

Open Research Online

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Transcript:

Chris Biggs:

ORO is the complete dataset of research publications by Open University researchers, so you get a great idea of the research that's being done at The Open University. The OU has got five different main research areas: Citizenship and Governance; International Development; Space Science and Exploration; Technology-Enhanced Learning; and Health and Wellbeing. So, you get a great idea of the different publications that are both going on within those five main strands, and outside of those main strands.

Fiona Durham:

That's quite a range of subject areas actually, isn't it?

Chris Biggs:

It's great, I mean you see for instance a few of them spring to mind: Jacqui Gabb's publications from the Enduring Love research project around how couples maintain long-term relationships, she's got about half a dozen publications in there from that research project, they're all fascinating.

Fiona Durham:

That sounds like it's really useful for the general public, never mind the research community.

Chris Biggs:

Well, that's great, that's what Open Research Online hopes to be, because it's an Open Access platform, so we can talk about that a little bit later. But the other types of research that's going on, especially in the Science faculty, is research in the Space Science and Exploration area that's relating to the application of space technologies to real-world problems.

Fiona Durham:

That sounds really exciting.

Chris Biggs:

The identification of microplastic pollution using SAR remote sensing; there's also research by Clara Mancini in Science that's looking at animal-computer interaction, which is the design and the use of technology for and by animals. There's something else that I find really interesting, because – as a parent of young children, some of the other research is really interesting: Teresa Cremin in Education does lots and lots of research about reading for pleasure, and trying to get kids reading, which is fascinating; you also have work in FASS with David Scott who does a lot of activism research into prison abolitionism; and you also have Steve Tombs, who's doing research into corporate and state crime and harm, and there's a recent publication in ORO that looks into social harm at Grenfell.