

Collections Management Collaboration within Wales

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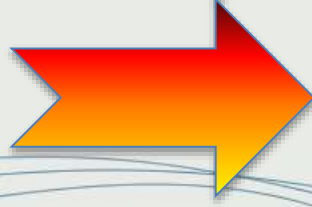
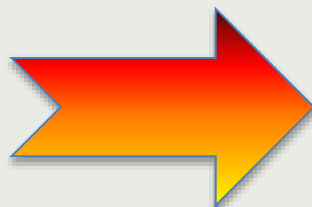
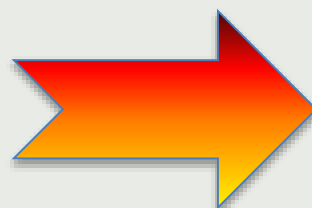
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Existing Collaborative Structure

- **W**ales **H**igher **E**ducation **L**ibraries **F**orum
- Grouping drawn from all the higher education institutions in Wales
- Mission:
 - **promote library and information services co-operation**
 - to encourage the exchange of ideas
 - to provide a forum for mutual support
 - **help facilitate new initiatives in library and information service provision**



- **W**ales **H**igher **E**ducation **E**lectronic **L**ibrary
- Collaborative resource procurement sub group
- Works closely with JISC Collections
- Current agreements with
 - Oxford University Press
 - Sage
 - Wiley
 - Gale Cengage

- **HEPCW** Book purchasing agreement

- **SUPC** serials agreement

Experiences so far with WHEEL..

- Positive overall
- JISC Collections relationship
- KB+
- JUSP
- Cost Savings
- Breadth of resources
- Parity of services pan Wales



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Pain points

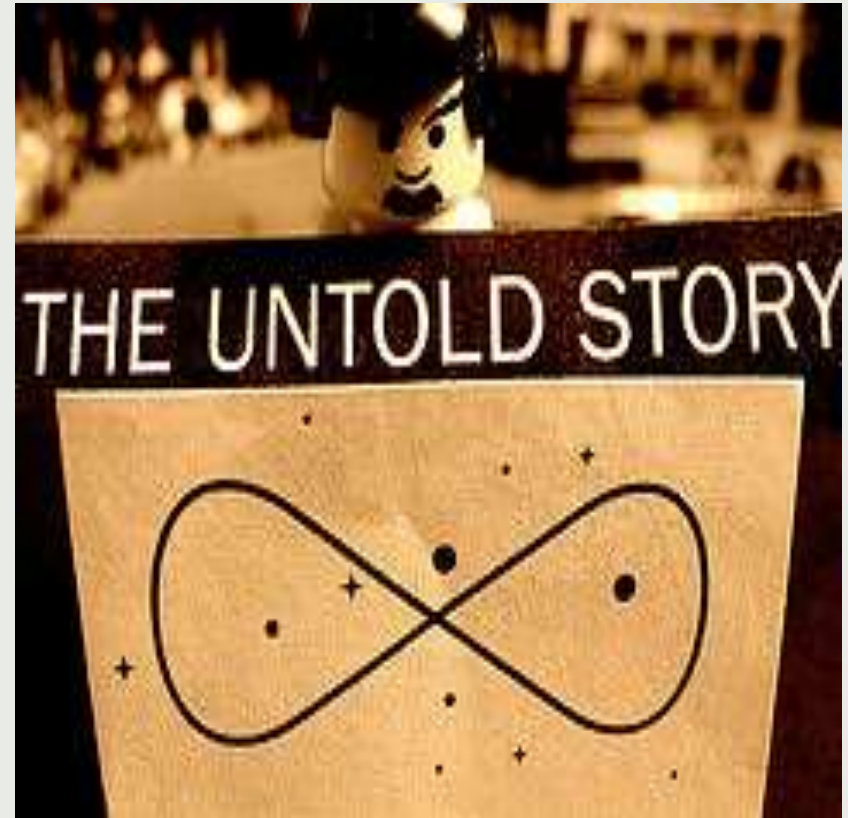
- Time intensive
- Staff resource (lack of..)
- Not all publishers get it
- ‘One deal to suit them all’?
- Lack of data
- Focus on the new – what about existing collections?



