

DPC Prospectus

2026 – 2027



Digital **Preservation** Coalition

What is the Digital Preservation Coalition?

The DPC is an international charitable foundation which supports digital preservation, helping its members around the world to deliver resilient long-term access to digital content and services through community engagement, targeted advocacy work, training and workforce development, capacity building, good practice, tailored support and consultancy and through good management and governance. Our vision is a secure digital legacy.

We are building a welcoming and inclusive global community which works together to bring about a sustainable future for our digital assets. We offer partnership and support for all sectors, agencies and individuals who share our vision and values. Our program, driven by member needs, benefits everyone working in digital preservation around the world.

What are the benefits of membership?

Benefits of Membership <i>A summary of the DPC member benefits is shown below with a full list on the DPC website</i>	Full Member	Associate Member
<u>Become part of and benefit from the global expert community of the Coalition and its members</u>	✓	✓
<u>Drive the DPC strategy and workplan to meet your own requirements</u>	✓	✗
Commission DPC's specialist program of <u>publications, activities and events</u> to inform your digital preservation work	✓	✗
<u>Receive direct support from DPC staff and subject specialists</u>	5 days included + discounted rates thereafter	Access to discounted rates
Attend Members Fora and Open Networking Events in locations around the world	✓	✓
<u>Establish and participate in cross-sector task forces and special interest groups</u>	✓	✓
<u>Participate in events on advanced digital preservation topics and receive unlimited access to the back catalogue of recordings and event materials.</u>	3 guaranteed places per event	1 guaranteed place per event
<u>Gain priority access to online and in-person training.</u>	✓	✓
<u>Access grants from the DPC Career Development Fund</u>	✓	✓
<u>Gain priority access to DPC resources on digital preservation topics</u>	✓	✓
<u>Receive support in maturity modelling with the DPC's Rapid Assessment Model (RAM) and in capacity planning with the Competency Audit Toolkit (CAT).</u>	✓	✓
Maintain contact with a dedicated DPC staff member via the DPC Champions program	✓	✓
Participate in <u>thematic Sub-Committees to oversee and develop our program</u>	✓	✓
<u>Join the DPC Representative Council and nominate to the Executive Board</u>	✓	✗



The DPC is a welcoming and inclusive global community, working together to bring about a sustainable future for our digital assets.

What does the DPC do?

We deliver a set of practical events, activities and publications around digital preservation each year. These are commissioned and overseen by DPC members. The program is the result of continuous consultation with members around the world, about their needs and their successes, and the emerging requirements of the community globally.

Our activities and our community span multiple time zones, so we aim to ensure this program is accessible and useful to all. Most of our events take place online and, as appropriate, these are recorded and made available to all DPC Members so they can be accessed when most convenient. In alignment with our charitable mission, select recordings of events are also made available to the general public. Where possible, we coordinate events across multiple time zones with new material added each time, subject to suitability, capacity and demand.

Key resources, including this prospectus, are available in multiple languages and we translate materials whenever possible. We will continue to expand the availability of our online materials through translation.

We consult partners, communities and other networks around the world to understand their needs, amplify their successes and support their efforts.





DPC members help shape our program, ensuring that our activities respond to real-world needs and emerging challenges.



Highlights for 2026-2027

DPC Rapid Assessment Model (RAM) Workshop: Introduction for Chinese speakers

3 SEPTEMBER 2026

Made possible thanks to the support of our Chinese speaking members, this session will introduce the DPC's Rapid Assessment Model (RAM) for Chinese speakers and share some examples from organizations in Asia on using the DPC RAM to get started with digital preservation.

Digital Preservation Awards 2026

15 OCTOBER 2026

The Digital Preservation Awards are held every two years and celebrate the great work of our welcoming, inclusive and innovative global community, focusing on initiatives, projects and collaborations which bring about a sustainable future for our digital assets. The 2026 Awards will be celebrated at an exciting ceremony alongside the No Time to Wait Conference in Warsaw, Poland.

Around the World events

STARTING NOVEMBER 2026

The Around the World format is a new approach to sharing knowledge across all time zones, showcasing good practice and expertise from Australasia and Asia-Pacific, Europe and Africa, and the Americas. New this year and open to all, each themed event will run over three days, with live regional sessions connected through structured conversation and handover from one region to the next. This will create a continuous global dialogue and improve accessibility for the digital preservation community worldwide. Call for participation in these events will be advertised in due course.

World Digital Preservation Day

5 NOVEMBER 2026

World Digital Preservation Day 2026 brings together individuals and institutions from across the world through events and activities that celebrate and highlight digital preservation practice. This year's theme: *'Save our Stories (SOS): Our digital heritage in danger,'* calls on the global community to demonstrate the value of digital heritage, from records and research to cultural memory. Community members and the wider public will be encouraged to take action before our stories are lost through neglect or deliberate destruction in times of conflict and crisis.

