What I wish I knew before I started DPC Student Conference – 24/01/2018

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What do I do?
How did I end up in my current role?
What did I learn along the way?

Bodleian Libraries

• A group of 30+ libraries which are affiliated to the University of Oxford
• Legal deposit library for over 400 years, e-legal deposit since 2013
• Over 12 million print items, special collections, archives
• Quickly growing digital collections

Bodleian Electronic Archives and Manuscripts

Oxford University Research Archive

Digitized collections
Digital Preservation at Oxford and Cambridge (DPOC) Project

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6 Research Fellows:
- 2 x Policy and Planning Fellows
- 2 x Outreach and Training Fellows
- 2 x Technical Fellows

What do I do?
- Policy framework
- Strategy
- Guidelines
- Collection survey
- Workflow recommendations
- Data modelling
- Advice and support

How did I end up in my current role?

- 2013 – Bachelor degree in Sociology
- 2014-2015 - MSc Information Management and Preservation (University of Glasgow)
- 2015-2016 – British Library, Flash Back Project

What I wish I knew before I started?
...or "what did I learn along the way?"

Lesson 1:
Terminology is important

Lesson 2:
Be curious about what your colleagues do

Lesson 3:
Watch out for organizational myths

Lesson 4:
Digital Preservation is still often regarded as a purely technical problem, and this has real impact on sustainability and funding

Lesson 4
Advocacy is a key skill
Having imposter syndrome is normal - don't let it put you off 😊

Why pursue a career in digital preservation?

• Learning new things on a daily basis
• Working with colleagues from different professional fields
• Never being bored!

Questions?

Thank you!

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