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Lifting Barriers: Using Talis Aspire with our Alternative Formats Service

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Alternative formats service

- Accessible copies of resources for eligible students
- Obtain reading list texts from two main sources:
  - RNIB Bookshare
  - Direct publisher requests
Alternative formats service

- Providing Alternative Formats Service for over 10 years
- Complex workflow, increased demand
- Service review 2018-19
Continuous Improvement

“If you can’t describe what you are doing as a process, you don’t know what you are doing”

W. Edwards Deming
Problem

Inefficient workflow
Solution

Streamlined workflow
Problem

Alternative Formats students using a different reading list to their peers
Solution

Providing a parity of experience

Alternative Formats List ALT-EDUC718 - Dissertation (ALT-EDUC718)

How do I use this reading list?

This list is only for the use of print impaired students eligible for the Alternative Formats Service. You will have been informed by Disability Advice if you are eligible for this service.

Click the “View Online” button at the right of the screen to access each resource. Please see the Alternative Formats Service website for help: https://libguides.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/library_alternative_formats_service/welcome

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Forum: Qualitative Social Research Journal - Importance not set

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Problem

Limited access to wider reading
Solution

Enabling independent learning
Alternative Formats Workflow

Stage 1
Adding Students

Stage 2
Collections & Acquisitions

Stage 3
Requesting publisher files

Stage 4
Accessible files for preferred formats

Stage 5
Sharing reading list with student
"I feel like this will be life changing for me. Because you can literally just click and it is there. The amount of times I literally have had to go into different tabs to get things, but it is all in one place which is really nice."

Alternative Formats Student
Semester 1 - Statistics

- 61 Students using the service
- 154 Alt Formats Talis Reading Lists created and shared
- 154 RNIB Bookshare Reading Lists created and shared
- 81 RNIB Bookshare downloads - non reading list titles
- 240 Publisher titles requested (172 supplied)
Student Video
Alternative formats - a student perspective

Proactive service, help available, flexible approach
Better service for students

• More efficient
• Independent learning
• Up to date reading list & resources
Thank you
Any questions?