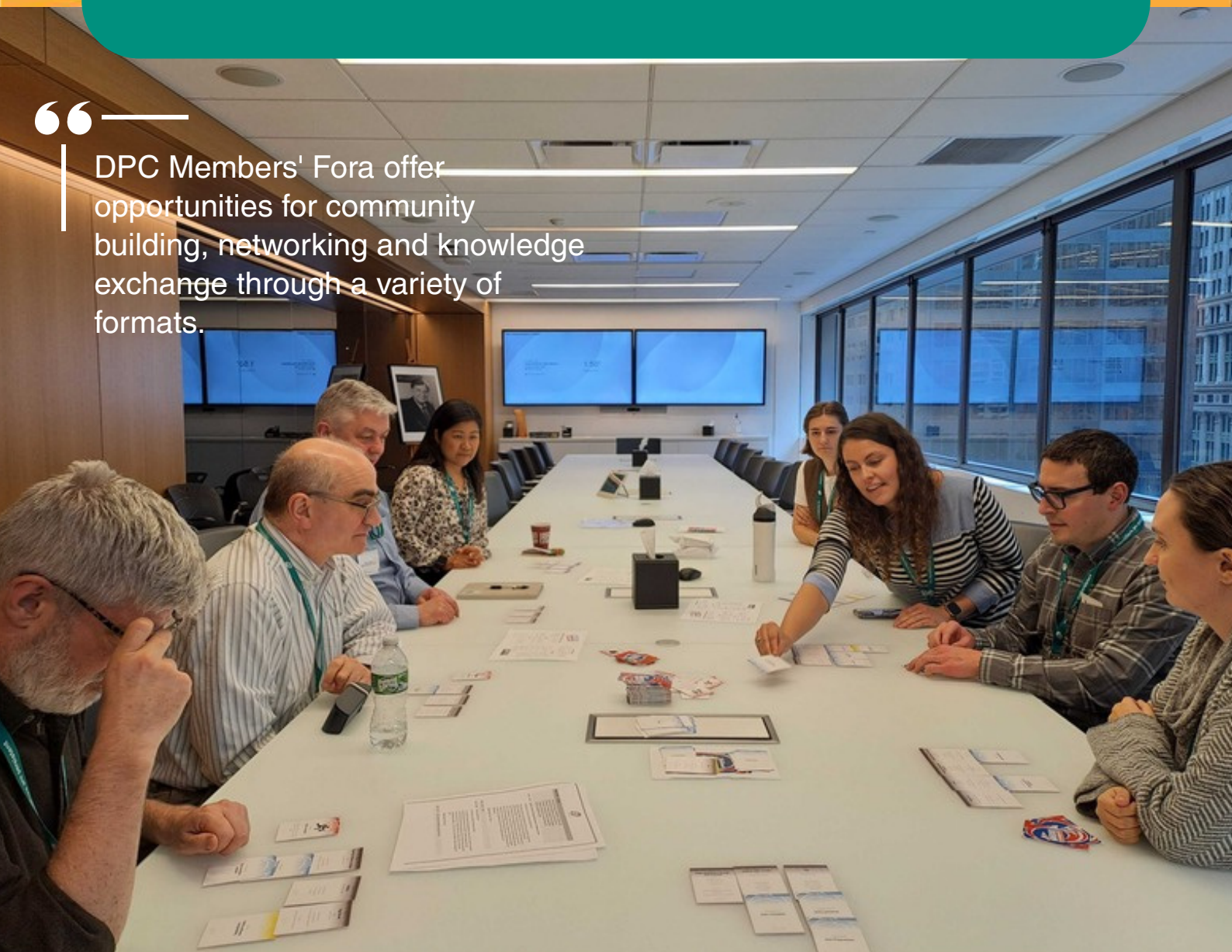
DPC Annual Members Fora and Networking Events

DATES AS ADVERTISED

This event series will take place face-to-face on 3 continents and forms part of a worldwide program of member networking activities. In addition to meeting and networking with other members of the Coalition and members of the local digital preservation community, an exciting program of fast-paced member-led talks and discussions will give DPC members the opportunity to take the floor and exchange ideas, showcase work and discuss key themes.

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DPC Members' Fora offer opportunities for community building, networking and knowledge exchange through a variety of formats.



What's On?

The table below provides an at-a-glance view of our activities for the coming year. For more detail on each of these activities, click the links and see sections 1-5 for descriptions.

