The changing nature of our relationship with depositors

(aka plus ça change…)

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Introduction

• LSE
• Trust/trustworthiness
• Similarities and differences
• Depositor relationship creating change
LSE Library’s digital archives

• Still early days
• Working with small percentage of collection but anticipating growth
• Lots of work on technical infrastructure and policy
Trust and Trustworthiness

The trust placed in and held by our depositors
Trust placed in depositors

- Awareness (or lack of) of own content
- A lot of material donated unseen
- Listing/appraisal taking place at earlier stage
  - Mutual benefits
- Evolving approach to pre-accessioning
Our trustworthiness

- Uncertainty – what is required of a trusted repository?
- Depositor sensitivity taken into account
- Use of DRAMBORA and research into other repositories informed early policy
- Treating digital archives same as paper
The Same but Different

Changes to our accession process
Differences

- Acceptance of material requires more discussion
  - In-house and with depositor
  - Preliminary survey work
- Appraisal at multiple points
- Extra time to process material
Similarities

- Use of CALM
- Similarities within paper collections
- Similar access procedures
How the relationship with depositors is changing *us*
• Inspires collaboration
• Leads to greater awareness within Library
• Catalyst for change
Thanks!

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