

The SPRUCE Project at the University of Leeds, with the London School of Economics, British Library, Digital Preservation Coalition and the Open Planets Foundation cordially invite you to the first SPRUCE Digital Preservation Mashup, Marriott Hotel, Glasgow, Glasgow G3 8RR 16-18 April 2012.

Sustainable PReservation Using Community Engagement (SPRUCE) project has been funded by JISC to inspire, guide, support and enable HE, FE and cultural institutions to address digital preservation gaps; and to use the knowledge gathered from that activity to articulate a compelling business case for digital preservation. We aim to foster a vibrant and self-supporting community of digital preservation practitioners via a mixture of online interaction and face to face events. To get the ball rolling we are organising a series of free events around the UK (based on the successful AQuA Project) that will provide support and technical expertise to address the real digital preservation challenges that institutions face. The best work from event attendees will be awarded funding to develop the activity and embed it within business as usual processes. £60k is available for these awards.

Over 3 days a diverse community will come together to discuss, test, code (don't worry non-techies we won't force you to code), plan, and share challenges related to the new types of content entrusted to libraries, archives, and museums to preserve and manage. The focus is around community, communication, and learning from one another for we definitely can't go it alone in the new landscape of digital content. The result will be practical digital preservation tools which meet your specific needs and which are likely to be useful more widely.

Registration is now open and is free. Accommodation and subsistence will be paid for - lunch, dinner, bed and breakfast. You simply have to organise travel and you have to commit to staying all three days.

To register or find out more, visit the [SPRUCE wiki page](#).