

DPC Prospectus

2025 – 2026



Digital Preservation Coalition

What is the Digital Preservation Coalition?

The Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) is an international charitable foundation which supports digital preservation. We enable our members around the world to deliver resilient long-term access to digital content and services. We do this by supporting the digital preservation community through targeted advocacy, training and workforce development, by showcasing good practice and by remaining dynamic, accountable and sustainable as an organization.

We are building a welcoming and inclusive global community which works together to bring about a sustainable future for our digital assets. We offer partnership and support for all sectors, agencies and individuals who share our vision and values. Our program, driven by member needs, benefits everyone working in digital preservation around the world.

What are the benefits of membership?

Benefits of Membership <i>A summary of the DPC member benefits is shown below with a full list on the DPC website</i>	Full Member	Associate Member
<u>Become part of and benefit from the global expert community of the Coalition and its members</u>	✓	✓
<u>Drive the DPC strategy and workplan to meet your own requirements</u>	✓	✗
Commission DPC's specialist program of <u>publications, activities and events</u> to inform your digital preservation work	✓	✗
<u>Receive direct support from DPC staff and subject specialists</u>	✓	✗
Attend Members Fora and Open Networking Events in locations around the world	✓	✓
<u>Establish and participate in cross-sector task forces and special interest groups</u>	✓	✓
<u>Participate in events on advanced digital preservation topics</u>	3 guaranteed places per event	1 guaranteed place per event
<u>Gain priority access to online and in-person training.</u>	✓	✓
<u>Access grants from the DPC Career Development Fund</u>	✓	✓
<u>Gain priority access to DPC resources on digital preservation topics</u>	✓	✓
<u>Receive support in maturity modelling with the DPC's Rapid Assessment Model (RAM).</u>	✓	✓
Maintain contact with a dedicated DPC staff member via the DPC Champions program	✓	✓
Participate in <u>thematic Sub-Committees to oversee and develop our program</u>	✓	✓
<u>Join the DPC Representative Council and nominate to the Executive Board</u>	✓	✗



The DPC is a welcoming and inclusive global community, working together to bring about a sustainable future for our digital assets.

What does the DPC do?

We deliver a set of practical events, activities and publications around digital preservation each year. These are commissioned and overseen by DPC members. The program is the result of continuous consultation with members around the world, about their needs and their successes, and the emerging requirements of the community globally.

Our activities and our community span multiple time zones, so we aim to ensure this program is accessible and useful to all. We record our main events so they can be accessed when most convenient. Where possible, we repeat events across multiple time zones with new material added each time, subject to suitability, capacity, and demand. Key resources, including this prospectus, are available in multiple languages, and we translate materials whenever possible. We will continue to expand the availability of our online materials through translation.

We consult partners and communities around the world to understand their needs, amplify their successes, and support their efforts.





DPC Members' Fora offer opportunities for community building, networking and knowledge exchange.

Highlights for 2025-2026

World Digital Preservation Day

6 NOVEMBER 2025

World Digital Preservation Day 2025 brings together individuals and institutions from across the world through events and activities which celebrate and highlight digital preservation practice! The theme for this year is **Why Preserve?** inviting the community to share their digital preservation stories and the reasons why we preserve.

DPC Annual Members Forum and Networking Events

NOVEMBER 2025, APRIL 2026, MAY 2026

This event series will take place face-to-face on 3 continents and forms part of a worldwide program of member networking activities. In addition to meeting and networking with other members of the Coalition and members of the local digital preservation community, an exciting program of fast-paced member-led talks and discussions will give DPC members the opportunity to take the floor and exchange ideas, showcase work and discuss key themes.

Carbon Footprint Toolkit

JANUARY 2026

This new resource will be released as an output from the DPC's Carbon Footprint Task Force. The toolkit will provide digital preservation practitioners with practical guidance to help them measure, assess, and reduce the environmental impact of their own digital preservation activities.

Managing Indigenous Cultural Material Task Force

JUNE-DECEMBER 2025

This Task Force brings together DPC Members to discuss and support the appropriate management of digital Indigenous Cultural Material in Australasia and Asia-Pacific in conjunction with traditional owners/custodians and communities and in line with agreed protocols.