Dates	Planned Activities for 2026-2027*	Regular and Recurring Activities
August - October 2026	- DPC RAM Workshop: Introduction for Chinese Speakers (3 September) - iPRES Radio (21–25 September) - Carbon Footprint Toolkit launch (September) - Digital Preservation Advocacy Training (5–6 October) - Digital Preservation Awards (15 October) - Members Forum Australasia and Asia Pacific (October)	Weekly: DPC Digest Monthly: #DPConnect - DP Spotlight - DPC Reading Club Quarterly: - Executive Board - Representative Council - Sub-Committees Ongoing: - Career Development Fund calls - Job adverts - Translations Members Only Special Interest Groups and Task Forces Monthly - Carbon Calculation Support Group (until Jan 2027) - Databases (until August 2026) - Digital Forensics - Preservation Registries Bi-monthly - Audio Visual - Museums & Galleries - National Libraries and Archives (NatLA) - Web Archiving Ad hoc: - Members in Crisis - Fail Club
November 2026 - January 2027	- World Digital Preservation Day (5 November) - Around the World: Risk Management (November) - Community Archives Ambassador Toolkit launch (December) - AGM, Annual Report, Elections (December) - DPA Winners Webinars (December) - Labour Market Analysis (January) - Recruitment Toolkit (2027)	
February - April 2027	- Around the World: Complex Objects (February) - Workflow Webinars (March) - RAM Jam (March) - Supporter Spotlight Event Series (March) - RAM-balance & CAT Scan (April) - Members Forum Americas (April) - Around the World: AI for Digital Preservation (April)	
May - July 2027	- Members Forum Europe (May) - Around the World: Preservation at Scale (June) - DPC RAM Benchmarking Report (July) - DPC CAT Chat (July 2027) - Digital Preservation Handbook 3.0 (2027)	
Available year-round!	- Novice to Know-How online training - Learning Resources Portal - DPC RAM and maturity modelling resources - Technology Watch publications - Toolkits and other resources - Event recordings (DPC Members only) - Consultancy and direct support	

*Subject to change

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Our work is in five strategic areas:

Community

The DPC is first and foremost a community: our activities sustain this community and enable it to collaborate and grow.

Events and Fora		
Name	Type/ Location	Date
#DPCconnect Informal drop-in sessions for conversation with members of the digital preservation community around the world. Taking place monthly with sessions timed for Australasia and Asia-Pacific, and Europe and Africa, and the Americas, sign up to receive the joining link.	Online event Open to all – free to attend	• First Thursday of the month, 14:00 UTC-5 (timed for the Americas) • Second Thursday of the month, 14:00 UTC (timed for Europe and Africa) • Third Friday of the month, 03:00 UTC+10 (timed for Australasia and Asia-Pacific)
iPRES Radio Open to all, iPRES Radio is an informal online space for digital preservation communities in time zones outside the iPRES 2027 Conference in Copenhagen to come together, catch up, connect and discuss key takeaways from each day of the conference.	Online event Open to all – free to attend	22 - 25 September 2026 Daily, in two 1-hour sessions: • Session 1 (timed for Australasia and Asia-Pacific): 03:00 -04:00 UTC • Session 2 (timed for the Americas): 14:00 - 15:00 UTC-5
DPC Members Forum and Networking event: Australasia and Asia-Pacific DPC Members are invited to join us for a full day's program of networking, conversation and sharing. This event is for members only.	Hybrid event Melbourne, Australia Members only	October 2026
World Digital Preservation Day On this dedicated celebration of all things digital preservation around the world, our theme for 2026 is 'Save our Stories (SOS): Our digital heritage in danger.'	Online events Open to all – free to attend	5 November 2026
DPC Supporter Showcase Webinar Series and Panel Discussion Showcasing our DPC Supporters' offerings in turn, this event series will include another exciting online panel where we discuss cybersecurity.	Online events Open to all – free to attend	March 2027

Name	Type/ Location	Date
DPC Members Forum - Americas DPC Members are invited to join us for an online program of networking, conversation and sharing with scheduling accessible for those organizations based in the Americas. This online event is for members only, with face-to-face programming to follow in September 2027 alongside iPRES 2027 in Quebec City.	Online Members only	April 2027
DPC Members Forum and Networking event – Europe DPC Members are invited to join us for networking, conversation and sharing at a location accessible for those organizations based in Europe. This event is predominantly for members only, but we welcome the wider digital preservation community to join us for selected parts of the program.	Hybrid event UK Members-only programming, with some open access.	May 2027
DPC Digest and Member Blog A weekly email digest keeps DPC Members updated about what's going on within the Coalition, providing a round-up of the latest news and content from the DPC website. Members can also share their stories, projects, and organizational updates with the wider community through our Blog platform.	Online publications	Weekly



“ DPC members receive support in advocating for digital preservation within their organizations.

