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Wednesday, 29 June, 2022

## The launch of Octopus: the new primary research record

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## About

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- A demonstration of Octopus and how it works
- Panel discussion: how Octopus can change research culture for the better
- Outline of the post-launch development roadmap
- Opportunity to pose questions to the panellists and project team.

## Speakers

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## Programme

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Octopus platform demo and Q&A

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17:00

Final comments and close

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- Academic research leads, including PVCs and those specialising in open research, research culture, and research assessment
- Librarians and those in library services
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