New Technology Watch Publications

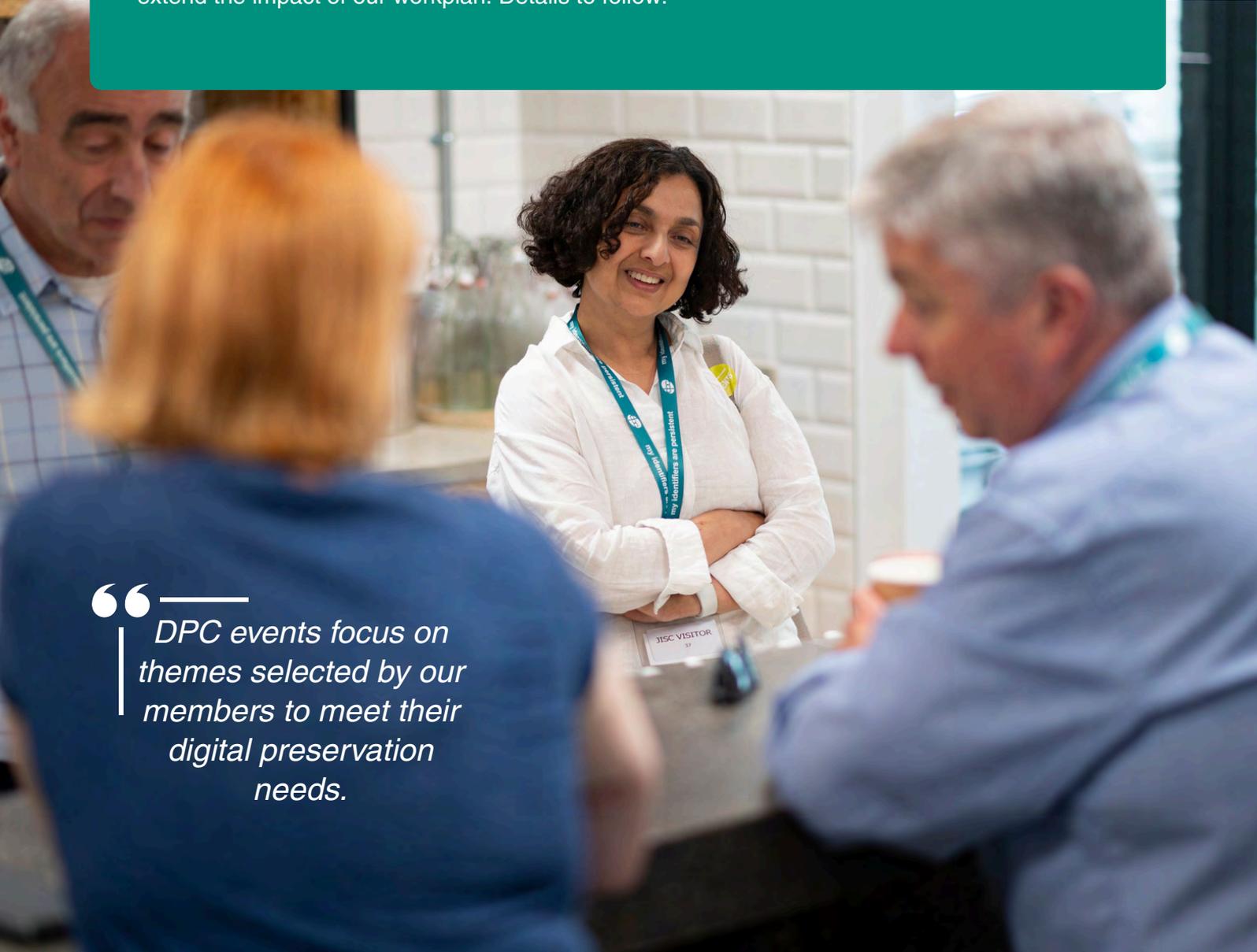
CYBERSECURITY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, AND DISASTER PLANNING

Our upcoming Technology Watch Reports and Guidance Notes will focus on critical digital preservation challenges: Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, and Disaster Planning. These resources will provide guidance on emerging technological developments affecting digital preservation practice.

Research and Development Fund

COMING THIS YEAR!

DPC is introducing a new 'Research and Development Fund' this year. Members will be invited to propose and commission practical and targeted research and development actions which extend the impact of our workplan. Details to follow.



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What's On?

The table below provides an at-a-glance view of our activities for the coming year. For more detail on each of these activities, click the links and see sections 1-5 for descriptions.

