

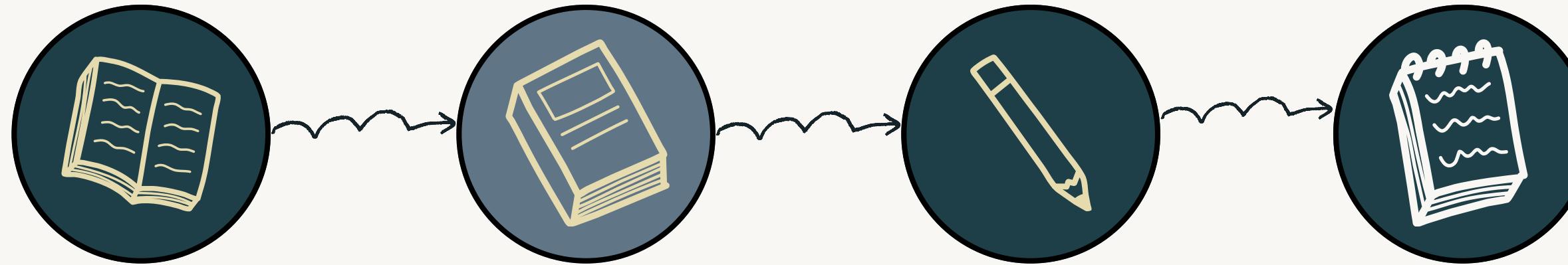
# Student publishing as a learning tool



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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

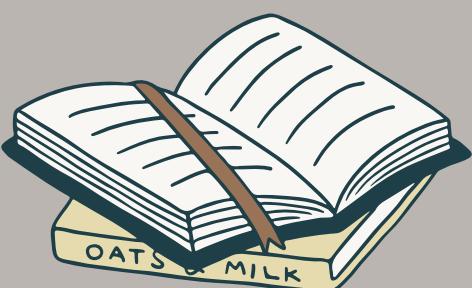
Contact from various areas across the uni, wanting more publishing opportunities

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



## 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 

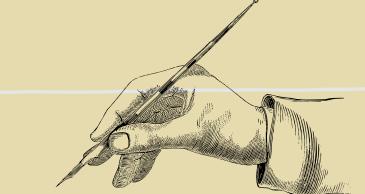


# Why would students get involved...?

## 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**

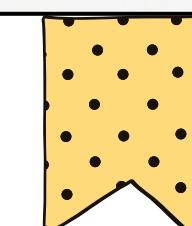
**Peer reviewer**

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS



Digital  
Editorial  
Information Literacy

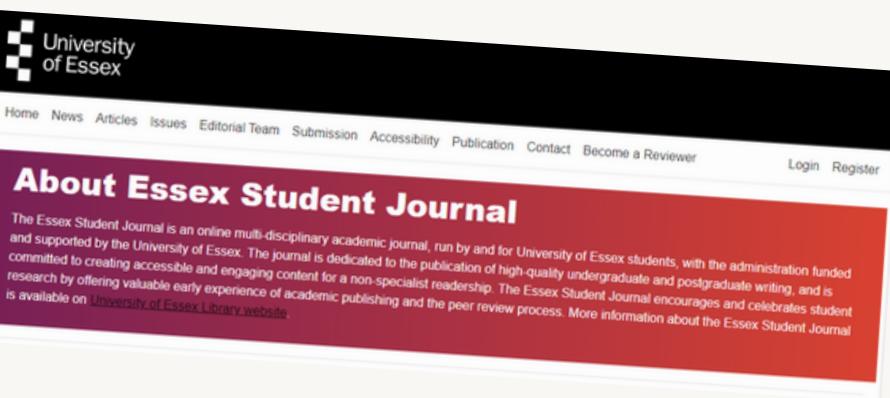
Collaboration  
Peer review  
Open Research



# How we did it

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Journals

- 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:0pps intern for development from student perspective



