Lancaster University

JOB DESCRIPTION
Vacancy Ref: A3102

Job Title:	Outreach and Research Associate	**Present Grade:** 6P
Department/College:	Organisation, Work and Technology	
Directly responsible to:	Dr Joe Deville	

Other contacts

Internal:
Prof. Niall Hayes, Department of Organisation, Work and Technology Head of Department; Prof. Imogen Tyler, Department of Sociology Head of Department; other members of the Department of Organisation, Work and Technology; other members of the Department of Sociology; Prof. Rebecca Braun, Director of the Institute for Social Futures; other Lancaster-based members of the Institute for Social Futures.

External:
Eileen Joy, punctum books (Co-Investigator); Dan Rudmann, punctum books (Co-investigator); Rupert Gatti, Cambridge University (Co-Investigator); other partners of the Community-led Open Infrastructures for Monographs project; other relevant stakeholders; academics at other universities; catering and venue providers.

Major Duties:

This 17-month, full-time appointment is connected to the Community-led Open Infrastructures for Monographs (COPIM) project, funded by Research England and the Arcadia Fund. The project is led by Dr Janneke Adema and Prof. Gary Hall at Coventry University, and seeks to address the key technological, structural, and organisational hurdles—around funding, production, dissemination, discovery, reuse, and archiving—which are standing in the way of the wider adoption and impact of Open Access (OA) books.

The post involves supporting the 'Revenue Infrastructures and Management Platform' work package, which will create new funding channels for OA book publishing, including devising new consortial funding models designed to maximize the ability of libraries to directly support OA publishers and platforms. This platform will be tested as a pilot case with the publishers involved in the ScholarLed consortium of OA book publishers. As part of this, the work package will research and develop the technical infrastructures, organizational processes, financial management procedures, and legal standards to enable this platform to function and be sustainable over the long term.

The Outreach and Research Associate will take primary responsibility for undertaking the research and outreach work that will inform this work package's deliverables. Although based at Lancaster University, they will have the opportunity to work remotely from other locations, and will report directly to Joe Deville (Lancaster University).

The post-holder will be responsible for engaging with OA presses and other stakeholders, as well as producing research outputs in the form of white paper documents/reports, blog posts, and other media as necessary, and to be co-authored with other team members when necessary. The role may involve national and international travel.

The main duties of the post holder will be as follows:

1. Engaging with ScholarLed publishers and other stakeholders connected to Open Access book publishing, in order to collate the evidence that will support a library membership platform that will be offered to libraries.

2. Outreach with libraries, with a view to understanding their needs and to raising awareness of the library membership platform.

3. Writing up materials aimed at a non-academic audience, including press releases, blog posts, and evidence-based case studies.

4. Contributing to research into the operations of existing Open Access book publishers, potentially including the collection and analysis of qualitative data (e.g., interview recordings, documents) and/or quantitative data (e.g., information on revenue streams) derived from project partners and other stakeholders.

5. Contributing to reports to be sent to project partners and other stakeholders, in collaboration with the Work Package leads.

6. Assisting with project administrative duties, under the direction of the Work Package leads.

7. Working on other *ad hoc* tasks relating to the COPIM project, as necessary.