	Planned Activities for 2025-2026	Regular and Recurring Activities
August to October	<p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #DPClinic Intersection Records Management and Digital Preservation Disaster Planning #DPClinic Catalyzing African Community Archive <p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology Watch Publications 	<p>Every Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPC Digest <p>Every Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #DPConnect #DPClinic DPC Reading Club
November to January	<p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iPRES Radio World Digital Preservation Day DPC Members Forum and Networking Event: Australasia and Asia-Pacific Maturity Modelling Workshop on Rapid Assessment Model (RAM) Preserving e-publications Working with floppy disks <p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bit List of Endangered Digital Species Executive Guide 2.0 Advocacy Toolkit Labour Market Analysis Imaging floppy disks for long term preservation Carbon Footprint Toolkit 	<p>Every Two Months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Preservation Downloaded <p>Every Three Months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Board and Representative Council Meet the Members <p>Advertised calls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Development Fund <p>Special Interest Groups and Task Forces Monthly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preservation Registries Special Interest Group Managing Indigenous Cultural Material Task Force Digital Forensics Special Interest Group Carbon Footprint Task Force Databases Special Interest Group
February to April	<p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPC Supporter Showcase Webinar Series and Community Forum Digital Preservation Advocacy Training DPC Members Forum and Networking Event: Americas Call for Nominations for Digital Preservation Awards 2026 Workflow Webinars Environmental impact of digital preservation Cybersecurity Risk Management <p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserving e-publications training 	<p>Every 2 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audio Visual Special Interest Group Museums and Galleries Special Interest Group National Libraries and Archives (NatLA) Special Interest Group
May to July	<p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maturity Modelling Support: Rapid Assessment Model and Competency Audit Toolkit Advocacy Training for DP practitioners DPC Members Forum and Networking Event: Europe <p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy Training for DP practitioners Digital Preservation Procurement Toolkit 3.0 EDRMS Preservation Toolkit 2.0 Digital Preservation Policy Toolkit 3.0 	<p>Schedule to be confirmed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health and Wellbeing Task Force Web Archiving and Preservation Special Interest Group <p>Invitational and ad hoc groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member organizations in Crisis Bit List Council Low-Middle Income Economies Group
Always available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Preservation Handbook: work continues this year on a new 3.0 edition! Novice to Know-How online training Digital Preservation Learning Resources Portal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources and toolkits to support your digital preservation work Technology Watch Series with new titles for this year DPC Consultancy

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Our work is in five strategic areas:

Community

The DPC is first and foremost a community: our activities sustain this community and enable it to collaborate and grow.

Events and Fora		
Name	Type/ Location	Date
<p>#DPCconnect</p> <p>Informal drop-in sessions for conversation with members of the digital preservation community around the world. Taking place monthly with sessions timed for Australasia and Asia-Pacific, and Europe and Africa, and the Americas, sign up to receive the joining link. Open to all!</p>	Online event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Thursday of the month, 13:00 UTC-5 (timed for the Americas) • Second Thursday of the month, 14:00 UTC (timed for Europe and Africa) • Third Friday of the month, 03:00 UTC+10 / 02:00 UTC+11 in summer (timed for Australasia and Asia-Pacific)
<p>iPRES Radio</p> <p>Open to all, iPRES Radio is an informal online space for digital preservation communities in time zones outside the iPRES 2025 Conference in Wellington to come together, catch up, connect and discuss key takeaways from each day of the conference.</p>	Online event	<p>3 - 7 November 2025</p> <p>Daily, in two sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1 (timed for Europe/Africa): 1 hour, 14:00 -15:00 UTC • Session 2 (timed for Americas): 1 hour, 14:00 - 15:00 UTC-5
<p>DPC Members Forum and Networking event: Australasia and Asia-Pacific</p> <p>DPC Members are invited to join us for a program of networking, conversation and sharing, spread over two days, on consecutive weeks and in two locations. Members only.</p>	Wellington, New Zealand and Sydney, Australia	<p>7 November 2025</p> <p>14 November 2025</p>
<p>World Digital Preservation Day</p> <p>One day a year we celebrate all things digital preservation around the world. The theme for this year is Why Preserve?</p>	Online events	6 November 2025
<p>DPC Supporter Showcase Webinar Series and Community Forum</p> <p>Showcasing our DPC Supporters' offerings in turn, this event series will include another exciting online panel where we discuss integrations between systems.</p>	Online events	March 2026

