

RLUK Vision for Resource Discovery

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- RLUK founded 1983
- 29 Research Libraries, including national libraries
- Long history of collaboration and partnership with the JISC
- Innovation in resource discovery and content licensing

- RLUK able to deploy an aggregation of some 25 million items
- Strong belief in open data and commitment to public good
- Resource discovery a proxy for the integrity of collections
- Need to encompass LAMS
- Access, access, access

- 1987 Lorcan Dempsey: “The present arrangement ofresources is not meeting ...needs.
- 1993 Funding agreed for Copac
- 2001 UKNUC Report
- 2009 RIN Creating Catalogues report
- 2010 Lorcan Dempsey Redux

- Nothing revolutionary but something fundamental
- Move from maintaining barriers to removing them, especially between sectors
- Accent on auditing functions as well as discovery ones - management informs availability of services and content

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