Capturing practice research: improving visibility and searchability
Jisc open access community event
London, 15 March 2019

Post-it notes from afternoon discussion on priorities and next steps

- Good to see best practice examples
- Triumverate organisation – REF – REPO – RES
- REF dominated repository issues – templates, formats, models for visibility and searchability
- Repository platform issues
- Resources
- Solutions to documenting / submitting practice research can’t be solved at an institutional level. Central funding from REF / UKRI needed to invest in developing practice research / repositories
- I wish my institution didn’t use PURE
- PURE users need to get together to discuss how to document practice research
- Challenges face by non-specialist unis – researchers in practice research getting heard / understood
- How do we ensure all this work is preserved beyond REF2021?
- Are researchers documenting their research process/data adequately? (as opposed to the final output)
- What about the repository user? Links to catalogue, google, other research networks
- How can outcomes of the PRAG-UK projects be taken forward into policy / new researcher training etc
- Joining all this work up… a ‘web of art’
- How does this link to research data repository?
- Data?
- How to capture a feeling?
- Sharing not competing [reinventing wheel?]?
- Slogan – PRAG-UK OK!
- Top 3
  - The steps that led to an end ‘product’ are also important
  - Supporting researchers to document
  - Mind your language
- Responsive / case-sensitive
  - Identify who is likely to be receptive to eg ORCID, RAID, who would prefer not
  - Parallels between creative process / practice and ‘traditional’ research processes (eg description of methods, documenting processes – these are also expressed in journal articles
- Guided tour for REF reviewers
- Clearer guidelines from panel 32 hardcopy / digital
- Interface / language
- More collaboration between institutions to make practice portable
- Have a look at what can be applied in our own contexts
- What taken away from today? Seen lots of similar but bespoke solutions
- Centralised resources
- Lots of work around solutions – failure of repository software providers
- Find institution’s practice researchers [suggesting a way of doing this?]
- More multi-institution practice-sharing events
• Use of language
• Engagement with researchers more directly
• Preservation layer embedded in repositories
• Choice of doc tools need to match requirements (high res not always necessary)
• Community engagement
• Systems not attractive
• Define 'research in art