Open access in the humanities and social sciences

Recent trends indicate an increase in HSS scholars publishing OA - want to know why?

WHAT IS OPEN ACCESS?

Free, unrestricted online access to scholarly research.

Funders, institutions and governments supported the widespread dissemination and accessibility of research.

TYPES OF OPEN ACCESS...

GOLD

- Articles freely available immediately upon publication on a publisher’s website
- No embargo period
- Typically a fee called an Article Processing Charge is charged to authors to cover the publishing costs

GREEN

- Articles or book chapters are made available by archiving in an institutional or subject repository
- Embargo periods may apply, depending on the publisher’s self-archiving policy

OPEN ACCESS IS GROWING...

- HSS saw a greater year-on-year % increase in the number of fully OA journals compared to STM (20% vs 9%)
- Studies show year-on-year increases in the number of fully open access HSS journals and articles
- The number of OA academic peer-reviewed books listed in the DOAB has increased by more than 50% over the last year (March 2015 – March 2016)

FACT

The number of fully open access active HSS journals listed in Scopus has risen from 564 in 2014, to 676 in 2015, an increase of 20%.

BENEFITS OF OPEN ACCESS AND IMPORTANCE TO HSS:

- Increased citations and usage
- Faster impact
- Compliance with funder mandates
- Greater public engagement
- Wider collaboration
- Increased interdisciplinary conversation

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FUNDING

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Did you know?
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FACT
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