

Working Group to establish a UK LOCKSS Alliance Steering Committee

Aims and Outcomes

The UK LOCKSS Alliance Working Group will, in conjunction with EDINA staff, define and establish a UK LOCKSS Alliance steering committee. They will:

- Determine the main aims of the UK LOCKSS Alliance Steering Committee.
- Debate the roles and responsibilities of the UK LOCKSS Alliance, to formalise a mission statement.
- Recommend the operational structure of the UK LOCKSS Alliance Steering Committee.

The working group will establish a governance model to support core UK LOCKSS Alliance functions. It is not itself expected to take on the role of the steering committee.

Work Program, Schedule of Activities and Key Dates

The working group will prepare a **work programme**, consisting of a schedule of activities and target outcomes, for endorsement by the UK LOCKSS Alliance community.

We have suggested key dates below, but expect the timeframe and schedule of activities will be determined during the first meeting of working group members.

- Early September: First meeting of Working Group members. A half-day face-to-face meeting would be desirable.
- End of October: UK LOCKSS Alliance workshop, London. Broad discussion of role and activities of steering committee.
- November: Final report and recommendations

Suggested Topics for Working Group Discussion

We suggest the working group remains focused on establishing the Steering Committee, and the practicalities associated with this. As such we have picked out the following topics for discussion.

1. *Membership*
2. *Structure*
3. *Goals and Objectives*

It is likely that themes for discussion by the Steering Committee will be exposed through the process. We suggest these are added to the list below.

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1. *Collection Development*

The steering committee shall establish a process for determining electronic journal content on which the UK LOCKSS Alliance should focus, and to determine UK LOCKSS Alliance negotiation and technical development priorities. When content is preserved in some other archive, does this impact the priority for getting material into UK LOCKSS Alliance boxes? What contributions can the UK LOCKSS Alliance

community make, and how can participation by UK LOCKSS Alliance members best be encouraged? These might be issues for the Steering Committee to address, not the working group.

2. *Technology and Infrastructure*

How can the support offered by EDINA be improved? The steering committee should consider coordinating a technology assessment, identifying potential improvements, and supplying recommendations to the UK LOCKSS Alliance Support Service.

3. *Finances and Reporting*

What UKLA support service reporting mechanisms to the steering committee would be effective, and how often? How should the steering committee report back to the UK LOCKSS Alliance community? What are the most effective routes for contact with the LOCKSS community worldwide?

4. *Outreach and Marketing*

Key for this nascent organisation is outreach. The steering committee can spearhead and coordinate outreach and marketing activities; the UKLA Support Service at EDINA could implement these activities.