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DORA (De Montfort Open Research Archive) is De Montfort University's research repository. DORA forms the primary public and institutional record of DMU research outputs and the research repository is vital to the university's research strategy.

The benefits of DORA include:

- Increased visibility and impact of research for both individuals and groups

- Optimised web visibility to maximise citation rates and 'impact' opportunities

- Provision of a permanent and stable archive of research outputs in one place for individuals, research groups and the university as a whole

- Production of lists and reports for individuals, departments or faculties. This information is used to populate staff research website profiles

- Future inter-operability with the REF submission system.

DORA currently lists around 5,000 items, and the breadth of research at DMU means that the system can include articles, conference papers, books, book chapters and other material available in a digital form (for example, music). The record for each item contains descriptive information as well as, where possible, a version of the final research output. Since January 2009 electronic deposit of PhD theses has also been mandatory and to date over 400 theses are available.

DORA MANDATE:

Since 2008 the university has had a mandate that all research outputs and publications must be recorded on DORA, and a version of that item deposited wherever possible. All staff are required to deposit research outputs in accordance with their faculty process.

The types of research output that should be submitted to DORA include:

- Articles
- Books and book chapters
- Conferences
- Patents
- Works of art (images)
- Performances (videos)
- Music compositions and recordings
- PhD theses
- All types of output submittable for the REF

The deposit of a full text or equivalent version is not mandated but encouraged where possible. Full consideration of copyright and related issues will be taken in uploading items and only those where this is not contravened will be included.

The co-operation of all researchers (and their managers) is vital in order to develop our record of research outputs, to ensure the availability of comprehensive information to assist with the REF submission and to increase the exposure of DMU research outside of the university. It is expected that all researchers submit details of their outputs to DORA in accordance with the mandate and thus ensure that DORA is able to reach its full potential for supporting research at DMU.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

Further information about DORA can be found on the DMU website. This includes the faculties' submission policies and advice on how to deposit research outputs on to DORA.

Reporting tool:

Reports can be generated from DORA via the reporting tool. Output lists can be generated by faculty, department and research group or by author name. The lists can be limited by output type and/or by date. These reports can be used for Research Record returns.

To access the reporting tool go to: library.dmu.ac.uk/research

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