# 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!



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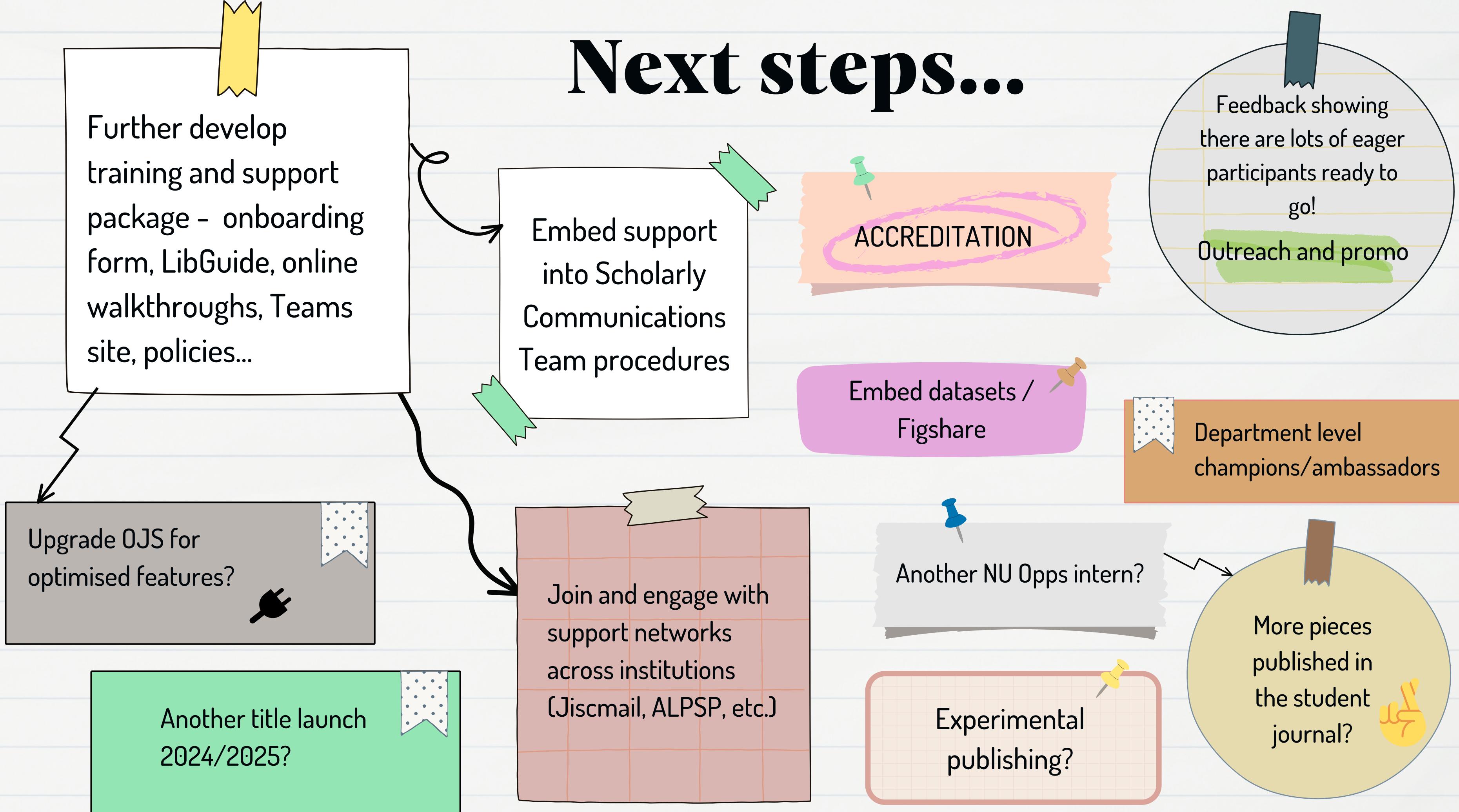
Founded in 2024, *Northumbria Student Journal* is peer-reviewed, Open Access journal dedicated to the promotion and publication of multidisciplinary student-led research undertaken by Northumbria University students across all study levels.

Devoted to providing a platform for showcasing excellence in research and creative fields, the journal features both academic and creative pieces.

Submissions are now open!

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# Next steps...





# Thanks for listening!

A stylized illustration of several books. In the foreground, a book is open, showing yellow pages with dark blue lines, and a grey cover with a yellow flower and a small orange oval. Another book is partially visible on the right. In the background, there are several horizontal, overlapping orange brushstrokes.

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