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SCONUL feedback on the business imperative for Discovery

The report ‘Making resources more discoverable – a business imperative?’ offers feedback from two workshops run by SCONUL and JISC Library and Discovery programmes in Spring 2012. The events were supported by service managers from 25 universities.

From both workshops it was clear that the wider resource discovery landscape is increasingly the ‘elephant in the room’. Library managers recognise the importance to the academy, to its researchers and students, of a range of learning resources and scholarly assets curated beyond the traditional boundaries of the library catalogue. These include not only archival and museum collections but also teaching and learning assets stored in VLEs, OERs and research outputs in the form of publications and datasets.

The report looks at service managers’ views on:

- » User expectations
- » How to develop the Discovery experience
- » Possible game-changers
- » Current discovery layer services
- » Direction of travel – short to long-term priorities
- » Landscape challenges
- » Key business case arguments that need to be made

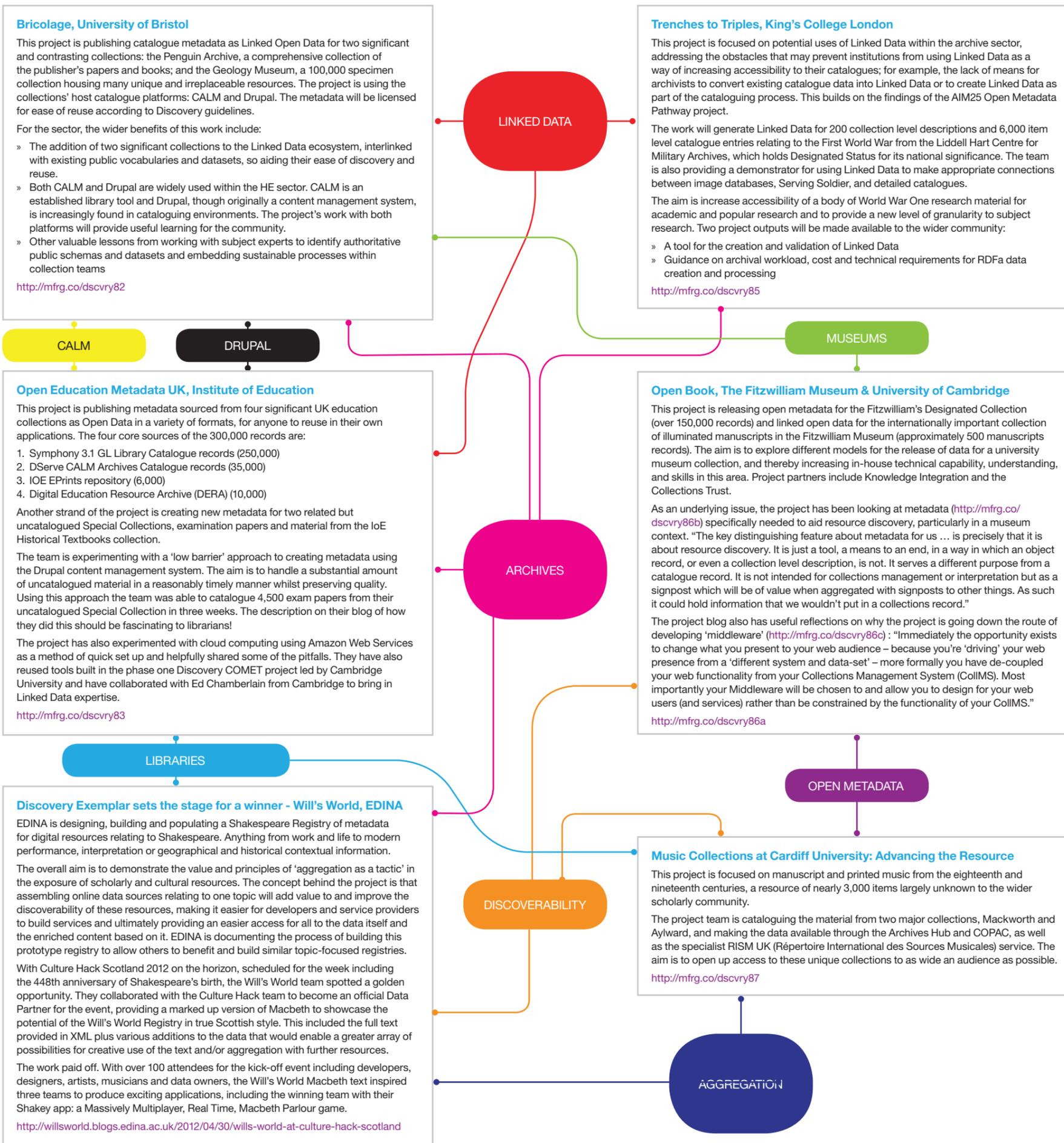
To download your copy of the report, visit <http://mfrg.co/dscvry81>

Discovery Phase 2: Open metadata and enabling services

JISC has funded a second round of projects (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry813>) that seek to build on Discovery Phase 1 experiments (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry814>) to establish feasible service models based on the Discovery open metadata and technical principles.

