Collections Management Collaboration within Wales

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Existing Collaborative Structure

• Wales Higher Education Libraries Forum
• 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
  - Wales Higher Education Electronic Library
  - 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

Ron Mader, Flikr Commons https://flic.kr/p/aSyeCF
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?

Janneke Staaks, Flikr Commons: https://flic.kr/p/nVGNcP
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

Ken Whytock, Flikr: https://flic.kr/p/nQnRHv
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

- Shared workflow design
- Research Reserve for Wales
- Share data and analytics
- Shared access
- Union catalogue
- Sharing catalogue records
- Sharing open educational resources
- Shared technical development
- Shared e-resources procurement
- Single user profile structure
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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