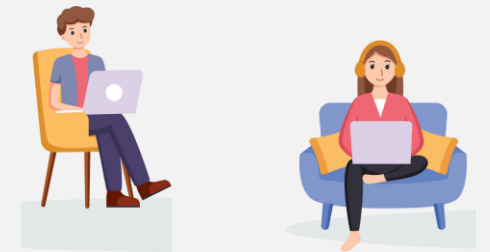


What is Open Access and why is it important?

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Outline



- What do we mean by "Open Access"?
- Open Access Journals and Hybrid Journals
- Open Access Publication Routes (Gold, Diamond and Green)
- Why publish your work Open Access?
- How to Copyright Your Work

What do we mean by "Open Access"?



- Open Access (OA) is a publishing model that makes research outputs available online at no cost to the reader.
- Open Access movement
 - E.g. cOAlition S, Budapest Open Access Initiative, Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) Europe
- Over 49% of global research outputs in 2020 were freely available in some form, compared to approx. 27% in 2011
 - Neylon & Huang (2022) in Huang et al. (2024)



Fully Open Access Journals

- Free to read, no subscription fees
- Article Processing Charge (APC) for the author
- Exception: Diamond Open Access Journals

Hybrid Journals

- Subscription-based journals that offer authors the option to pay an APC to make individual articles Open Access
- Risk of “double dipping” (article paid for twice: journal subscription and APC)



- 2018 Documentary: “Paywall: The Business of Scholarship”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAzTR8eq20k>

- Choosing where to publish webinar Tues 4th Feb, 10am

Open Access Publication Routes

Gold

- Open Access journals and Hybrid journals
- Publisher version
- No embargo
- Article processing charges (APCs)

Diamond

- Diamond Open Access journals (search [DOAJ](#))
- Publisher version
- No embargo
- No APCs for authors

Green

- Self-archiving in repositories
- Accepted manuscript (post peer-review)
- May be an embargo
- No charge for authors

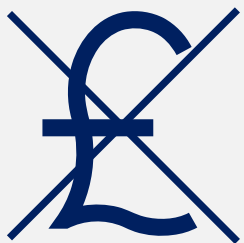
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Why publish your work Open Access?






<https://openaccessbutton.org/>

- Knowledge sharing, with everyone
- Wider impact
- Allows your work to be built on (and credited)
- Compliance with policies (from funders and institutions)



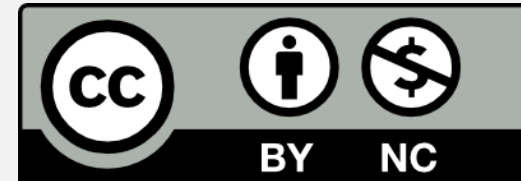
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-  NC: Only noncommercial uses of the work are permitted.
-  ND: No derivatives or adaptations of the work are permitted.

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 - <https://chooser-beta.creativecommons.org/>

- May be some restrictions depending on the publisher (and funder policies may stipulate)
 - Check [Open Policy Finder](#) for license options per publisher



Summary



- Open Access makes research outputs available online at no cost to the reader
- There are three main OA routes: Gold (APC, no embargo), Diamond (no APC, no embargo), and Green (self-archiving)
- Benefits to OA: breaks down barriers, wider reach and impact, policy compliance
- Creative commons licenses can be used to copyright your work and ensure attribution



Don't miss these upcoming webinars!

- Tuesday 4th Feb, 10am, Choosing where to publish
- Thursday 6th Feb, 12pm, Getting Published: A publisher's perspective: Wiley
- Thursday 6th Feb, 2pm, Getting Published, an insider perspective: Peter Lepping
- And many more this month...
- <https://elh.nhs.wales/news1/latest-news/curious-about-getting-published/>



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- OpenAccess button: <https://openaccessbutton.org/>
- Digital Health and Care Wales Research and Knowledge Repository (new): <https://repository.dhcnw.nhs.wales/>
- NHS England institutional repositories <https://library.hee.nhs.uk/resources/open-access/institutional-repository-examples>
- Subject repositories, useful list: <https://canberra.libguides.com/c.php?g=599341&p=4148816>
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