



Student publishing as a learning tool



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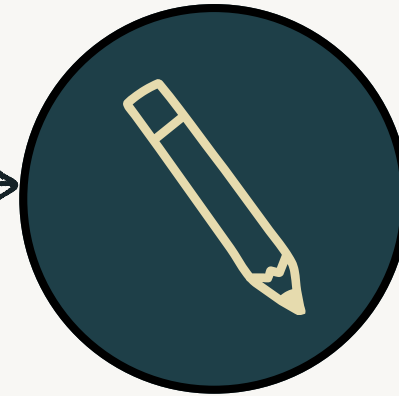
Intro to the project...



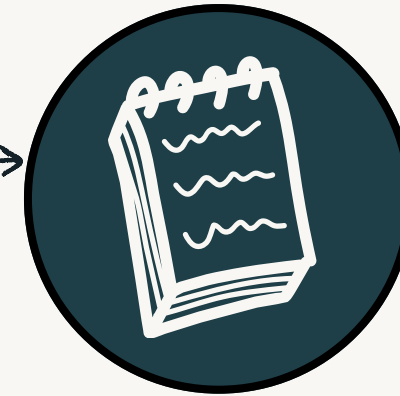
Boosted research
power for NU
(REF2021),
Open Research
activity increasing



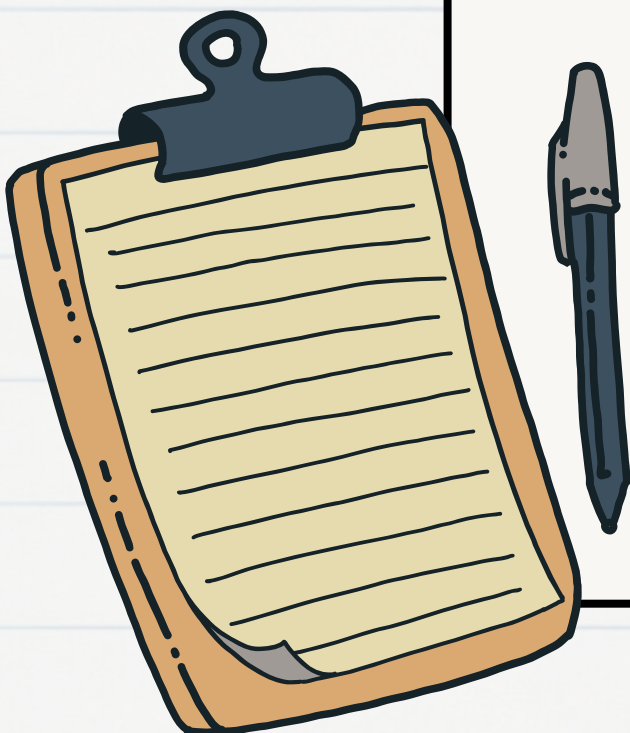
Open Access and
support and
publishing
experience from
Scholarly
Communications
team



Contact from
various areas
across the uni,
wanting more
publishing
opportunities



Saw other
examples in
practice. We
already have a
publishing
platform...can we
use this?



Why would students get involved...?

Big picture

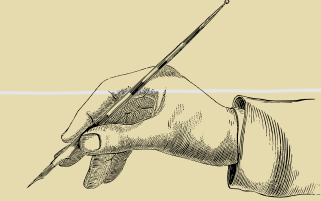
- Involves all students across the uni - UG and PG especially
- Experiential learning
- Promotes good Open Research and Open Access practices
- Increasing knowledge about the publishing process
- Supports teaching and learning
- The opportunity to share work and ideas with a wide audience
- PhD students are encouraged to publish at NU - can help get started
- Pride and success 🎉



It's not just academic

- Nurtures skills that can lead to publishing/HE careers
- Ownership - concept, developing it further
- Writing experience, that essays may not cover
- Lots of lovely CV additions
- Retention, involvement with university and staff
- Student engagement and partnerships

Student roles



Author

Editor

Peer reviewer



ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Digital

Editorial

Information Literacy

Collaboration

Peer review

Open Research

How we did it

- Research other examples of student journals in practice
- Join existing support networks
- Research student publishing models
- Develop support and training, dedicated mailbox for queries
- Community of Interest
- We already have a platform! Redevelop / modernise / rebrand
- NU:Opps intern for development from student perspective