Name	Type/ Location	Date
<p>DPC Members Forum and Networking event: Americas</p> <p>DPC Members are invited to join us for a program of networking, conversation and sharing at a location accessible for those organizations based in the Americas. This event is predominantly for members only, but we welcome the wider digital preservation community to join us for selected parts of the program.</p>	To be confirmed	April 2026
<p>DPC Members Forum and Networking event: Europe</p> <p>DPC Members are invited to join us for networking, conversation and sharing at a location accessible for those organizations based in Europe. This event is predominantly for members only, but we welcome the wider digital preservation community to join us for selected parts of the program</p>	To be confirmed	May 2026
<p>DPC Peer to Peer Support</p> <p>This year we will be inviting members to join a pilot 'peer to peer' network where specialists across the Coalition offer mutual support.</p>	Peer Support	Coming this year!
<p>DPC Digest and Member Blog</p> <p>A weekly email digest keeps DPC Members updated about what's going on within the Coalition, providing a round-up of the latest news and content from the DPC website. Members can also share their stories, projects, and organizational updates with the wider community through our Member Blog platform.</p>	Online publications	Weekly
<p>Meet the Members</p> <p>An opportunity for new DPC Members to meet the community and introduce their digital preservation work to date.</p>	Online event	Quarterly



“DPC members receive support in advocating for digital preservation within their organizations.”

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Advocacy

The DPC represents the international digital preservation community: our activities contribute towards a climate of public and institutional policy which is better informed and better inclined towards digital preservation.

Activities	Date
<p>Digital Preservation Advocacy Training</p> <p>This year we will offer face-to-face Advocacy Training for DPC Members. The training will focus on alignment with strategic objectives, identifying and understanding audiences, and crafting effective communications which demonstrate the value and need for digital preservation in your organizations, plus a round-table session to enable sharing of example initiatives of what works!</p>	February 2026
<p>Digital Preservation Awards 2026: Call for Nominations</p> <p>While the Digital Preservation Awards will be presented in our next DPC year (2026-2027), the call for nominations will open early 2026.</p>	Awards process to start early 2026

Resources	Date
<p><u>The Bit List of Endangered Digital Species</u></p> <p>A free-to-access and open resource for digital preservation advocacy, the DPC's Global Bit List of Endangered Digital Species (or Bit List for short) is a community-sourced list of at-risk digital materials which is reviewed every two years. An updated version will be published on World Digital Preservation Day.</p>	6 November 2025
<p><u>Executive Guide 2.0</u></p> <p>This Executive Guide on Digital Preservation is an advocacy tool which contains a set of messages designed to communicate digital preservation to senior executives in a range of organisations, in their language. This year we will embark on a project to update and enhance the messages it contains.</p>	January 2026
<p>Advocacy Toolkit: Supporting Organizational Change</p> <p>Including all the DPC resources for supporting Organizational Change, an Advocacy Toolkit will provide quick access to the Executive Guide on Digital Preservation, the Digital Preservation Business Case Toolkit, and others, alongside case studies and advice on how they can be applied to support internal advocacy work.</p>	January 2026
<p><u>Translations</u></p> <p>We continue to welcome volunteer translations of DPC resources into languages other than English. In addition, we are keen to translate key digital preservation resources from around the world into English.</p>	Ongoing

Working Groups and Task Forces	Date
<p><u>Bit List Council</u> The production of the Global Bit List of Endangered Digital Species is made possible through the generous support of the Bit List Council and their respective networks. All entries to the Bit List are reviewed by these dedicated organizations which represent global expertise in these areas.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Low-Middle Income Economies Group A special initiative which aims to support access to the digital preservation community in Low and Middle-Income economies. This global group has a particular focus on regions such as Africa, Latin-America, the Caribbean, South-East Asia and the Pacific. Our goal is to facilitate these communities in their endeavours to safeguard digital resources for future generations.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>DPC Member Organizations in Crisis In these uncertain and turbulent times, this new group for DPC Members who find themselves in crisis will offer the chance for members to seek support from other organisations able to offer assistance. The group will run on an ad hoc basis.</p>	<p>Ad hoc / Launching in 2025</p>
<p>Digital Preservation Awards Judging Panel The Digital Preservation Awards Judging Panel will reconvene to consider a new set of awards nominations, with winners to be announced later in the year.</p>	<p>Recommencing January 2026</p>



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*The Digital Preservation Awards
 celebrate good practice in digital
 preservation from around the world.*

3 Workforce Development

We provide opportunities for our members to acquire, develop and retain competent and responsive workforces that are ready to address the challenges of digital preservation.

