



‘Publishing and Managing Digital Shared Grey Literature’

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Grey Literature is not just Text

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Grey Literature Publisher Commons: Organizations managing digital shared resources

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While the Grey Literature Publisher Commons (GLPC) is not yet an entity, it is however on the table for serious consideration. The idea was inspired by the publication of PUBGREY, a Registry of Publishers in Grey Literature that is in line with Commons Theory. This explains how communities self-organize to manage shared resources sustainably through their institutions. The concept of a Commons here not only allows for the open access of digital shared resources, but also the know-how and communication between and among grey literature publishers.

Early on, GreyNet moved from a demand-side perspective on grey literature to a supply-demand side perspective. This in itself broadened the range of stakeholders from librarians and documentalists to include the authors and researchers along with their publishing organizations.

Just as there are multiple and diverse grey literature document types, so too are the organizations that publish them. It serves no longer to simply state the sector in which these organizations are categorized, but it is now time to address them by their name.

The Global Forum for Publishers in Grey Literature would provide a unique opportunity for participating organizations to consider the idea of a Commons and gauge its viability. While GreyNet introduces this proposal, it well understands that it requires the commitment of lead organizations in order to proceed further.



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