



Evaluation of Workshop 1 – ‘Getting Started’

19 October 2010

Rewley House, Wellington Square, Oxford University

The programme for this workshop was designed to introduce several important issues related to OER release, to help the partners think about barriers and drivers, and to surface some themes which could be covered in more detail in future workshops.

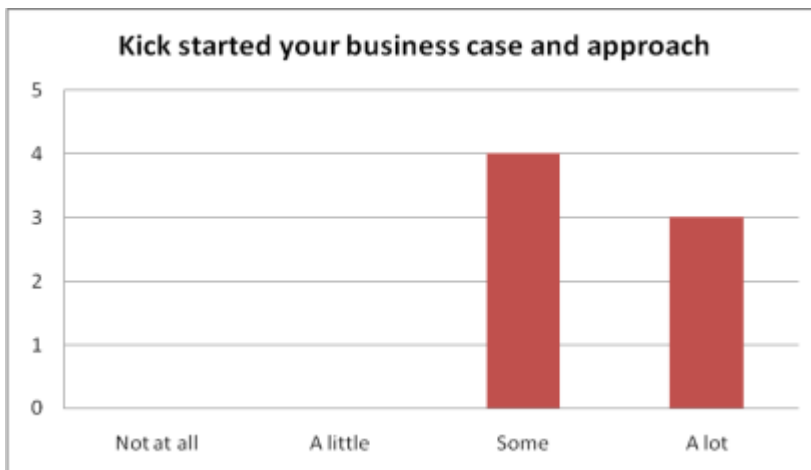
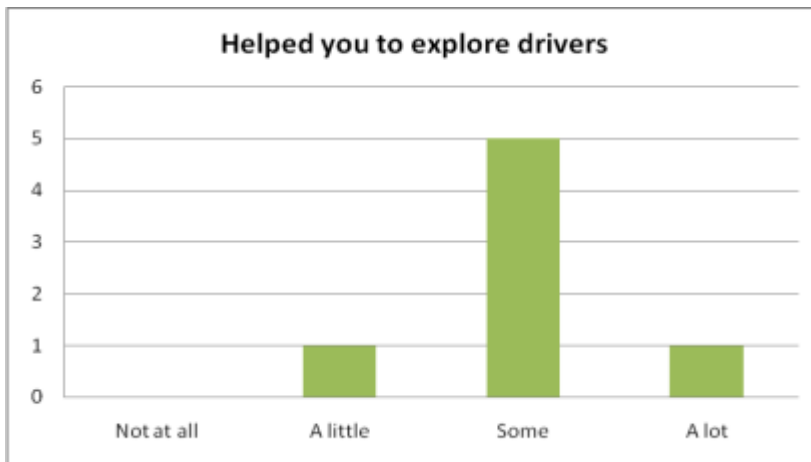
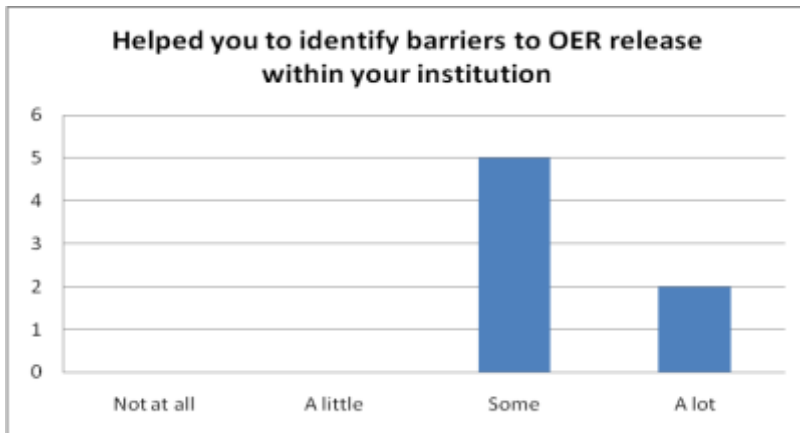
Both partners were represented at the meeting; four staff from Oxford Brookes and three staff from Harper Adams attended. All project team members from Oxford University were involved in running sessions throughout the day.

The focus was on practical, participative sessions rather than long PowerPoint presentations, as the partners had previously expressed a preference for this method of workshop delivery. The outline agenda for the day was as follows:

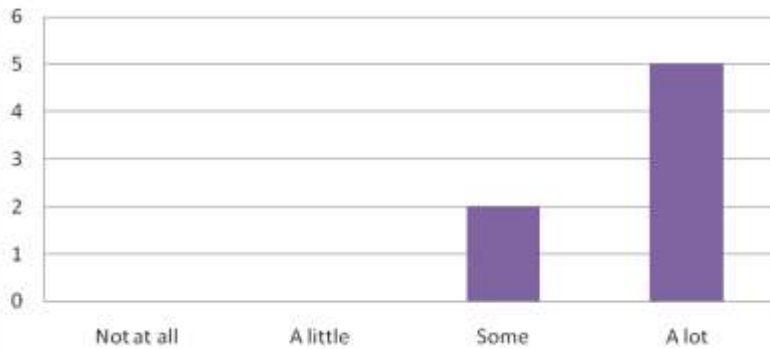
10.30 am	Start, introductions, aims of the day (MH)
10.40 am	Barriers session – group work (LM)
11.20 am	Coffee/Tea
11.30 am	Drivers session – group work (LM)
12.15 pm	Building your business case, developing your approach (LM)
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	Copyright session – group work (RW)
2.15 pm	Workflow session (PR & CM)
3.00 pm	Coffee/Tea
3.15 pm	Decision trees (PR & RW)
3.45 – 4 pm	Next steps, taking this work forward (MH)

