

Beyond Open Access

Five Prerequisites for a Sustainable Knowledge Commons

Open access is about the democratisation of knowledge. However, as open access becomes widely adopted, there is a risk that we will accentuate the inequalities and unsustainability of scholarly publishing, through wide spread implementation of pay to publish business models.

BUILDING A GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE COMMONS

Strengthen local institutions-based services that preserve and provide access to diverse and valuable research products

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Connect the local services to national, regional and global networks through the adoption of interoperable standards and practices

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Begin to redistribute funds towards services that add value to the networks, such as peer review

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Improve the processes used to evaluate research contributions to include a wider range of qualitative and quantitative metrics and indicators

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Adopt the principles and governance that will ensure the commons reflects the needs of the global research community

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We recognize the need to go beyond open access, to create an open and fair system for sharing research outcomes. Our vision is a sustainable knowledge commons. A global commons that reflects the needs of different communities and regions, allow all researchers to fully participate, while also fostering positive change and innovation in scholarly communications.