

The DPC's UK Needs assessment

Mind the gap! Assessing the digital preservation needs of the UK
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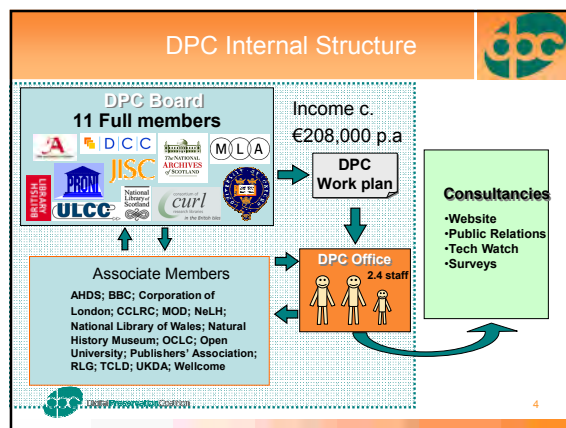
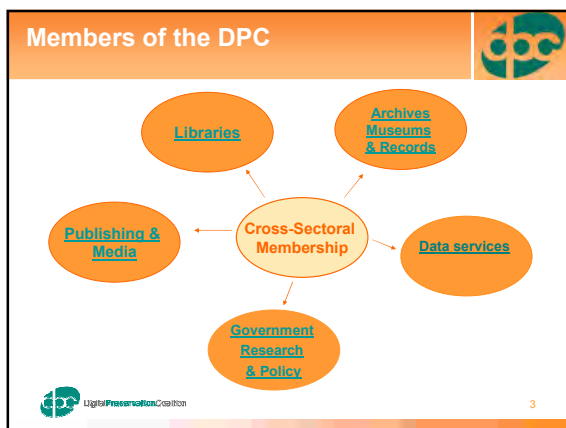

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Summary of Presentation

- Some background about the Digital Preservation Coalition
- The UK Digital Preservation Needs Assessment – objectives and progress






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UK Needs Assessment

- A major initiative to raise the profile of digital preservation and to promote investment.
- Has been proceeding in stages
 1. DPC Members survey – 03/04
 - Information on volumes of material held by DPC members and costs
 - Training programme
 - Scenarios of risks of loss
 - Directory of digital repositories and services in the UK
 2. Regional survey – 2005 (funded by MLA).

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UK Needs Assessment status report



- May 2005 - DPC issued an ITT to complete the UKNA.
- July 2005 - Tessella was awarded the contract, with active involvement of Steering Group.
- July/August- synthesis of existing information.
- August-October – online survey conducted, c. 100 organisations from a range of sectors have responded. Selected detailed interviews have been conducted.
- December – Tessella will present their final draft report to the Steering Group.
- **February 2006** – report will be launched.

What we already know



- We need more active engagement in managing digital resources from more stakeholders.
- Creators are particularly important.
- We need to engage with different communities in terms that make sense to them.
- We need more understanding that digital preservation isn't just for specialists.

What the UK Needs Assessment will do



- Provide us with evidence based on known facts and figures.
- Provide us with a stronger basis for advocacy.
- Engage the interest of a wider group of stakeholders (beyond "preaching to the converted").
- Identify priorities for action.
- Enable strategic and operational planning.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.dpconline.org>