

## Why preserve (and how to make the case)

The BITS that really matter Costs and values Some tools to help Elevator pitch





### Why preserve?

"The answer will **not to be found in the bits and bytes** that you look after: it will be found at the place where those bits and bytes impact on the **health and purpose of the organisation** and its capacity to deliver meaningful services in the real world.

Kilbride 2015



### We do preservation because we want :

#### 1. Transparency

e.g. Data Protection, Freedom of Information ...

#### 2. Safety

e.g. detection, disaster, recovery, audit ...

#### 3. Knowledge

e.g. scientific value, access to heritage ...

#### 4. Wealth

e.g. efficient business, management of IP ...

#### 5. Health

e.g. research, safe innovation ...

#### 6. Environmental improvement

e.g. evidence-based policy development ...

#### 1. Legal compliance

e.g. Sarbanes-Oxley, Data Protection ...

#### 2. Regulatory compliance

e.g. power generation, aviation ....

#### 3. Legal protection

e.g. patents, mis-selling, detection ...

#### 4. Unanticipated exploitation

e.g. petro-chemical, pharmaceuticals ....

#### 5. Business continuity

e.g. product recall, disaster recovery ...

#### 6. Business value

e.g. the right information to the right people at the right time in a format they can use

Why Digital Preservation?



# Safer Smarter Healthier Wealthier Greener Fairer



Digital preservation is not just about 'the bits': Digital preservation is not just about 'access': Digital preservation is not just about ":

# it's about people and opportunity www.dpconline.org





- Business case
- Value
- Costs
- Benefits
- Make the case
- Economics
- Sustainability



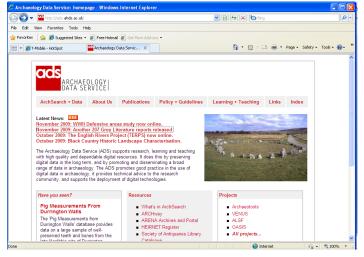
Expensive ... eh?



Lifecycle costs of digital objects vs Lifecycle costs of books vs Lifecycle costs of museum objects vs Lifecycle costs of archives vs Lifecycles costs of historic environment



#### How much does a repository cost Here's two I prepared earlier ...



#### Setup: Tens of thousands?



Setup: Tens of millions?

Risk / benefits / costs

In financial terms, what is the value of the data in your collection?



**Digital preservation expensive ..?** 

## No: it's an unfunded mandate

Therefore don't throw money at it: get the mandate properly incorporated



## **Costs of Digital Preservation**

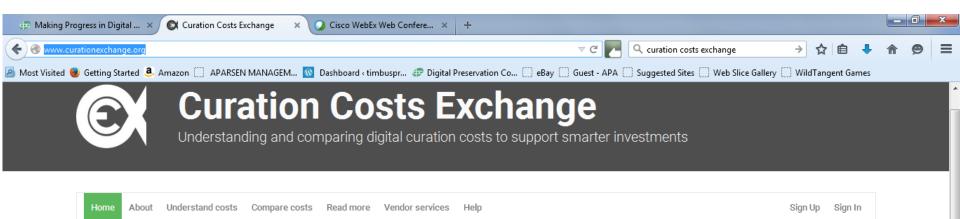
... the major reason future readers will fail to access content that should have been preserved for them is economic. Diverting resources from actually preserving content ... is counter-productive. (Rosenthal 2014)

- Parsimonious preservation
- Cost models

$$\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{T}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{T}} + \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{T}} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{T}} + \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{T}} + \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{T}}$$



## Curation Costs Exchange http://www.curationexchange.org/



#### All about the costs of curation

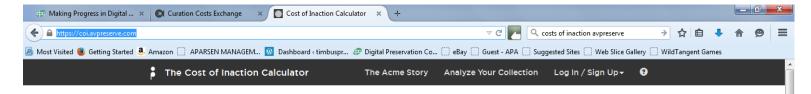
What am I spending, what are they spending, what should we be spending?