Training	Date
<p><u>Novice to Know-How (N2KH) online training</u> The Novice to Know-How online training will continue to be available to the community at no cost, including Digital Preservation for Beginners as well as specialized courses on email preservation and building a digital asset register. Development of the courses was funded by The National Archives, UK.</p>	<p>Available now!</p>
<p>Preserving e-publications As an outcome of the Open Book Futures project, the DPC will develop training materials on e-publication preservation.</p>	<p>April 2026</p>
<p>Advocacy Training for Digital Preservation Practitioners Work will begin to incorporate our instructor-led training (see Section 2) into an online module, accessible through the DPC's learning management system.</p>	<p>By July 2026</p>
<p>Digital Preservation Downloaded Conversations with key digital preservation pioneers, asking them what they wish they knew before they started, and how the lessons they've learned can help fellow digital memory keepers in our community.</p>	<p>Six episodes per year</p>
<p>Tailored Introductory Courses in Digital Preservation *</p>	<p>Contact us</p>
<p>Digital Preservation Lectures for Higher Education Institutions**</p>	<p>Contact us</p>
<p><u>Career Development Fund</u> Funded by DPC Supporters, the Career Development Fund provides grants for members to undertake training and professional development opportunities. Fully-funded grants are regularly offered for established courses, conferences, and events through calls for applications. DPC Members may also apply for a self-identified grant to attend a training or development opportunity they have identified independently, allowing more flexibility to meet local development needs.</p> <p>Grant opportunities planned for 2025 - 2026 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Time To Wait (NTTW) Conference • International Conference on Digital Preservation (iPRES) • Australian Society of Archivists (ASA) Annual Conference • International Digital Curation Conference (IDCC) • Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) Digital Directions • PV2026 (Adding value to and preserving scientific and technical data) Conference • Society for Imaging Science and Technology (IS&T) Archiving Conference 	<p>Ongoing</p>

* We can deliver tailored training sessions on request, dependent on availability and other program commitments.

** The DPC also welcomes invitations to speak directly to students at their teaching institutions.

Resources

We will be updating and adding to our resources this year. Discover all the DPC resources available to help you with workforce development for digital preservation on our website: <https://www.dpconline.org/digipres/prof-development>

<p><u>Digital Preservation Handbook 3.0</u></p> <p>Following the outcomes from the Handbook Scoping Project and discussion, a major revision of the Digital Preservation Handbook will continue this year. The Handbook provides guidance for institutions and individuals on a broad range of digital preservation issues, including a continually expanding range of practical tool demos and resources to help develop your digital preservation activities.</p>	<p>Publication in 2026</p>
<p><u>Digital Preservation Learning Resources Portal</u></p> <p>Launched in March 2025, the DPC hosts this community registry of digital preservation learning resources, open to all for use and editing. The portal helps practitioners, educators and students find training opportunities and will continue to be developed by the DPC.</p>	<p>Available now!</p>
<p><u>Labour Market Analysis</u></p> <p>This year we will produce a new report analyzing the digital preservation labour market, which will be shared with the wider community. We will examine current trends, skills gaps, and employment opportunities to provide valuable insights for digital preservation practitioners.</p>	<p>January 2026</p>
<p><u>Job advertisements and recruitment</u></p> <p>Members are encouraged to post digital preservation job vacancies to the DPC website as part of their membership benefits.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Special Interest Groups and Task Forces

<p><u>DPC Reading Club</u></p> <p>Join us each month to discuss a recently published article relevant to digital preservation. Meeting times will rotate to accommodate members in different time zones around the world.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><u>Mental Health and Wellbeing Task Force</u></p> <p>Building on the results of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Survey, the DPC will establish a task force to identify and develop good practice guidance and resources for supporting the digital preservation community.</p>	<p>Coming this year!</p>

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Good Practice

We support our members towards greater maturity in digital preservation by delivering knowledge exchange, continuous improvement, horizon scanning, advice on standards, authoritative publications, and through engaging and informative events.

Events

This is an indicative program and dates may change. All events are free to DPC Members. The majority of our events are open for all to attend. For event specific information, see all events listings and up to date details on the DPC events page: <https://www.dpconline.org/events>

Name	Type/ Location	Date
<p>#DPClinic Monthly topical sessions invite discussion and debate around shared challenges in preservation. Topics this year will include JPEG 2000, encryption, preservation metadata, time-based media art conservation, retention schedules in a digital world and Indigenous data sovereignty. The DPC welcomes suggestions for #DPClinic topics.</p>	Online events	Monthly
<p>Disaster Planning Join this launch event for the new Technology Watch Guidance Note on Disaster Planning, providing essential information and good practices for digital preservation emergency preparedness.</p>	Online event	October 2025
<p>Maturity Modelling Workshop: The RAM Jam This year's 'RAM Jam' will provide another opportunity for members to share experiences of how they use the Rapid Assessment Model (RAM). Members only.</p>	Online event	December 2025
<p>Preserving e-publications This event will facilitate knowledge exchange and gather community feedback on current practices and emerging challenges on the preservation of e-publications.</p>	Online event	January 2026
<p>Working with floppy disks This online workshop co-hosted with Cambridge University Libraries will share learnings from the 'Future Nostalgia' project and provide practical help with floppy disk preservation.</p>	Online event	January 2026
<p>Workflow Webinars Join this series of webinars to learn how others within the community approach particular aspects of the digital preservation lifecycle at their organizations. This year the themes for these workflow webinars will be preservation planning workflows and workflows at scale.</p>	Online events	February 2026
<p>Environmental impact of digital preservation This event will provide an opportunity for the DPC's Carbon Footprint Task Force to share the outputs of their work over the past year, including a new DPC resource to help organizations calculate the carbon costs of digital preservation activities.</p>	Online event	February 2026

