WHAT IS THE RESEARCH SUPPORT AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME?

The role of the academic librarian is changing from providing access to material to supporting researchers in sharing their work with the wider world. This offers opportunities for library staff to develop their skills but how do they keep up? The Research Support Ambassador Programme offers training in the area of scholarly communication and helps equip staff to work in a 21st century library.

BENEFITS

- Enhanced level of scholarly communication literacy
- Strengthened relationships across libraries
- Increased professional confidence
- Chance to challenge yourself
- Higher level of research support across libraries

OUTLINE....

- Scholarly communication in context – targeted training sessions on key areas
- Transferrable skills – valuable training in areas such as presentation skills, teamwork and leadership
- Group project – work to produce training materials to benefit libraries around Cambridge

FEEDBACK FROM AMBASSADORS

“Provided a great way to develop and update my knowledge”

“It was invaluable to get new perspectives from colleagues and to have the chance to make new connections”

“I now feel better able to talk to researchers”

88% WOULD RECOMMEND

EVIL* FUTURE PLANS

In response to feedback we will be changing the programme to make Ambassadors stronger and better able to fight crime (and support the research community!).

Changes include:
- A longer programme with more time to train and complete tasks
- Scheduling in more time for group work
- Smaller project groups to make meeting up easier

(*) not really!

THE END?

It doesn’t have to be!

The Research Support Ambassadors will return in 2017. Watch out for calls for interest or email Claire Sewell (ces43@cam.ac.uk) for more details!