Annual Research Planning with EPrints at The Glasgow School of Art

GSA’s EPrints repository, RADAR, is active and extensively used by their researchers. The Annual Research Planning (ARP) feature is an extension to RADAR, which allows researcher focused information to be collected and curated, highlighting the current and planned research activities for the individual, as well as the impact of their activities. ARP is supplied by EPrints Services.

The need for the Annual Research Plan arose in part from the outcome of the last Research Excellent assessment (REF 2014). Peer-reviewed ARPs enable researcher time to be allocated more effectively, with a view to maximising the number of high quality submissions to the next REF.

ARP feature aims:
Accessible within RADAR by the researcher and admins.
A facility for admins to access and export a report of each ARP for the peer reviewers.
Link with staff profiles (MePrints), to enable researcher info to be pulled through to the ARP automatically. Achievable for future reference.

ARPs have prompted researchers to keep their EPrint records up to date, which in turn increases the quality of the repository content, increasing the profile of the research overall. Having the ARP feature within the repository, not only keeps related info in one place, it saves the cost of having (yet) another management system altogether!

What’s next? – Launching this month, ARP Review support. As well as creating and managing the ARP within RADAR, the peer review and feedback mechanism will be integrated into the repository. For more info, contact us at info@services.eprints.org