



Good enough: our digital preservation story

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Early work and lessons learnt

- Appointed a Digital preservation Officer in 2013
- Established a workflow
- Developed an in-house preservation system
- Successful pilot to establish a business case
- Digital preservation work **could** and **should** be done
- Funding for a permanent post secured

Getting started

- Digital asset register
- Digital preservation policy
- Create a workflow
- DOCUMENTATION



Procuring a system

RESEARCH

- Understand your own needs
- Find out about the options
- Talk to the vendors
- Talk to friendly peers

EXPECTATIONS

- There is no magic bullet
- It will take a lot longer than you think
- Plan for the "next" system

PLANNING

- Prioritise your workflows
- What metadata will you need
- How will it integrate with other systems
- What is the exit strategy?



Where do we go from here?

- Access
- Computational methods
- User engagement



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