

Statement of Intent for Danish Network for Open Access

Purpose and intent

The purpose of the network is to create a long-term informal association of employees who work in Danish higher education and are involved in practical Open Access work.

The intention for the network is to act as a knowledge-sharing space where the members can benefit from the various members' experiences and solutions to the problems that arise in operation, communication and development in the work around Open Access in Denmark.

The network should also:

- be both operational- and development-oriented.
- be an Open Access knowledge-sharing and discussion forum with the option of inviting external guests who can provide professional input to the network's work.
- provide an opportunity for the exchange of experiences and at the same time be able to present the members to novel topics in Open Access publishing.
- have a pragmatic starting point – the focus must be on the hands-on challenges that the members face.

Framework

The network is primarily for non-management employees who work with Open Access. The principle of co-responsibility will undergird the network, with each member expected to actively participate.

The reason for creating an informal association comes from the fact that a number of projects have been set up under auspices of DEFF, which have tried to create cross-institutional knowledge exchange groups, but where the projects have often had narrow, pre-defined, and time-limited tasks that do not promote sustainability over a longer period. The Open Access network is therefore not bound by specific tasks or projects in the same way. The network must be able to look at existing and future issues within Open Access, which is best ensured by the group having an informal association.

Form of meeting, meeting frequency and host role

Both physical and online meetings will be held.

- Online meetings are held by approx. 30 minute duration once a month. The agenda for the online meetings may consist of selected professional themes, e.g. new publishing agreements with expanded possibilities for OA publishing.
- Two physical meetings are held annually.

The host role at the physical meetings alternates among the institutions that have the opportunity to take on that responsibility. The choice of host is agreed prior to the meeting by the members. The host has the task of formulating a meeting agenda. The network's other members can contribute to this agenda with topics for the agenda. In addition to the agenda, the meeting host has the task of providing minutes/summaries, which are uploaded to Teams.