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Short Term Priorities

- Group membership refresh
- 'Good news story waiting to be told'
- HEPCW / SUPC renewals
- Continuation of existing agreements
- Ebooks prioritisation
- Long term strategy development



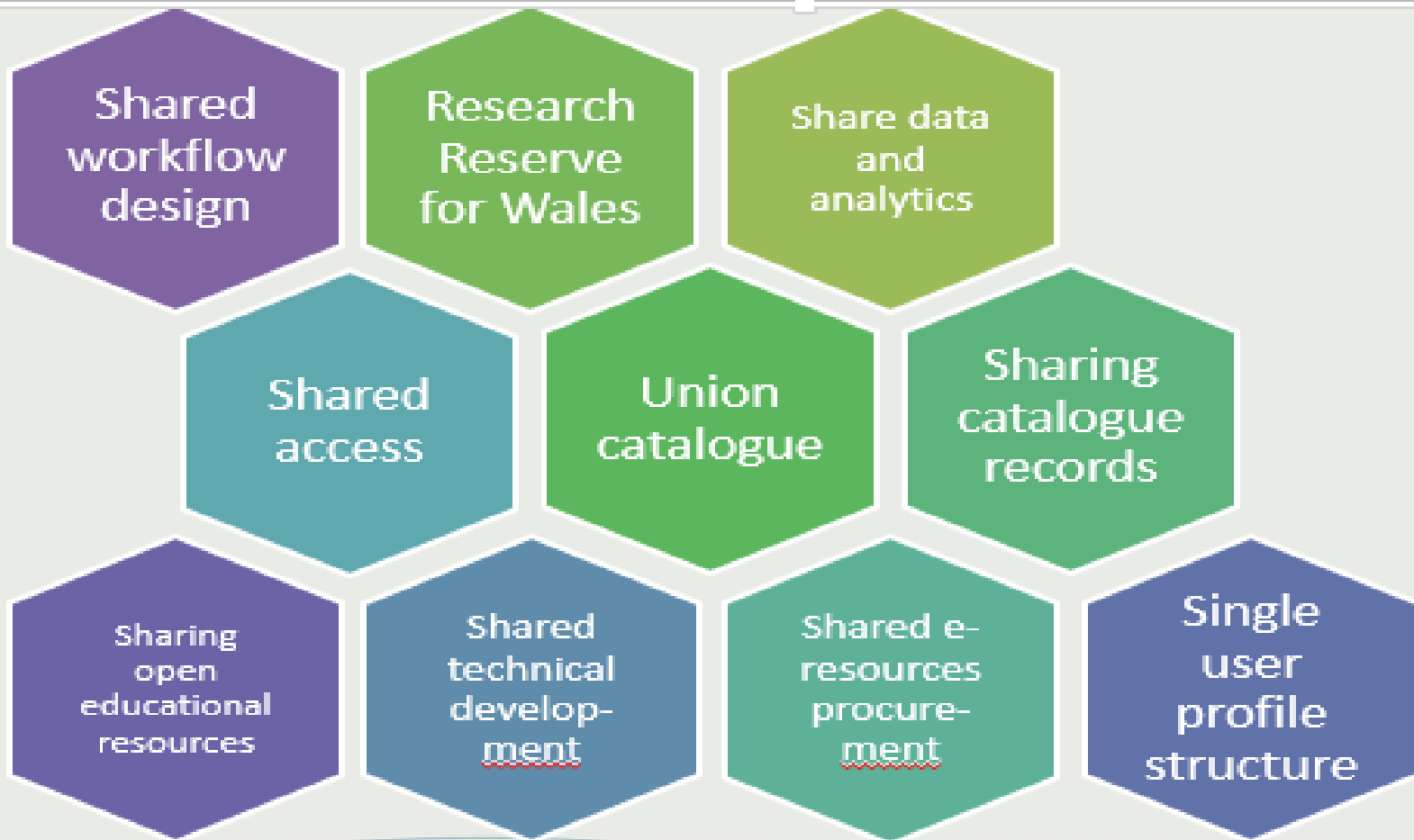
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A Shared Future?

- Shared Library Systems Platform by end 2016
- First site live June 2015
- Ex Libris Alma + Primo
- ‘A tool to do more, not an end by itself’
- The toolkit we’ve been waiting for?



The Long Term Ideas



The Ultimate End Game?

- Shared data...
- Evidence based decision making
 - Locally
 - Collaboratively
- Expanded collaborative provision
- Shared approach to collection & metadata management
- Shared access to collections
- **More resources, better managed, accessible by all**



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