

JISC/LISU LibPortal Project Focus Group

PROGRAMME

Thursday 27 November, 11.00 am-3 pm
Hazelrigg Common Room, Loughborough University

11.00 am **Registration** (*Coffee/tea available*)

11.15 am **Introduction**

11.30 – 12.15 **Session 1**

12.15 – 1 pm **Session 2**

1 – 1.45 pm **Lunch** (in Fountain Room)

1.45 – 2.30 pm **Session 3**

2.30 – 3 pm **Questions and general discussion**

(Coffee and tea will be available at 3 pm)

Introduction (15 minutes): Brief introduction to the LibPortal Project and the research team. Brief review of survey findings.

Session 1 (45 minutes): The First Steps

To include:

- Choosing a library portal – commercial or locally developed and the reasons for the choice
- Advantages to having a separate library portal
- Barriers to having a separate library portal
- Funding and contracts
- Client's requirements from a system/product
- The information/feedback suppliers and publishers need from their clients to meet requirements

Session 2 (45 minutes): Implementation and Integration

To include:

- Implementation – time involved, skills required
- Integration with VLEs, local systems, institutional portals, the JISC Information Environment, authentication
- Linking technology, cross-searching
- Impact on library users, change in culture, e.g. searching methods, use of resources

Session 3 (45 minutes): Future trends

To include:

- Developments in the commercial world – suppliers and publishers
- How librarians, resource centre managers see the future of portals
- Portal development and the JISC Information Environment
- What are the outstanding challenges?

Discussion and questions (30 minutes)