2 Advocacy

The DPC represents the international digital preservation community: our activities contribute towards a climate of public and institutional policy which is better informed and better inclined towards digital preservation.

Activities	Date
<u>Digital Preservation Awards 2026</u> The Digital Preservation Awards are held every two years and celebrate the great work of our welcoming, inclusive and innovative global community, focusing on initiatives, projects and collaborations which bring about a sustainable future for our digital assets. The 2026 Awards will be celebrated at an exciting ceremony alongside the No Time to Wait Conference in Warsaw, Poland.	15 October 2026
Digital Preservation Awards 2026: Winners Webinars Our award winners present the very best work in digital preservation. Attend this series to learn more about the state of the art and the initiatives that will be making (or have made) a huge impact in our field. Open to all.	December 2026

Resources	Date
<u>Digital Preservation Advocacy Toolkit</u> Newly released in 2026, the Advocacy Toolkit brings together practical templates, worksheets, examples and message-building frameworks to support real-world advocacy activities and communicate with key stakeholders like IT, budget holders and senior executives. It is designed to be used flexibly, enabling practitioners to dip into relevant sections depending on their needs, whether they are planning an advocacy campaign, engaging stakeholders, or strengthening organizational buy-in.	Now available!
<u>The Bit List of Endangered Digital Species</u> A free-to-access and open resource for digital preservation advocacy, the DPC's Global Bit List of Endangered Digital Species (or Bit List for short) is a community-sourced list of at-risk digital materials which is regularly reviewed by the international Bit List Council. A Bit List Snapshot report capturing current contexts and emerging developments will be issued on World Digital Preservation Day 2026.	5 November 2026
<u>Translations</u> We continue to welcome volunteer translations of DPC resources into languages other than English. In addition, we are keen to translate key digital preservation resources from around the world into English.	Ongoing

Working Groups and Task Forces	Date
<u>Digital Preservation Awards Judging Panel</u> The Digital Preservation Awards Judging Panel will evaluate our largest and most diverse set of nominations to date, ahead of an exciting ceremony in October, where our winners will be announced.	January - October 2026
<u>Bit List Council</u> The production of the Global Bit List of Endangered Digital Species is made possible through the generous support of the Bit List Council and their respective networks. All entries to the Bit List are reviewed by these dedicated organizations which represent global expertise in these areas.	Council reconvenes in early 2027
DPC Member Organizations in Crisis In these uncertain and turbulent times, this new group for DPC Members who find themselves in crisis will offer the chance for members to seek support from other organizations able to offer assistance. The group will run on an ad hoc basis.	Ad hoc



“*The Digital Preservation Awards celebrate good practice in digital preservation from around the world.*”

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Workforce Development

We provide opportunities for our members to acquire, develop and retain competent and responsive workforces that are ready to address the challenges of digital preservation.

Training and Events

Name	Type/ Location	Date
Digital Preservation Advocacy Training This year we will offer face-to-face Advocacy Training for DPC Members. The training will focus on alignment with strategic objectives, identifying and understanding audiences, and crafting effective communications which demonstrate the value and need for digital preservation in your organizations.	Online instructor-led training Open to all – free for DPC Members	5-6 October 2026
Competency Audit Toolkit Workshop: CAT Chat This ‘CAT chat’ event will provide an opportunity for members to share experiences of how they use the Competency Audit Toolkit (CAT) in their organizations.	Online event DPC Members Only	July 2027
<u>Novice to Know-How (N2KH) online training</u> The full set of Novice to Know-How online training modules will continue to be available to the community at no cost, including Digital Preservation Skills for Beginners, Providing Access to Preserved Digital Content, Email Preservation, Building a Digital Asset Register and Advocacy. This year will see the addition of new modules on Risk Management. Development of these courses is funded by The National Archives, UK.	Online self-led training Open to all – free to access	Available Now!
Tailored Introductory Courses in Digital Preservation We can deliver tailored training sessions on request, dependent on availability and other program commitments as part of the 5 days direct support offered to Full Members, and as paid consultancy for Associate Members. Please contact us to start a conversation about developing a training package to meet your needs.	In-person or online DPC Members only	Contact us
Digital Preservation Lectures for Higher Education Institutions** The DPC also welcomes invitations to speak directly to students at their teaching institutions.	In-person or online, DPC Members only	Contact us

Career Development Fund

The Career Development Fund provides grants for members to undertake training and professional development opportunities. Fully funded grants are regularly offered for established courses, conferences, and events through calls for applications. DPC Members may also apply for a self-identified grant to attend a training or development opportunity they have identified independently, allowing more flexibility to meet local development needs.

