What I wish I Knew Before I Started

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About me

• Moved to the UK from Sweden in 2009

• Bachelor in Social Science

• 2014-2015 – MSc Information Management and Preservation, University of Glasgow
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• FlashBack project. Pilot: 2015-2016.

Objectives:

• Establish a forensic lab and digitisation workflows for handheld media

• Trial migration and emulation methods for making content available at scale in reading rooms
FlashBack Project – Legacy computer lab
FlashBack Project – Forensic workflows

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FlashBack Project – Emulation testing

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Digital Preservation at Oxford and Cambridge Project (DPOC) 2016-2018

• Collaboration between Bodleian Libraries (University of Oxford) and Cambridge University Library

• Six Fellows and three specialism:
  • Outreach and training
  • Technology
  • Policy and planning
Policy and planning - role responsibilities

• Work with staff across the Libraries and Museum

• Develop policies, standards and guidelines for digital preservation and digitisation

• Training, outreach and advocacy

• Support Help Desk

• Funding and business cases
Why work in digital preservation?

• Varied tasks

• Collaboration

• Great supportive community of practice

• Life-long learning
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*Having a shared language is important*
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*Advocacy is about playing the long game*
Thank you!

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