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Preface

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Libraries and Learning Innovation at Leeds Beckett University provides a comprehensive integrated service to our users including Library services and resources, digital and academic skills support and support for online learning, teaching and research provision.

In this first edition of our new In-House published journal **Collaborate: Libraries in Learning and Innovation**, we wanted to capture examples of our work, here at Leeds Beckett University, that illustrate the definition of the journal title, as above. We wanted to give our staff in Libraries and Learning Innovation a platform to showcase their work to our University and to the wider HE sector. Staff were asked to submit articles which illustrated examples of our collaboration with peers, with academic colleagues, with our students and others across the sector. Our first edition we believe gives a flavour of the kind of collaborative work that our staff are undertaking and of how that work can or is benefitting our users, our services and our institution. We are very proud and pleased to be able to publish their papers in this journal and hope that you will enjoy reading them.

The journey of setting up and publishing our first open access journal using PKP (Public Knowledge Project) Open Journals System has been both exciting and informative and we hope that the lessons learned will feed into our next edition and into other publications in which our staff will be further encouraged to share thoughts and details of their excellent collaborative work, through the medium of open access publishing, with others across the sector.

If, dear readers, you have any comments on the journal or any of the articles contained therein we would be happy to receive them to help us on our way. Please feel free to get in touch with us at A.Sargeant@LeedsBeckett.ac.uk or J.H.Fisher@LeedsBeckett.ac.uk

Thank you for taking the time to join us in our journey.