

DPC Leadership Programme provides eight scholarships for Digital Preservation Training Programme

The Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) has awarded eight scholarships so that members can attend the Digital Preservation Training Programme (DPTP) in London in November.

‘Training budgets are under a lot of pressure just now, but the need for skills in digital preservation continues to grow’, explained William Kilbride of the DPC. ‘We decided we would try to increase the number of scholarships this year because they have been very popular. This is the largest number we’ve so far funded through DPTP. We’re delighted to be able to support our members in this way.’

The following applicants were selected:

- Hugh Campbell of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland
- Anna Collins of Cambridge University Library
- Ruth Frendo of the Archives and Records Association
- Nick Hodder of The National Archives
- Paul James of the National Library of Wales
- Kirnn Kaur of the British Library
- Emily Nimmo of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland
- Kate O’Brien of the Centre for E-Research at King’s College London

Applicants were judged against three main criteria: the role that DPTP would play in career development; the benefits to a DPC member organisation from attendance; and the extent to which the applicant’s job profile within the organisation pertains to digital preservation. Applications were open to DPC members and associates and reviewed by a small committee of the DPC and ULCC who teach the course.

‘Best practice in digital preservation has developed considerably in the last few years but the need for dissemination has been a constant,’ explained Richard Ovenden, Assistant Director of the Bodleian Libraries at Oxford University as well as Chair of the DPC. ‘The DPC’s Leadership Programme brings direct benefit to the recipients who will be able to bring latest thinking back to their own institutions. Moreover, because DPC guarantees a large number of places on the course it reduces the risks associated with running the course and that’s good news for all the participants, whether we support them or not.’

The Digital Preservation Training Programme (DPTP) is designed for all those working in institutional information management who are grappling with fundamental issues of digital preservation. It provides the skills and knowledge necessary for institutions to combine organisational and technological perspectives, and devise an appropriate response to the

challenges that digital preservation needs present. DPTP is operated and organised by the University of London Computer Centre in collaboration with the DPC.

This is the sixth time the DPC Leadership programme has supported DPTP in this way and it has now offered 32 scholarships so that members can attend the course.

The Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) is a not-for profit membership organisation whose primary objective is to raise awareness of the importance of the preservation of digital material and the attendant strategic, cultural and technological issues. It acts as an enabling and agenda-setting body within the digital preservation world and works to meet this objective through a number of high level goals. Its vision is to make our digital memory accessible tomorrow.

The next DPTP will be held at the School of Oriental and African Studies, off Russell Square, London from the 14th – 16th November 2011.

For more information on the DPC see: <http://www.dpconline.org/> and for more on the Digital Preservation Training Programme see: <http://www.dptp.org/>

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