As advertised

Resources

We will be updating and adding to our resources this year. Discover all the DPC resources available to help you with workforce development for digital preservation on our website: <https://www.dpconline.org/digipres/prof-development>

<u>Digital Preservation Learning Resources Portal</u> The DPC hosts a community registry of digital preservation learning resources, open to all for use and editing. The portal helps practitioners, educators and students find training opportunities and will be refreshed and updated this year.	Updates coming in November 2026
<u>Digital Preservation Handbook 3.0</u> A major revision of the Digital Preservation Handbook continues this year with the publication of a new edition planned to coincide with the resource's 25 th Anniversary in 2027! The Handbook provides guidance for institutions and individuals on a broad range of digital preservation issues, including a continually expanding range of practical tool demos and resources to help develop your digital preservation activities.	Publication in 2027
<u>Recruitment Toolkit</u> The Recruitment Toolkit will draw together existing DPC resources and new practical guidance to support effective and inclusive recruitment into the digital preservation workforce, helping organizations scope well-structured roles and make successful appointments.	Publication in 2027
<u>Labour Market Analysis</u> This report, analyzing the digital preservation labour market, will examine current trends, skills gaps, and employment opportunities to provide valuable insights for digital preservation practitioners.	January 2027
<u>Job advertisements and recruitment</u> Members are encouraged to post digital preservation job vacancies to the DPC website as part of their membership benefits.	Ongoing

Special Interest Groups and Task Forces

<u>DPC Reading Club</u> Join us each month to discuss a recently published article relevant to digital preservation. Meeting times will rotate to accommodate members in different time zones around the world.	Ongoing
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Good Practice

We support our members towards greater maturity in digital preservation by delivering knowledge exchange, continuous improvement, horizon scanning, advice on standards, authoritative publications, and through engaging and informative events.

Events

This is an indicative program and dates may change. All events are free to DPC Members, and the majority of our events are open for all to attend (select programs require paid registration for non-members). For event specific information, see all events listings and up to date details on the DPC events page: <https://www.dpconline.org/events>

Name	Type/ Location	Date
<u>DP Spotlight (formerly #DPClinic)</u> Topics this year will likely include preservation of social media and active contemporary digital histories, legacy media, file format identification tools, managing Indigenous cultural material, secure systems... and more!	Online event Open to all – free to attend	Monthly
<u>DPC Rapid Assessment Model (RAM) Workshop: Introduction for Chinese Speakers</u> Made possible thanks to the support of our Chinese speaking members, this session will introduce the DPC's Rapid Assessment Model (RAM) for Chinese speakers and share some examples from organizations in Asia on using the DPC RAM to get started with digital preservation.	Online event Open to all – free to attend	3 September 2026
Launch of the Carbon Footprint Toolkit The Carbon Footprint Toolkit will be launched in September 2026 at iPRES and follow on dissemination activities will be programmed to share the toolkit with the whole community.	Online event Open to all – free for DPC Members	October-November 2026
Around the World: Risk Management The first of our programmed Around the World events will focus on the broad topic of risk management as it relates to digital preservation. We will be sharing case studies from the community about how risk is managed and mitigated within different organizations and the tools, methodologies or frameworks that support this work.	Online Around the World event Open to all – free for DPC Members	November 2026
Community Archives Ambassador Toolkit Launch The Global Ambassador Toolkit is designed for organisations that want to use the Digital Preservation Toolkit for Community Archives to engage, support, and empower communities that are beginning to preserve their digital content. It brings together introductory resources, practical guidance, and a flexible collection of presentations and activities that can be mixed and matched to create tailored workshops, training sessions, and events. The launch will make the toolkit openly available and provide an opportunity for interested organisations to sign up as ambassadors, becoming part of a global network supporting community-led digital preservation.	Online event Open to all – free to attend	December 2026

