

Open Research Working Group terms of reference

Surrey Open Research Working Group (ORWG) is an action-oriented team of researchers and professional services. Aligned with the University of Surrey Open Research strategy and Action plan, the group's central aim is to advance Open Research practice across the University, with the goal of making the processes and products of research at the University of Surrey as transparent, accessible and reproducible as possible. This is being achieved by the following objectives:

1. Embracing, adopting, promoting and embedding transparency and Open Research across the University community. This includes (where relevant and when permissible by intellectual property policies, copyright and commercial law) the practices of Open Access, open monologues, open data, open code, open workflows, the use of open licenses, the use of ORCID identifiers, the use of open resources to minimise restrictions on sharing, study pre-registration, publishing of preprints, producing open educational material and responsible research assessment.
2. Celebrating, showcasing and rewarding Open Research in policy and practice to enable our University community to increase in knowledge and practice, and to facilitate our University members to champion Open Research in their local communities.
3. Supporting an increase in awareness, knowledge and practice in the University community of Open Research practices through infrastructure, guidance and training in Open Research practices. This is being achieved by surveying needs, promoting existing training, creating new guidance and training and sourcing resources and solutions from the national and international Open Research community.
4. Establishing systems to monitor the adoption of Open Research practices across the University community
5. Advancing the Open Research agenda, nationally and internationally by driving the reform of Open Research policies of publishers and funders, linking to national [UK Reproducibility Network](#) activity, and engaging with the public about the benefits of Open Research.

Frequency of meetings:

Every 6 weeks

Reporting:

To suggest an agenda item to present to the ORWG, please email e.farran@surrey.ac.uk

To keep up to date with ORWG actions, join the [Surrey Open Research Community on Teams](#), where bullet points from each ORWG meeting are posted after each meeting.

ORWG initiatives are regularly reported at RIGC, URIC and Senate.