

**CCC to Host Virtual Town Hall
“Understanding the New UKRI Open Access Policy”**

October 21, 2021 – Danvers, Mass. – [CCC](#), a leader in advancing copyright, accelerating knowledge, and powering innovation, will present a [Town Hall](#) discussion on Wednesday, 27 October at 11:00 a.m. EDT/16:00 BST, “Understanding the New [UKRI](#) Open Access Policy.”

Following extensive consultation with the sector, UKRI (UK Research and Innovation), a non-department public body of the UK government that directs research and innovation funding, published a single [Open Access Policy](#) for research publications to increase opportunity for publicly funded research to be accessed, shared and reused. UKRI’s updated policy requires immediate Open Access for peer-reviewed research articles submitted for publication beginning 1 April 2022. It also includes a new requirement for monographs, book chapters and edited collections published from 1 January 2024 to be made Open Access within 12 months of publication.

UKRI’s Head of Open Research Rachel Bruce will outline the policy and what it means, highlighting key changes for publishers and researchers. Rob Johnson, Founder and Managing Director, Research Consulting, will lead the discussion. Other esteemed guests include David Prosser, Executive Director, Research Libraries UK (RLUK) and Ros Pyne, Global Director, Research and Open Access, Bloomsbury Publishing. Audience questions are welcome and may be submitted in advance to events@copyright.com.

“The new UKRI Open Access Policy is an important step towards realizing our vision of a more open and transparent research culture, which is widely shared across the research and innovation community,” said Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser, UKRI Chief Executive, at the [policy launch in August](#). “I am grateful to the many people and organizations who contributed their views during the development of the policy, and we look forward to continuing to work together to implement Open Access.”

“The promise of OA is to expand access to research across the [scientific publishing ecosystem](#) and beyond,” said Tracey Armstrong, President and CEO, CCC. “We at CCC look forward to engaging with the global community of publishers, authors, funders and institutions as we explore this initiative in the Town Hall forum.”

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