Around the World: Preserving Complex Objects This event will showcase how community members manage and preserve a wide range of complex file formats. Each individual case study will focus on a different type of complex object, and over the course of the event we will draw together a set of good practice principles which apply when facing complex preservation challenges such as these.	Online Around the World event Open to all – free for DPC Members	February 2027
Maturity Modelling Workshop: The RAM Jam This year's 'RAM Jam' will provide another opportunity the DPC to share the latest revision of the Rapid Assessment Model (RAM) with the whole community. The session will explain how to use the model, run through any key changes and provide an opportunity for questions and discussion.	Online event Open to all – free to attend	March 2027
Workflow Webinars Join this series of webinars to learn how others within the community approach particular aspects of the digital preservation lifecycle at their organizations. This year the themes for these workflow webinars will be preservation planning workflows and workflows at scale.	Online event Open to all – free to attend	March 2027
Maturity Modelling Support: RAM-balance and CAT Scan Sessions Online drop-in sessions for DPC Members seeking support with the DPC Rapid Assessment Model (RAM) , for Maturity Modelling and the DPC Competency Audit Toolkit (CAT) , for skills assessment.	Online events DPC Members Only	April 2027
Around the World: AI for Digital Preservation This event will bring together case studies where AI is being used to support digital preservation practice Around the World. The event will also provide an opportunity to share and discuss the DPC's new Technology Watch Report on this important topic.	Online Around the World event Open to all – free for DPC Members	April 2027
Around the World: Preservation at Scale This event will showcase case studies on digital preservation at scale, exploring the challenges and opportunities of preserving large digital objects and managing high volumes of digital content.	Online Around the World event Open to all – free for DPC Members	June 2027
Digital Preservationists Anonymous (Fail Club) Join these confidential sessions to share and learn from others grappling with the challenge of digital preservation. Sessions will be run on demand and dependent on scheduling and availability in various locations around the world.	Event (in-person) DPC Members Only	On demand



“DPC Members share their own insights and experiences to help shape and advance digital preservation good practice.”

Resources and Toolkits

We will be updating and adding to our toolkits and resources this year. Discover all the DPC resources available to help you with your digital preservation work on our website: <https://www.dpconline.org/digipres>

Carbon Footprint Toolkit This new resource will be released as an output from the DPC's Carbon Footprint Task Force. The toolkit will provide digital preservation practitioners with practical guidance to measure, assess and reduce the environmental impact of their own digital preservation activities.	NEW! Launching September 2026
Community Archives Ambassador Toolkit The Global Ambassador Toolkit is designed for organizations that want to use the Digital Preservation Toolkit for Community Archives to engage, support, and empower communities that are beginning to preserve their digital content. It brings together introductory resources, practical guidance, and a flexible collection of presentations and activities that can be mixed and matched to create tailored workshops, training sessions, and events.	NEW! Launching December 2026
DPC RAM Benchmarking Report for Members Anonymized benchmarking data from DPC RAM assessments will be shared with DPC Members in this report. This will allow them to compare their digital preservation capability with peer organizations across the membership. This information enables members to identify strengths, prioritize areas for improvement, track progress over time, and support business cases for investment by leveraging evidence drawn from the wider community.	Release in July 2027
<u>Digital Preservation Procurement Toolkit</u> The third version of our Procurement Toolkit will be released this year with key revisions and updates. This resource guides organizations through the procurement process for digital preservation solutions.	New version coming in 2026-2027
<u>Digital Preservation Policy Toolkit</u> This toolkit guiding organizations through the development of digital preservation policies - from initial research and drafting to implementation - will be revised and updated this year.	New version coming in 2026-2027
<u>EDRMS Preservation Toolkit</u> This toolkit provides advice and guidance on the preservation of records held within an Electronic Document and Records Management Systems (EDRMS) or other record keeping systems will be revised and updated this year.	New version coming in 2026-2027
<u>DPC Rapid Assessment Model (DPC RAM)</u> The DPC RAM is a maturity modelling tool to help organizations benchmark their digital preservation capability, identify areas for improvement, and track progress over time. Applicable across sectors and organization types, it provides a simple framework for assessing both organizational and service-level digital preservation activities. An updated version of DPC RAM will be released this year, ensuring the model continues to reflect current practice and community needs.	New version coming in 2026-2027

Publications

Technology Watch Series

The subjects in our publication plan for this DPC year reflect the strategic needs of Full Members, and all members are offered early access to publications on the DPC website. Publications are overseen by the DPC Good Practice Sub-Committee. While these themes represent our current priorities, we will remain responsive to emerging issues and member feedback, adapting the program where necessary to ensure it continues to meet the evolving needs of the community.

Technology Watch Reports

Providing in depth reference guides to specific digital preservation topics:

- AI and Digital Preservation (New)
- Digital Forensics: Theory and Practice (2nd edition)
- The Open Archival Information System (OAIS) Reference Model: Introductory Guide (3rd edition)
- Preservation Metadata (3rd edition)
- Web Archiving (2nd edition)

Technology Watch Guidance Notes

Providing bite-sized overviews of specific digital preservation challenges and solutions:

- Disaster Risk Management

Projects

Throughout the year, the DPC will undertake and support research and development work, and ensure the benefits are shared with the wider community. This year we will be working on:

EMBARK

DPC staff will engage in the European Media and Born-Digital Art Conservation and Knowledge Network (EMBARK). This peer-to-peer network of individual researchers and practitioners aims to strengthen Europe's ability to safeguard its collections of media art for current and future generations.

