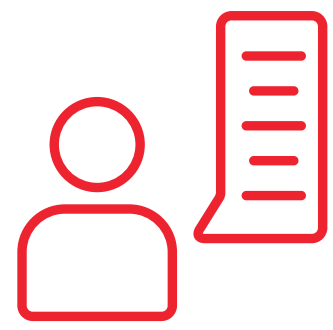# Case Study of Good Practice

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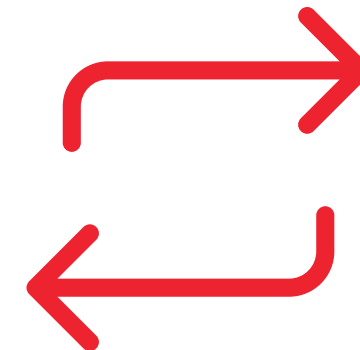### Presenter: Paul Davidson, Research & Digital Services

Case Study Synopsis

UCC has hosted journals across various research areas for many years. These are an important research output and add significantly to UCC's research standings. As many of these began when the software for handling such journals was in its infancy, a lot of the papers were published using bespoke applications and were spread across a multitude of URLs and hence various servers. Time took its toll on these journals and unfortunately some became defunct, making the risk of losing them higher year on year. A project was developed between the Library and Digital Systems in IT Services during COVID-19 lockdowns to centralise all these journals using a single manged server, adding DOI's via the CORA repository and a single open-source software for their management. Hence in 2019 journals.ucc.ie was born.

Key Impacts

- Journals.ucc.ie currently hosts 4 active journals with 2 journals kept alive for their research value and another about to be re-started (The Boolean).
- All content form the original servers was migrated into a single software package (Open Journal Systems). OJS not only disseminates the papers but also allows the Journal managers to operate their submission, review, copyediting and publication roles via the platform. This makes the production of these important research outputs more seamless and sustainable.
- The system adds all published articles to LLOCKS and CLOCKS for long term preservation, automatically loads them to Google Scholar and the CORA team add them to the institutional repository with a DOI to ensure their long-term ease of access.
- All journals are developed with the Diamond Open Access model, whereby all steps of the process are free and Open Access to everyone at all stages of the process.
- Journals.ucc.ie continues to innovate in the field and recently added ORCID integrations to journals, ensuring more research through put is available across the web.
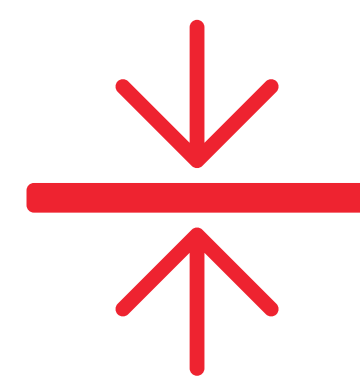
Key Impacts continued

- Having a centralised server for this purpose ensures that all the journals benefit from the enhancements as they are developed and UCC's research community can access the central tools with ease.

Intended Changes

Create a centralised single managed server of UCC hosted journals and repository of research publications.

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