Futures of Collective Funding

Scaling Small: Community-Owned Futures for Open Access Books

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What are the key issues you expect OA monographs to confront in the coming years?

What counts as OA?
- Funding Council definition - the spectre of the BPC
- Community-led definition - enthusiasm for this in AHSS

What is a monograph?
- Print analogues - how instructive is the experience with Journals
- Scholarly Monographs vs Trade Books vs Textbooks (OERs)

Infrastructure
- Metadata & Discovery
- Digital Preservation - who is responsible?
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The Structure of UK Research Library Budgets

2018/19

- BIG DEALS: 35%
- MAJOR PURCHASES: 7%
- BOOKS: 9%
- SUBS: 49%

2022/23

- SUBS: 32%
- MAJOR PURCHASES: 5%
- TEXTB: 2%
- OPEN: 3%
- TAs (PUBLISH): 9%
- TAs (READ): 2%
- BOOKS: 10%

(University of Sheffield Library figures)
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- Departmental allocations
- UKRI Block Grant
- Textbook spending
- Ebooks are more expensive
- Most TAs are not saving money
- Institutional Finance Regulations
- Teaching focused institutions
What would a fairer and more equitable landscape for OA Books look like?

Greater Diversity
- Geographic
- Demographic
- Ownership models

Greater Transparency
- Editorial decision-making
- Operating Costs

Less Commercialism
- What role is there for commercial publishers?
How can sustainability in OA books and the models that seek to enable them be assured?

Transformed Library Budgets
  ● Statement of Intent
  ● Rebalancing - cancellations, restricted one-off budgets
  ● Acquisitions Processes

Infrastructure at Scale
  ● Clarity of models - with room for experimentation
  ● Community-ownership standards
  ● National commitments / funding?