Evaluation responses

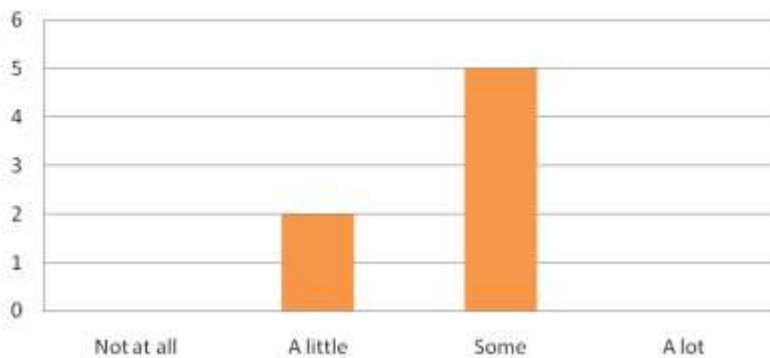
Each attendee was given an evaluation form to complete at the end of the day and we received a 100% response rate. Responses to the evaluation questions are shown in the charts below.



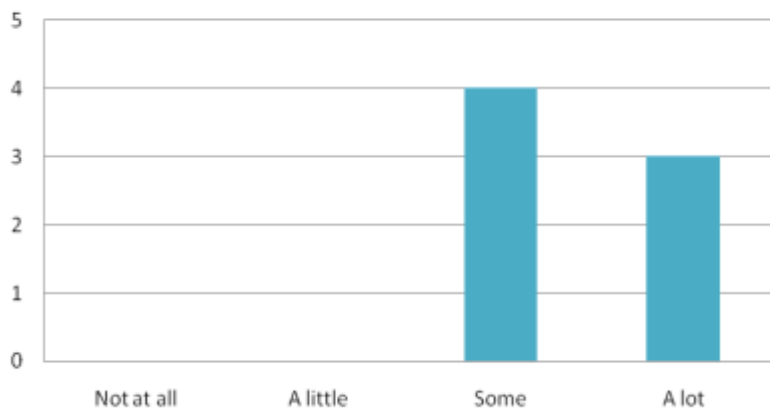
Highlighted copyright issues and workflows and help you to identify how these will be managed

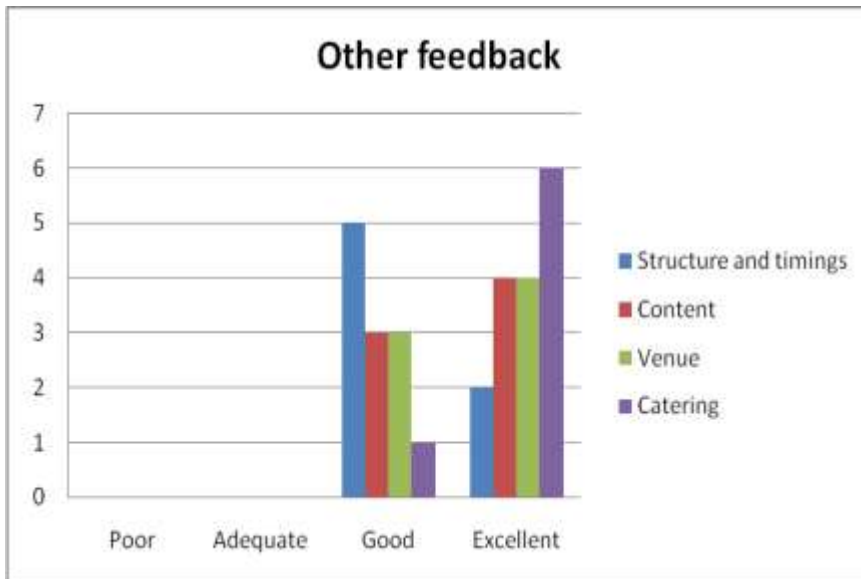


Raised awareness of the tools and support available from the JISC Programme Team



Explored themes for future workshops





Comments from attendees

Attendees were also invited to comments on specific highlights or improvements that could be made. The comments received were:

Specific highlights:

"Practical nature of the tasks presented enabled theory to practice"

"Arrived at a common hymn sheet and gave cross-institutional perspective"

"The chance to work with colleagues in Brookes and Harper Adams and Oxford was an example of 'quality time' - considering an issue which doesn't get aired enough normally"

"Very productive morning exploring barriers & drivers. Good to find purposeful future sessions/products"

"Some big issues which are common issues"

Suggested improvement:

"Strategically it would have been better if my colleague x had been able to attend, but that's our own failing, not the project's"

"more cross-team working"

Observations from the project team

It was an extremely busy day, and at times it was difficult to stick to the schedule. Attendees were having very constructive brainstorming sessions and feedback took longer than scheduled, but the groups were very keen to share their issues so we tried to accommodate this.

The Oxford project team participated in the workshop activities so that we could contribute equally to the discussions, however this meant that the partners did not have a facilitator during most of the activities. We did not receive any negative feedback about this, and the partners seemed to have very useful discussions within their own teams but perhaps this is a consideration for future workshops.

The venue really helped and the day wouldn't have gone as well in one of the teaching rooms at OUCS. We should probably stick to external venues for future events (i.e. external to the department).

It would have been good to invite some other staff from Oxford as they would have benefitted from the day. We should consider this for future events if the budget allows.