Northumbria
Journals



OJS
OPEN
JOURNAL
SYSTEMS



Open Journal Systems

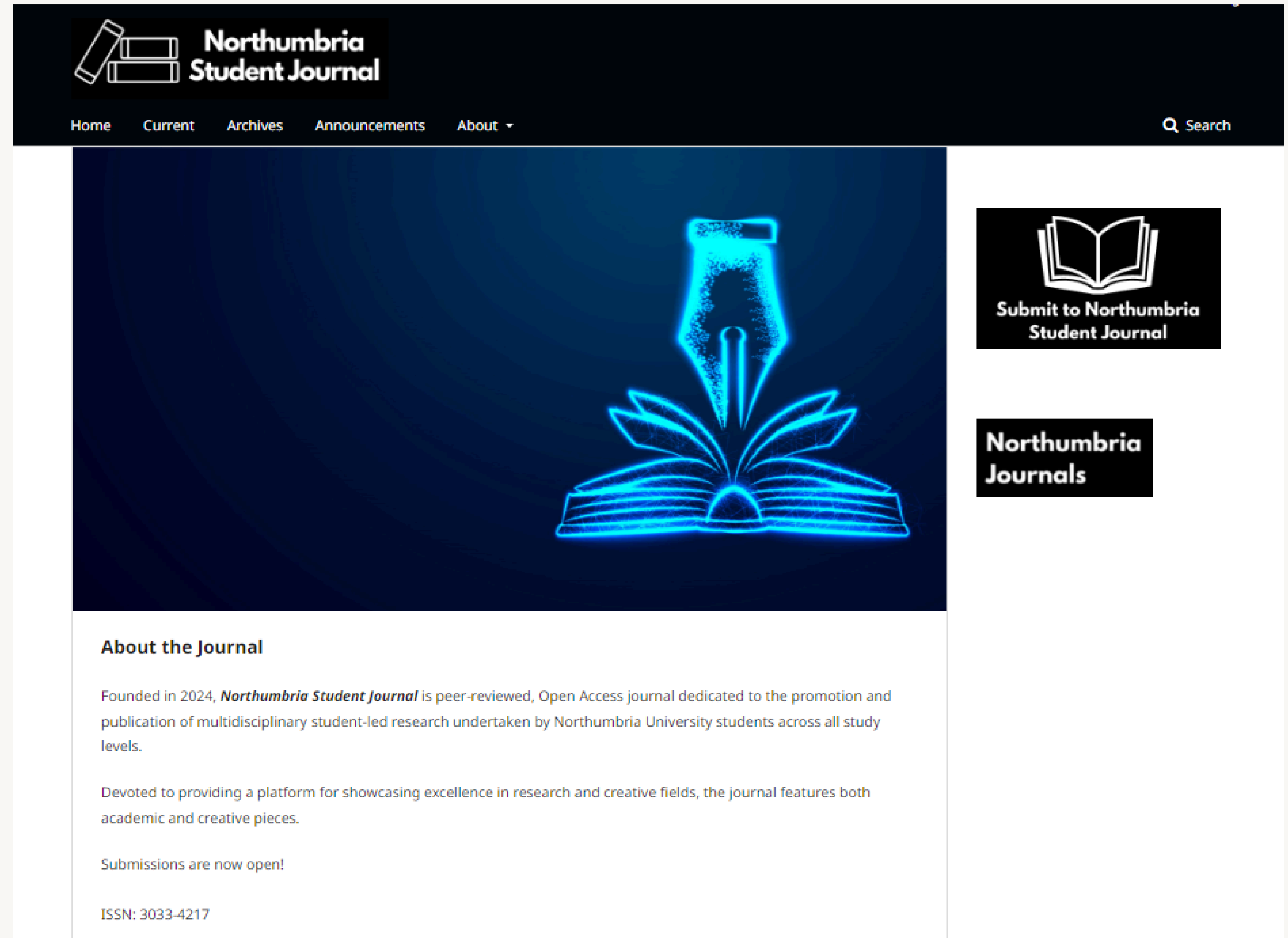
- Open source software developed by the Public Knowledge Project (PKP)
- On the front end, the system provides the journal website and archive
- On the back end it provides mechanisms to receive submissions, manage the peer review process and publish articles and issues
- Free training on all steps available from PKP (invaluable!)
- Flexible and customisable
- Supports the Diamond OA model
- DOI functionality – linked with Crossref for metrics / tracking
- Small fee for hosting via 2020Media



NUSJ

- Launched March 2024!
- Branding and design by NU Opps intern
- Registered with the British Library
- Site still in development
- Published first piece April 2024
- Submissions open

NOW!



Next steps...

Further develop training and support package - onboarding form, LibGuide, online walkthroughs, Teams site, policies...

Embed support into Scholarly Communications Team procedures

ACCREDITATION

Embed datasets / Figshare

Feedback showing there are lots of eager participants ready to go!

Outreach and promo

Upgrade OJS for optimised features?



Department level champions/ambassadors

Join and engage with support networks across institutions (Jiscmail, ALPSP, etc.)

Another NU Opps intern?

Experimental publishing?

More pieces published in the student journal?



Another title launch 2024/2025?



Thanks for listening!

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