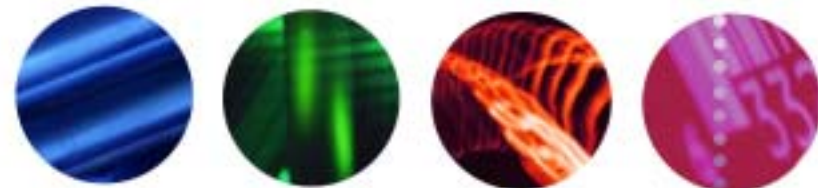# The JISC FAIR Programme

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Supporting further and higher education

The FAIR Programme

- Focus on Access to Institutional Resources (Institutional Repositories and Open Access)
- £2 million investment
- 14 projects
- August 2002 – October 2005

FAIR Objectives

- Investigate the deposit and disclosure of institutional assets
- Increase understanding of processes
  - Technical
  - Organisational
  - Cultural
- Contribute towards mechanisms and supporting services to allow the submission and sharing of content

The FAIR Projects

- The 14 projects are split into 3 clusters
  - e-prints and e-theses (eFAIR – 8 projects)
  - Museums and Images (4 projects)
  - Institutional Portals (2 projects)
- Projects are lasting from 1 year to 3 years
- Cover both HE and FE
- Involve >40 institutions across the UK

Key projects

- eFAIR
  - DAEDALUS
  - SHERPA
  - Theses Alive!
  - Electronic Theses
  - HaIRST
  - TARDis
- Institutional Portals
  - FAIR Enough

The Open Archives Initiative

- FAIR is inspired by the vision of the Open Archives Initiative (OAI)
  - Sharing digital resources based on a simple mechanism allowing metadata about those resources to be harvested into services
- OAI has its roots in an effort to enhance access to e-print archives as a means of increasing the availability of scholarly communication.
  - now used in many fields, e.g., learning materials, images, museum content

Institutional Repository Software

- eprints.org
  - widely used (127 known archives)
  - used within 5 FAIR projects
- DSpace
  - used within 3 FAIR projects
  - DSpace@Cambridge
  - Theses Alive! has written add-on
- Guide to Institutional Repository Software from OSI
  - http://www.soros.org/openaccess

Further Information

JISC FAIR Programme:

http://www.jisc.ac.uk/programme_fair.html