Open Knowledge at the UOC, or how to contribute to social transformation

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Why are we committed to Open Knowledge?
Call to action

“Stakeholders must work with the academic community in all disciplines to mobilize, harness and disseminate existing knowledge to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.”

“Member States, research consortiums and libraries should work together to remove the barriers to published scientific knowledge and data. A more coordinated, harmonized international effort is urgently needed to enable open access to published research.”

Call to action

“Research institutions such as universities, academies and scientific associations should expand their evaluation systems to recognize interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary skills, and reward research that strives for societal relevance and impacts.”

At UOC we wanted to address 2 main obstacles
## The UOC Open Knowledge Action Plan (2019-2030)

### 6 specific areas

- Open access publications
- Open FAIR data
- Open learning
- Open innovation
- Open to society
  - Research evaluation models

### 3 universal themes

- Training, communications, and awareness raising
- Participation in areas of influence
- Open access infrastructure
Where do we want to get to?

We express the UOC’s commitment to transformation in research assessment to a more qualitative evaluation that incorporates constant learning and transformation as an objective. This change refers to all areas of research, including research results and projects, the research career, assessment of research groups, research centres and the entire UOC.
THIS WAY | THE OTHER WAY | THAT WAY
#actnow vs the Institutional dilemma

- External context vs University autonomy
- Change resistance
- No unique way to assess everything
What have we done so far at UOC?

1/ Creation of an interdisciplinary working group
(DORA work group)
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2/ Report on research assessment at UOC and DORA signature (Dec 2018)

Institutional implications

Implications for researchers

Implications as publishers
The UOC signs the San Francisco Declaration to encourage changes in research assessment
What have we done so far?

3/ First changes:
Criteria of the UOC’s post-doc call (Feb 2019)
What are our next steps for 2020?

- To extend the **internal debate** on research assessment among our faculty. The need of raising awareness

- To analyze the **existent incoherencies** within the UOC

- To elaborate **specific actions** addressing:
  - All the internal calls (researchers, projects, ...)
  - Institutional and scientific communication
Some final remarks

- How do we define *quality* in science and research? And how do we assess it?
- **Awareness** among researchers and **engagement** is urgently needed
- **Responsibility** of the Institutions
- **Cultural change is key** on mowing forward towards new ways of evaluation as well as open knowledge
- The UOC is one institution in a big academic system → **Call for joint action!**
Thank you!

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