



# 'Open Edge' a two day event on open source for libraries

25-26 January 2011  
National e-Science Centre e-Science Institute, Edinburgh



## PROGRAMME

### Tuesday 25 January (Day one)

The first day cohabits with the 'Haggis and Mash' event. The pattern is talks in the morning, and workshop time in the afternoon. Several of the talks are about using Open Source solutions in libraries, and in the afternoon we will have some systems up and running so people can get some hands-on time with various Open Source software in the afternoon

#### 09.30 *Registration and refreshments*

10.00 VuFind vs. Blacklight  
(Chris Keene, University of Sussex and Boon Low, University of Edinburgh)

10.30 jQuery and Juice - enhancing your resource discovery system with Open Source components  
(Matt Machell, Talis)

#### 11:00 *Break*

11.30 EduApps: Power in your pocket  
(Martin Hawksey and Sara Brown, JISC Regional Support Centre Scotland N&E)

12.00 Exploiting Linked Data in Libraries  
(Julian Cheal, UKOLN)

#### 12.30-13.30 *Lunch*

#### 13.30 *Workshops*

- Hands-on with Blacklight - explore Blacklight and faceted search (Boon Low, University of Edinburgh) (Provisional)
- Hands-on with Evergreen - get a chance to either install or just try out the Evergreen Open Source Library Management System (Mark Hughes, University of Swansea)
- Support getting Juice working with Evergreen/Blacklight/VuFind or any other resource discovery environment (Matt Machell, Talis)

#### 16.00 Day one close



## PROGRAMME

### Wednesday 26 January (Day 2)

#### 09.30 *Registration and refreshments*

#### **THEME ONE: The landscape and opportunities for OSS library solutions**

- 10.00 **Something old, something new, something borrowed ...** open and community source opportunities for HE  
Ian Dolphin, Executive Director Sakai
- 10.30 **The OSS landscape in libraries.** The motivations, benefits, challenges and products  
Ken Chad, Director Ken Chad Consulting
- 11.00 **Questions and debate on theme one**

#### 11.10 *Break*

#### **THEME TWO: Open Source in action**

- 11.30 **The business case for an open source library management Systems.** Koha at the University of Staffordshire  
Dave Parkes, Associate Director Information Services University of Staffordshire
- 12.00 **Open Source vertical search/discovery service and a shared service:** VuFind at SWWHEP  
Mark Hughes, Swansea University and South West Wales Higher Education Partnership
- 12.30 **Metasearching and local indexes: making it Just Work when two worlds collide.** Metasearching is the science or art of sending a query out to multiple remote servers, and seamlessly merging the results in a single list. As though this were not challenge enough, there is a current trend towards building large central indexes ("vertical search" or "discovery services"). Integrating these two approaches is one of the most thankless of all programming tasks. When it's done right it looks effortless but underneath the surface lie deadly traps  
Mike Taylor, IndexData
- 13.00 **Questions and debate on theme two**

#### 13.10-14.00 *Lunch*

## PROGRAMME: Wednesday 26 January (continued)

### THEME THREE: What capacity do we need for OSS to flourish in libraries?

- 14.00 **The mixed economy of Open source.** The uptake of open source library management systems in the UK is growing rapidly. What do we need to do to ensure that the HE sector gets maximum benefit from this trend?  
Nick Dimant, PTFS Europe
- 14.30 **Building community and capacity:** the lessons from existing community based initiatives in HE  
John Norman, Director, Centre for Applied Research in Educational Technologies (CARET), Cambridge University
- 15.00 **Questions and debate on theme three**

### 15.10 *Break*

### THEME FOUR: Steps to building capacity in the library community.

What actions do we need to take to better enable open source solutions to flourish?

- 15.30 **Open discussion**  
Lead: Ross Gardler, JISC OSS watch

### 16.30 Conference Close