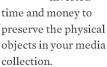
## Costs vs Benefits

- Keeping Research Data Safe
- Cost of Inaction



## COST OF INACTION CALCULATOR

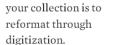




However, over time



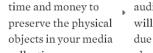
The only way to save



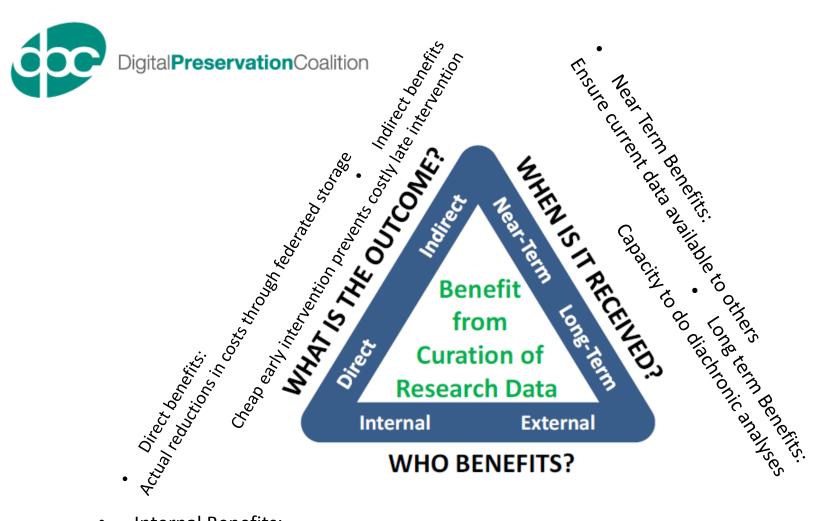


The cost of digitization

₽. may be great, but the cost of inaction may be even greater.



audiovisual materials will become unusable due to decay and obsolescence.



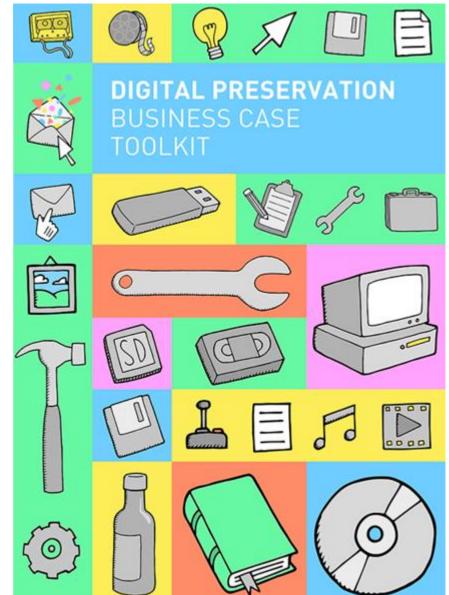
• Internal Benefits: Reputation and citation of research

• External Benefits Ability of others to test and develop your research

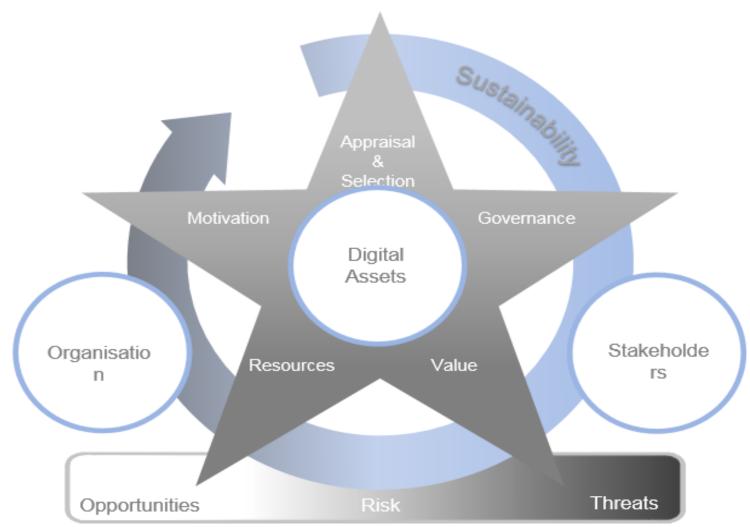


## http://wiki.dpconline.org/

- 1. Is the timing right?
- 2. How ready are you?
- 3. What do you need?
- 4. Who is the audience for the business case?
- 5. What is the purpose of your DP activity?
- 6. What are the benefits?
- 7. Anything else that you need?
- 8. Validate and fact check?
- 9. Deliver with confidence!









Class exercise. Prepare a two minute 'elevator pitch' that lists the

- Who you are pitching to
- The value of the collection
- The problem it faces
- The work that needs to happen
- The benefits that will flow

2 minutes (approx. 200 words)