Access Lab 2021 panel debate

**Wednesday 17 March 2021, 4 pm GMT**

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| Title | Crossing the digital divide through collaboration |
| Description | This year’s pandemic spotlighted issues around the digital divide that we can no longer afford to leave on the back burner. Change is here and now. Let’s grasp it and build a better future for everyone.  Access to the internet, digital devices, digital resources and appropriate spaces to learn and study all come into the mix when it comes to giving people equal access to knowledge.  As providers of scholarly information, how can librarians and publishers work together to close the gap between those that have access to knowledge and those that don’t? And what steps do we need to take as a community to make sure we’re doing our very best for our library users?  Our panel debate will discuss some of the issues around the digital divide. Speakers will share their ideas on how we can provide a more equitable service for researchers and students, wherever they are in the world. |
| Format | 60 minute panel debate with representatives from the scholarly communications community.  5 min elevator pitch from each speaker on what’s important to them, followed by 40 min Q&A from our conference audience.  Questions submitted at registration and also invited from the live conference audience. |