We are actively seeking new opportunities for new collaborative project work with DPC Members which will advance good practice across the whole of the digital preservation community. Please contact us to discuss a collaboration!



The DPC brings together people, expertise, and practical support to help organizations achieve their digital preservation goals.

DPC Support Services

DPC Direct Support

The DPC offers targeted support and advice to Full Members as part of their membership. Contact us to discuss your needs and how we can help.

DPC Consultancy

We offer specialized digital preservation consultancy services to both members and non-members shaped around your needs. This may involve supporting you in assessing your current level of digital preservation maturity, providing training, developing or refining policies and strategies, and planning for sustainable, long-term preservation. Additionally, we provide bespoke advice to address specific challenges within your organization. As we continue to expand this service, we remain committed to our core values, including care for our members, resources, people and environment as well as maintaining our neutrality in respect to solutions, approaches, sectors, suppliers and vendors.

Visit our website to explore our consultancy offerings and fees or contact us directly to discuss how we can address your specific needs: <https://www.dpconline.org/digipres/discover-good-practice/dpc-consultancy>.

Special Interest Groups and Task Forces

These active Special Interest Groups (which explore a specific subject area) and Task Forces (which address a specific task on a time-limited basis) are open to members and invited guests. These groups are spaces to discuss, debate and resolve issues on targeted topics in an informal and confidential way.

Databases Special Interest Group This group was established for a 1-year period in response to Member needs. It will meet until August 2026 to discuss and address the particular preservation challenges presented by databases, and to explore approaches and solutions that community members have found useful.	Concluding August 2026
Carbon Calculation Support Group This group was set up for a six-month period from April 2026 to provide a forum to collaboratively test the Carbon Calculation Toolkit, share experiences and develop case studies. Following the Toolkit's launch, the group will continue to support its adoption and share implementation experiences.	Concluding September 2026
<u>Audio Visual Special Interest Group</u> This group brings together DPC Members to discuss issues and challenges relating to the preservation of born digital and digitized audio-visual materials. It provides an opportunity to share experiences, discuss good practice, as well as identify and address common problems.	Ongoing
Digital Forensics Special Interest Group This group meets monthly to discuss the use of digital forensics techniques in digital preservation. Group members set their own agenda and can use these meetings to ask questions, share experiences and discuss challenges around digital forensics tools and workflows.	Ongoing
Managing Indigenous Cultural Material Task Force The Task Force brings together DPC Members to discuss and support the appropriate management of digital Indigenous Cultural Material in Australasia and Asia-Pacific. The group works in conjunction with traditional owners/custodians and communities in alignment with agreed protocols.	Ongoing
Museums and Galleries Special Interest Group This Special Interest Group is open to members who are involved in digital preservation activities in a museum or gallery setting. The group meets every 2 months to share experiences and address topics of particular interest to this sector.	Ongoing
National Libraries and Archives Special Interest Group This group meets every 2 months to provide a forum for those working in national libraries or archives to discuss issues relating to their digital preservation activities as well as share questions and experiences.	Ongoing
<u>Preservation Registries Special Interest Group</u> This group is a place to explore the information sources that digital preservation depends on, and to build connections between collections. The digital preservation community needs reliable information on formats, tools, workflows, software, policies and practices, and this group meets every month to find, interlink and maintain these crucial resources.	Ongoing
<u>Web Archiving and Preservation Special Interest Group</u> This group has recently been re-established and will provide a forum for the community to share their experiences and enhance their knowledge of web archiving practice.	Ongoing

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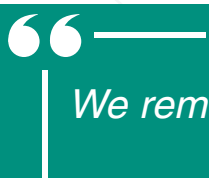
Accountable, Sustainable & Dynamic Governance

We will maintain and enhance our organizational functions and structures to ensure good governance, and we will demonstrate a commitment to members, to our values and to the greater good as laid down in the Articles of Association and our charitable objects.

DPC Strategic Plan 2027 – 2032

A new DPC Strategic Plan will be launched in August 2027, setting out our priorities and ambitions for the next 5 years ahead. In the lead-up to its release, we will invite members and the wider digital preservation community to contribute through a programme of consultation and engagement, helping to shape the future direction of the DPC.

Meeting type	Date
Meetings of Executive Board and Representative Council	Quarterly
Meetings of DPC Sub-Committees	Quarterly
Annual General Meeting	December 2026
Election of Chair and Vice Chair	December 2026
Annual Report	December 2026
Independent Auditor's Report	December 2026
Nominations to the DPC Board	January 2027
Recruitment for DPC Sub-Committees	January 2027
Register of Directors' Interests	Shared with members
Quarterly Reports and Workplans to members	Published Quarterly



We remain accountable to our Members, who own and direct DPC's activities.

