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DCU Press – Vision to Reality

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- ✓ **North Dublin (3 campuses)**
- ✓ **5 Faculties**
 - Humanities & Social Sciences
 - Science & Health
 - Engineering & Computing
 - DCU Business School
 - DCU Institute of Education
- ✓ **17,000+ students**



Why develop an OA University Press?

- ✓ Library strategy, key priority
- ✓ Support DCU's core mission
- ✓ Aligned with institutional research goals
- ✓ Expand our support and commitment to OS
- ✓ Innovate, be part of the evolution of the scholarly publishing landscape, offer alternatives to faculty....

Benefits to authors...

- ✓ Immediately available to a global audience
 - ✓ Free to read and download (scholars, public bodies, funders, general public....)

- ✓ Increased visibility and discoverability
 - ✓ Discoverable via google/scholar, press platform, OAPEN online library (Open Access Publishing in European Networks), JSTOR

- ✓ High quality standards

- ✓ Professional support (editorial, design and production)

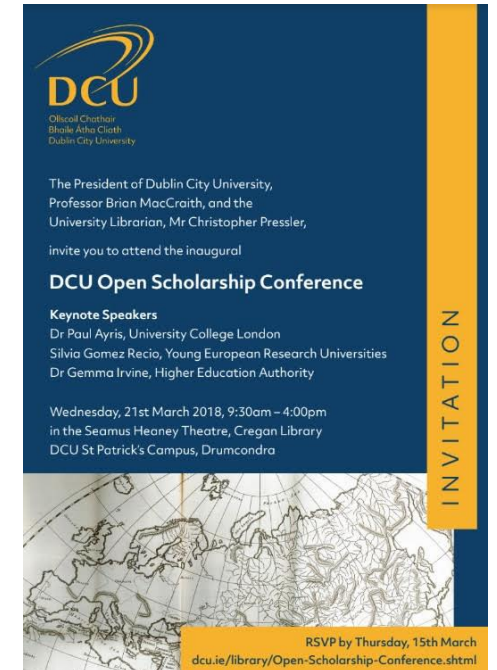
- ✓ No cost/charges for DCU Authors

Delivering the vision for DCU Press

- ✓ Library goal (2014-)
- ✓ Faculty survey (2017)

2018

- ✓ DCU Open Science Conference
- ✓ Consultancy day with UCL Press
- ✓ Meetings with key university partners
- ✓ DCU Press Briefing document for SMG
- ✓ Press release issued



Brian MacCraith @muirtheimhne · 21 Mar 2018

Important presentation on Open Science & Open Scholarship from @ucl Pro-Vice Provost @ucylpay at @DCULIB Open Scholarship Conference in @DublinCityUni today. #DCUOSC18

Announcing DCU Press....



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DCU launches DCU Press, the first open access university press in Ireland

Dublin City University is pleased to announce the launch of *DCU Press*, Ireland's first open access university press.

Open Access is an international movement that allows free public access to university research and other outputs that would traditionally have been behind paywalls.

DCU Press, Ireland's first open access university press, is available for purchase and download.

DCU Press is a joint initiative between DCU and UCL Press.

On 7th June 2018, the European Commission announced its 'Open Access to Publications and Funding' initiative.

In addition to publishing services, DCU Press is committed to innovation in line with the open access university publishing model.

Christopher Pressler, UCL Press Director, said: 'We are delighted to partner with DCU Press, a leading university press in Ireland, to support their open access publishing services. UCL Press has already provided consultancy to UTS Press (University of Technology Sydney), Helsinki University Press, TU Delft, Radboud University and DCU. DCU will be its first publishing services partner.'

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As a relatively new open access university press, UCL Press is in a unique position to help other universities establish a new press. Setting up an open access university press is a growing trend, and increasing awareness of the benefits of open access publishing, combined with national and funder requirements

"A milestone for the university"

"Resonates well not only with our innovative ethos and commitment to effective research communications but also with our European partners"

DCU President



Publishing/ Funding Model

- OA university Press, online with paid PoD
- Publishing Services Partnership with UCL Press
 - platform, editorial and production services and PoD /online distribution
 - Elements of costs include: set-up/annual charge/BPC
- Institutional funding



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Governance and Management

Press Advisory Board (Chair: VP Research & Innovation)

- strategic direction,
- oversight of all policies, guidelines, evaluation processes

Press Executive (Chair: University Librarian)

- management/operational oversight of the press

Editorial Committee (Chair: Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences)

- evaluation of proposals
- management of review process

Operational Model

- University Press based in DCU Library and managed through the Press Executive in collaboration with UCL Press
- New role for the library's R&T Directorate
 - Builds on our existing collaborations with colleagues in the Research & Innovation Office and our work with academic staff
- Defined roles will emerge/evolve.....



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DCU Press Team

UCL Press Team



- Book proposals
- Editorial committee review
- Peer review (part / whole manuscript /both)
- Approval/ author contract signed
- Prepare checklist to send to UCL Press

Promotion/Marketing

- Manuscript reviewed/schedule agreed
- Copy edit
- Typesetting
- Proofread
- Cover design
- Index
- Publish/disseminate (PoD)





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Recent/current activities

- ✓ Editorial Board established
 - ✓ Internal **call for monograph proposals** issued
 - ✓ Establishing operational processes and policies
 - ✓ Developing essential documentation
 - ✓ Website under development
 - ✓ First book early 2020.....
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- ✓ Thank you.....

