

# OA in the UK

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We are the 1%....



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## The view from Government...

- Transparency
- Economic growth
- Principle-based



“Free and open access to taxpayer-funded research offers significant social and economic benefits by spreading knowledge, raising the prestige of UK research and encouraging technology transfer.”



To achieve this...

Government will work with partners, including the publishing industry, to achieve free access to publicly-funded research as soon as possible and will set an example itself.



# Global context...



How to ensure sustainability in a changing world:

- Quality
- Access
- Wider benefits



We are the 1%, 4%, 6%, 14%....



...and the 23%





## Global context...



The success and cost of the UK transition depends upon developments and behaviour in the rest of the world



# Working Group on Expanding Access to Published Research Findings

## The Finch Group

- Independent
- Examine how UK-funded research findings can be made more accessible
- Operate collaboratively and so far as possible seeks to achieve consensus

[www.researchinonet.org/publish/wg-expand-access](http://www.researchinonet.org/publish/wg-expand-access)



# Composition...

**Researchers, Universities, Funders, HEFCE**  
**Publishers, Learned Societies, British Library**  
**BIS**  
**Research Information Network (*Secretariat*)**



# Accessibility, sustainability, excellence: how to expand access to research publications



# Recommendations

- Set a clear policy direction towards APC funded publication in open access and hybrid journals of publicly-funded research
- Expect and plan for a transition period...
- Recognise legitimate costs of publication and great value of learned societies...





APCs

Subscriptions

Hybrid Journals

Transition

Repositories



Site Licenses



Walk-in access



Since...

- Response from Government
- Research Council policy
- Higher Education Funding Council policy



# Research Councils





# Decision tree...



# Funding environment...

- 55% RC and QR funded
- HEIs: The top 10% account for 53% of mainstream QR and 64% of RC income
- Hefce
- Repositories



# “There is a lot going on”

Minister for Universities and Science  
Publishers Association AGM  
London  
02 May 2012

Discussion and engagement have  
become the norm



# Research and Researchers



Systems must work for institutions but to be successful they must work for individual researchers