<p>Cybersecurity Join our launch event for the new cybersecurity guidance note, featuring presentations of real-world approaches and case studies from various organizations.</p>	Online event	March 2026
<p>Emulation and Software Preservation This event will provide an opportunity to learn about different organizational approaches to emulation and software preservation.</p>	Online event	March 2026
<p>Risk Management Digital preservation is all about risk management – in this event we will take a deep dive into the topic and hear from a range of digital preservation practitioners on how they articulate and manage digital preservation risk.</p>	Online event	April 2026
<p>Maturity Modelling Support: RAM-balance and CAT Scan Sessions Online drop-in sessions for DPC Members seeking support with the DPC Rapid Assessment Model (RAM) for Maturity Modelling and the DPC Competency Audit Toolkit (CAT) for skills assessment. Members only.</p>	Online event	April-May 2026
<p>Digital Preservationists Anonymous (Fail Club) Join these confidential sessions to share and learn from others grappling with the challenge of digital preservation. Sessions will be run on demand and dependent on scheduling and availability in various locations around the world. Members only.</p>	Event	On demand

Resources and Toolkits

We will be updating and adding to our toolkits and resources this year. Discover all the DPC resources available to help you with your digital preservation work on our website: <https://www.dpconline.org/digipres>

<p>Imaging floppy disks for long term preservation This new resource is being developed to support digital preservation professionals working with floppy disks. This resource will be one of the outcomes of the Future Nostalgia project.</p>		November 2025
<p>Carbon Footprint Toolkit This new resource will be released as an output from the DPC's Carbon Footprint Task Force. The toolkit will provide digital preservation practitioners with practical guidance to measure, assess and reduce the environmental impact of their own digital preservation activities.</p>		December 2025
<p>Digital Preservation Procurement Toolkit The third version of our Procurement Toolkit will be released this year with key revisions and updates. This resource guides organizations through the procurement process for digital preservation solutions.</p>		May 2026
<p>EDRMS Preservation Toolkit This toolkit providing advice and guidance on the preservation of records held within an Electronic Document and Records Management Systems or other record keeping systems will be revised and updated this year.</p>		July 2026
<p>Digital Preservation Policy Toolkit This toolkit guiding organizations through the development of digital preservation policies - from initial research and drafting to implementation - will be revised and updated this year.</p>		July 2026
<p>Community Archives Digital Preservation Toolkit Launched in 2024, this toolkit is designed to empower community archives at every stage of their digital preservation journey. The DPC will continue to update the Community Archives toolkit and provide support to help organizations implement it effectively.</p>		Ongoing

Publications

Technology Watch Series

The subjects in our publication plan this DPC year reflect the strategic needs of Full Members, and the publications are overseen by the DPC Good Practice Sub-Committee. All members are offered early access to publications on the DPC website.

Technology Watch Reports

Providing in depth reference guides to specific digital preservation topics:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Web Archiving (revision)
- Preservation Metadata (revision)
- The Open Archival Information System (OAIS) Reference Model (revision)

Technology Watch Guidance Notes

Providing bite-sized overviews of specific digital preservation challenges and solutions:

- Disaster Planning
- Cybersecurity

Projects

Throughout the year, the DPC will undertake and support research and development work, and ensure the benefits are shared with the wider community.

<p>Registries of Good Practice</p>	<p>Our two-year collaboration with Yale University Library continues this year, exploring different ways to highlight and integrate the many registries and collections of digital preservation good practice. We will work closely with the organizations that dedicate their time to building these resources to support and amplify the effort that goes into the services we all rely on.</p>
<p>Open Book Futures</p>	<p>A follow-on from the Community-led Open Publication Infrastructures for Monographs (COPIM) project, the DPC will continue to enable knowledge exchange with the global digital preservation community, ensuring that open access publications are made resilient beyond the limits of the infrastructure through which they are created.</p>
<p>Future Nostalgia</p>	<p>The DPC is a project partner in the Future Nostalgia project: Safeguarding the knowledge of floppy disks. This year-long initiative investigates good practice in the preservation of floppy disks. A key outcome will be a guide and an online workshop in January 2026.</p>
<p>EMBARK</p>	<p>DPC staff will engage in the European Media and Born-Digital Art Conservation and Knowledge Network (EMBARK). This peer-to-peer network of individual researchers and practitioners aims to strengthen Europe's ability to safeguard its collections of media art for current and future generations.</p>
<p>DPC Research and Development Fund</p>	<p>Coming this year!</p>

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The connections between DPC members facilitate growth and development in digital preservation.”



