ac.uk/asiemap/amhome.html>

⌘ Collection description study

📄 <http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/metadata/rslp/>

Information on Projects



On the RSLP website:

<http://www.rslp.ac.uk>

Some Non-HE Collaborators



- ⌘ National libraries, including the British Library
- ⌘ Natural History Museum
- ⌘ Glasgow City Council and Archives
- ⌘ Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine

Some non-HE Collaborators (2)



⌘ English Heritage

⌘ National Archives of Scotland

⌘ Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh)

⌘ Institute of Race Relations

⌘ London Metropolitan Archives

Funding agencies and programmes



⌘ British Library Cooperation and Partnership Fund

⌘ SCRAN: Scottish Cultural Resources Access Network

⌘ Heritage Lottery Fund

Working Together



- ⌘ Higher Education/BL Task Force
- ⌘ UK national union catalogue(s)?
- ⌘ Study on the long term future of the legacy collections at BLDSC
- ⌘ Office for the Distributed National Collection?

A collaborative solution (1)



⌘ The Distributed National Resource

- ☑ We need to have a comprehensive overview and take account of traditional and electronic forms of information
- ☑ Take a cross-sectoral view

A collaborative solution (2)



- ☒ Office for a Distributed National Collection would be:
- ☒ primarily print focused, but would have to take account of Distributed National Electronic Resource (DNER)
 - ☒ would have to interface with arrangements for 'legacy' collections
 - ☒ legal deposit arrangements
 - ☒ also have an international outlook

RSLP



- ⌘ Almost all projects creating electronic resource or contributing to the development of the print/digital interface, thus facilitating Access
- ⌘ is stimulating Collaborative Collection Management activity and helping move the agenda forward (Access; consortial, cross-sectoral working; mapping of collections, collection description, etc)
- ⌘ A bedrock for future development

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