Here's why some of our latest members have joined the DPC:

"By joining the Digital Preservation Coalition, we are strengthening our commitment to the long-term preservation of independent journalism and to engaging with the global digital preservation community."

Russian Independent Media Archive, USA

"Membership of the DPC will broaden our opportunities to learn from the best in the preservation community."

Kommunalförbundet Sydarkivera, Sweden

"By joining the DPC, the Aboriginal History Archive solidifies its commitment to being a leader in the space of community archives."

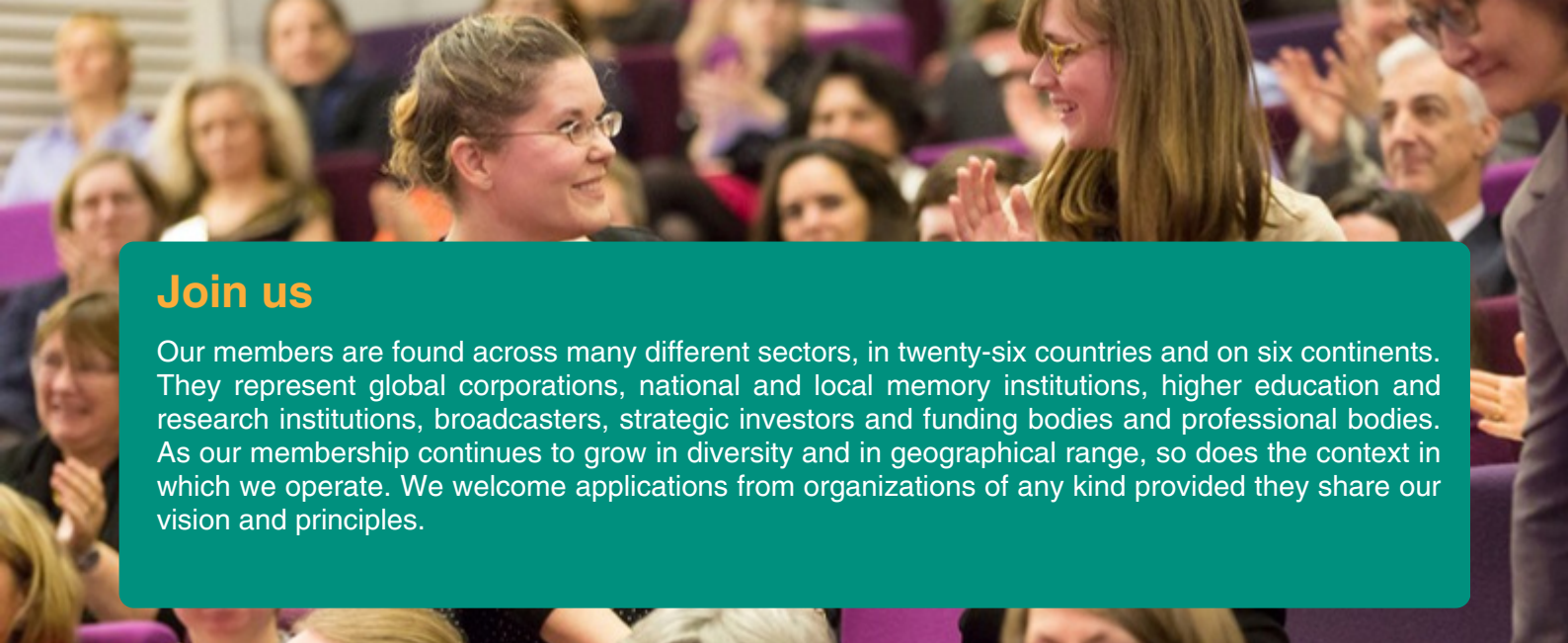
Aboriginal History Archive, Australia

"Joining the DPC and its global community of experts will help us meet our goals and contribute to global awareness raising efforts on the importance of digital preservation."

McGill University Libraries and Archives, Canada

"Joining the Digital Preservation Coalition is an important step in strengthening international collaboration and aligning our work with global standards."

National Film Archive - Audiovisual Institute (FINA), Poland



Join us

Our members are found across many different sectors, in twenty-six countries and on six continents. They represent global corporations, national and local memory institutions, higher education and research institutions, broadcasters, strategic investors and funding bodies and professional bodies. As our membership continues to grow in diversity and in geographical range, so does the context in which we operate. We welcome applications from organizations of any kind provided they share our vision and principles.

There are three routes to guide and support the DPC:

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