DPC Support Services

DPC Direct Support

The DPC offers targeted support and advice to Full Members as part of their membership. Contact us to discuss your needs and how we can help.

DPC Consultancy

We offer specialized paid consultancy services available to both members and non-members, subject to our capacity and expertise. Potential topics of work include maturity modelling, policy and strategy development and forward planning. Bespoke digital preservation advice dependent on organisational needs and DPC expertise is also available.

As we continue to expand this service, we remain committed to our core values, including care for our members, resources, people and environment as well as maintaining our neutrality in respect to solutions, approaches, sectors, suppliers and vendors. Visit our website to explore our consultancy offerings and fees, or contact us directly to discuss how we can address your specific needs.

Special Interest Groups and Task Forces

These active Special Interest Groups (which explore a specific subject area) and Task Forces (which address a specific task on a time-limited basis) are open to members and invited guests and are spaces to discuss, debate and resolve issues on targeted topics in an informal and confidential way.

<p>Databases Special Interest Group This new group has been established in response to Member need. It will meet monthly to discuss and address the particular preservation challenges presented by databases, and to explore approaches and solutions that community members have found useful.</p>	<p>Coming this year!</p>
<p>Managing Indigenous Cultural Material Task Force The Task Force brings together DPC Members to discuss and support the appropriate management of digital Indigenous Cultural Material in Australasia and Asia-Pacific in conjunction with traditional owners/custodians and communities and in line with agreed protocols. Meeting monthly June-December 2025.</p>	<p>Coming this year!</p>
<p>Carbon Footprint Task Force This Task Force meets monthly to work on the creation of a new toolkit for calculating the carbon footprint of digital preservation activities.</p>	<p>Ongoing (until December 2025)</p>
<p><u>Preservation Registries Special Interest Group</u> This group is a place to explore the information sources that digital preservation depends on, and to build connections between collections. The digital preservation community needs reliable information on formats, tools, workflows, software, policies and practices, and this group meets every month to find, interlink and maintain these crucial resources.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Audio Visual Special Interest Group This group brings together DPC Members to discuss issues and challenges relating to the preservation of digital content that is either audio, video, or both. It provides an opportunity to share experiences, discuss good practice, and identify and address common problems.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Museums and Galleries Special Interest Group This Special Interest Group is open to members who are involved in digital preservation activities in a museum or gallery setting. The group meets every 2 months to share experiences and address topics of particular interest to this sector.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>National Libraries and Archives Special Interest Group This group meets every 2 months to provide a forum for those working in national libraries or archives to discuss issues relating to their digital preservation activities and share questions and experiences.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><u>Web Archiving and Preservation Special Interest Group</u> This group will be re-established this year, providing a forum for the community to share their experiences of web archiving and preservation.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Digital Forensics Special Interest Group This group meets monthly to discuss the use of digital forensics techniques in digital preservation. Group members set their own agenda and can use these meetings to ask questions, share experiences and discuss challenges around digital forensics tools and workflows.</p>	<p>Ongoing (subject to review)</p>

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Accountable, Sustainable & Dynamic Governance

We will maintain and enhance our organizational functions and structures to ensure good governance, and we will demonstrate a commitment to members, to our values and to the greater good as laid down in the Articles of Association and our charitable objects.

Meeting type	Date
Meetings of Executive Board and Representative Council	Quarterly
Meetings of DPC Sub-Committees	Quarterly
Annual General Meeting	December 2025
Election of Chair and Vice Chair	December 2025
Annual Report	December 2025
Independent Auditor's Report	December 2025
Nominations to the DPC Board	January 2026
Recruitment for DPC Sub-Committees	January 2026
Register of Directors' Interests	Shared with members
Quarterly Reports and Workplans to members	Published Quarterly



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We remain accountable to our DPC members, who own and direct our activities.

Here's why some of our latest members have joined the DPC:

"We are delighted to join the Digital Preservation Coalition and look forward to strengthening our digital preservation practices through collaboration with the international DPC community."

