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Summary :

The role of Jorum as the UK national repository for online learning and teaching materials is changing with the introduction of JorumOpen to support sharing of open educational resources (OER) in the UK.

Jorum began as a support activity for a JISC Innovations Programme, a 'keep-safe' for materials after project teams disbanded. Developed jointly by EDINA and Mimas, the two JISC national academic data centres (at the Universities of Edinburgh and Manchester, respectively), Jorum then launched facilities for online deposit and download during 2005/06 as means for institutions to share their learning and teaching resources. Support for IMS Content Packaging helped 'embedding' as materials could be played in different Virtual Learning Environments (VLEs), and by February 2009, over 400 institutions had signed Jorum User Licences and about 100 had signed Jorum Depositor Licences. At that stage the Higher Education Funding Councils opted to require prior institutional authorisation.

This presentation will report on how JorumOpen is being geared to support sharing of content under three licensing regimes, including the free-to-the-Web Creative Commons licences. Perhaps more importantly, there may be opportunity to report on how (from April 2009 onwards) funding from the HEFCE OER Programme, managed by JISC and the HE Academy, will enable and encourage UK universities and colleges to share in new and exciting ways. Jorum aims to play its part.

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