In this issue we track the work of the projects focused on releasing open metadata for collections of national and international significance.

We'll catch up with the service projects next time.



Discovery News

Harvard releases nearly 100% of its records

24 April - Covered by the New York Times (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry88>), Harvard announced it would make more than 12 million MARC21 catalogue records from its 73 libraries available in accordance with its Open Metadata Policy (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry89>) under a Creative Commons 0 public domain license. Mary Lee Kennedy, Senior Associate Provost for the Harvard Library, noted, "The accessibility of the entire set of data for each item will, we hope, spur imaginative uses that will find new value in what libraries know."

LC Linked Data Development

22 May - The Library of Congress has announced that it has contracted with Zephira to help accelerate the launch of the Bibliographic Framework Initiative. The major focus is to translate the MARC 21 format to a Linked Data model while retaining as much as possible the robust and beneficial aspects of the historical format. LC will be posting information as it emerges at the Bibliographic Framework Transition Initiative website. (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry810>).

KB+ e-journals dataset

24 May - As part of the KnowledgeBase+ project (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry811>), JISC Collections has assembled a dataset describing over 12,000 journal titles available through NESLI2 and SHEDL deals in 2012, including relationships with publishers, packages and platforms. Following a quality assurance process, the dataset is intended for open release based on Discovery principles (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry812>) to benefit the library community and the supply chain. Next step is, of course, the 2013 data!

Discovery Case Studies



6 June - The launch is imminent of a series of case studies illustrating practical examples of institutions and services adopting the Discovery principles (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry812>). Initial contributions have come from a compelling range

of libraries, archives and museums including Cambridge and Sussex Universities, the Archives Hub, Copac, Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum, the Victoria & Albert Museum and the Wellcome Trust. Each case study is mapped against a common set of principles. Well announce the launch through the Discovery email list.

Working with OpenGLAM

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13 June - Discovery partners, including the British Library, Cambridge University and Mimas, are partnering with OpenGLAM in an event to explore the challenges, standards and tools involved in 'Opening Up Your Metadata'. Open GLAM is a global network

of people and organisations who are working to open up content and data held by Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums.

Discovery Licensing Clinic

On 9th May, 15 delegates gathered for the first Discovery Licensing Clinic including representatives from across the libraries, archives and museums sector. The aim of the day was to come up with practical approaches in response to the Discovery open licensing principles (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry812>) harnessing the guidance and expertise of assembled experts:

- » Francis Davey - Barrister (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry815>)
- » Naomi Korn - Copyright Consultant (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry816>)
- » Paul Miller - Cloud of Data (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry817>)
- » Chris Banks - University Librarian & Director, Library, Special Collections & Museums, University of Aberdeen (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry818>)

Specific objectives were to demystify licensing options, consider their differing purposes, and discuss the range of tactics that institutions might adopt in scoping metadata releases and making the associated licensing decisions.

There was a practical focus throughout the day on identifying and addressing key issues in real service settings, leading to the development of feasible action plans. Roundtable clinic sessions addressed questions such as:

- » Why would my institution do it?
- » What records would I license and what data in those records?
- » What release channels are available? (e.g. aggregators)
- » Choosing the right licence
- » Assessing and mitigating any risk
- » Writing and publicising your licence
- » Satisfying the responsibilities

Chris Banks has written a blogpost (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry819>) reflecting on the day and her presentation slides can be viewed at <http://mfrg.co/dscvry820>:



The issues around licensing open metadata do represent a significant hurdle for institutions but none of those issues are insurmountable. Our hope is that licensing clinics such as this one, and the ones we plan to run in the future, will give managers and decision makers the knowledge they need to progress the open metadata agenda within their organisation.

For further information, you may be interested in the Discovery Lessons: Licensing document (<http://mfrg.co/dscvry821>) which summarises lessons learnt from the Phase 1 Discovery Projects



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