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

"We are eager to build knowledge, partnerships, and participate in the development of digital preservation best practices."

American Institute of Physics, USA

"We look forward to opportunities to contribute our shared values of service, accountability, and innovation within the DPC and the broader preservation community as we strive to support our members' digital stewardship needs now and into the future."

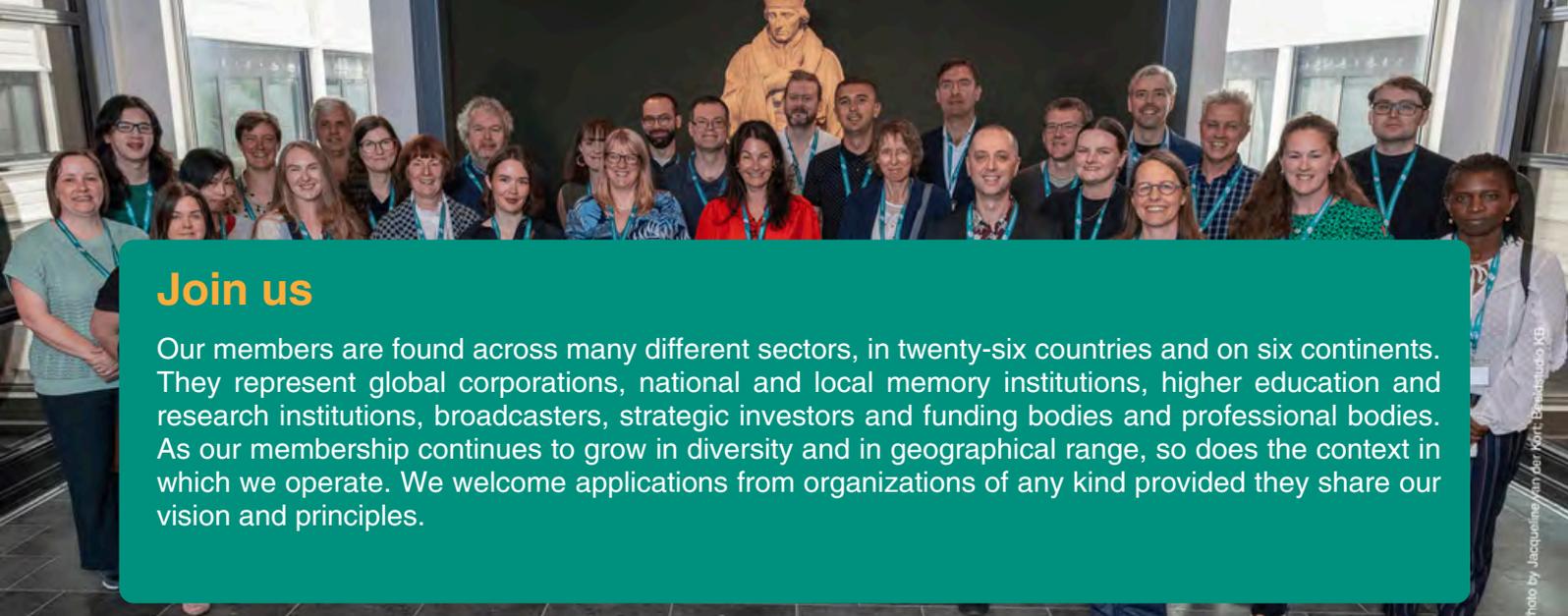
The Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL), Canada

"The Melbourne Cricket Club is excited to join the DPC and take its next steps in preserving Australia's digital sporting heritage."

Melbourne Cricket Club, Australia

"This partnership will help us learn from and share best practice, as we continue to deliver our mission protecting the 9 million people in the UK with a defined benefit pension and delivering for our members."

Pension Protection Fund, UK



Join us

Our members are found across many different sectors, in twenty-six countries and on six continents. They represent global corporations, national and local memory institutions, higher education and research institutions, broadcasters, strategic investors and funding bodies and professional bodies. As our membership continues to grow in diversity and in geographical range, so does the context in which we operate. We welcome applications from organizations of any kind provided they share our vision and principles.

There are three routes to guide and support the DPC:

- **Full Membership:** leadership roles with extended access to the Coalition and its staff and outputs, as well as the opportunity to direct the Coalition's activities to meet specific thematic areas.
- **Associate Membership:** access to events, programs and publications and the opportunity to develop innovative cross-sector partnerships.
- **DPC Supporters:** any organization which provides products or services to the digital preservation community is welcome to register as a DPC Supporter, sponsoring our work to extend the global digital preservation community.

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