

# SHERPA Plus

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# SHERPA

- SHERPA Project (2002-2005)
  - Setting up IRs with partners institutions (7 rising to 23)
- SHERPA (2006-)
  - Now ongoing project based team
  - Broader portfolio of projects
  - Funded by JISC, CURL, OSI, SPARK Europe, Wellcome
- Respected voice in OA development
  - *SPARC Europe 2007 Award for Outstanding Achievements in Scholarly Communication*
- Focus for bids and proposals for new work
- Provides services seen as “*vital to OA infrastructure*”

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- Key deliverables
  - Dissemination of best practice & experience
  - Broadening and enabling the national network
  - Supporting policy development at all levels
- Evolution of SHERPA Project activities
  - Established a broad network
  - Essential as broad-base for emerging services
  - Building on advocacy for repository establishment
- Partnership experiences
  - Enabling a wider growing national network
  - Ongoing experience in repository population

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- Focus on real challenges
  - Cultural, managerial, organisational
  - Resolved through advocacy, outreach, education
- Supporting essential community resources
  - RoMEO & latterly JULIET
  - Interaction and enhancement between other activities
- Community support
  - Ingest of partner experience
  - SHERPA Roadshows 2007
  - SHERPA Website resources
  - Responsive advice and consultancy role

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- Forum for repository administrators
  - UKCoRR practitioner organisation
  - Spun off from SHERPA Plus
- Conclusion
  - Project activity elapsed as of June 2007
  - No one size fits
  - Reports due later in 2007
  - Experience feeding into RSP, DRIVER etc

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