

# White Rose Libraries Repositories Service Quarterly Report

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# Repositories Renewal Project

The Repositories Renewal Project to identify and implement the next phase of the repository platform continues to progress well. In November, the upgrade of WREO (White Rose Etheses Online) onto the latest version of Eprints began, with a period of user testing by colleagues at the three institutions to test functionality. The move to the live server will be completed in the new year.

Following this, the migration of WRRO (White Rose Research Online) onto the new platform will commence, and will undergo the same process of updating and user testing by colleagues at the three sites.





# Research Organisation Registry

The Repositories Board approved the creation of a Research Organisation Registry (ROR) for WRL. ROR is an open persistent identifier which is used to identify organisations and connect research organizations to researchers and research outputs. This will allow WRL to connect to its parent institutions and the White Rose University Consortium, as well as link to concrete outputs and activities. As part of its creation, the Repositories Board will be identifying use cases and guidelines for use of the ROR.



# CORE membership



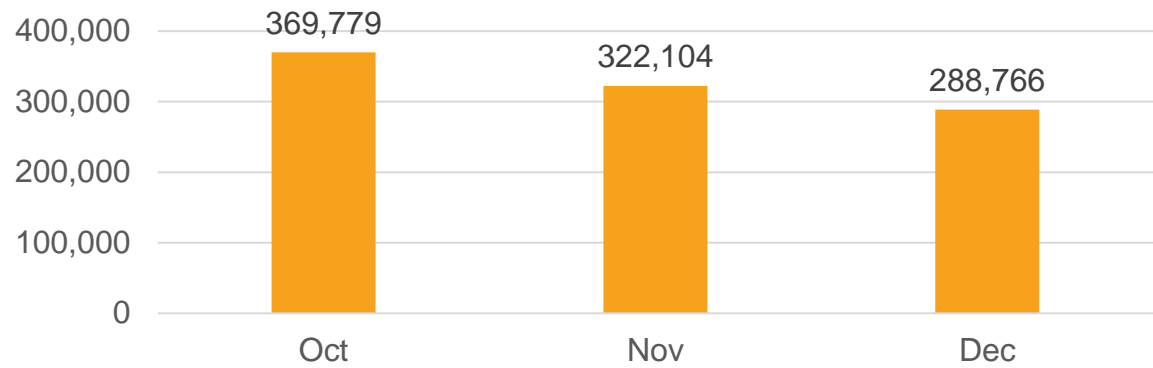
Following a period of evaluation, the Repositories Board, supported by the White Rose Libraries Executive Board, approved in principle the renewal of WRL's CORE membership for another three years. The next iteration of membership will be at Supporting level, balancing WRL's commitment to financially support this important resource with the appropriate level of cost/value. CORE is a not-for-profit service which promotes discoverability of research and provides data on the repository contents and their reach. WRL is pleased to support the work of CORE through continued membership.

# WRRO – usage

From October – December 2024, there were total of **980,649** downloads from WRRO. This figure makes WRRO the **second most used** repository in the UK.

## WRRO downloads

All statistics on this and following pages are compiled from [IRUS UK](#): total-item-requests for period 01/10/24-31/12/24



### Top 5 most downloaded items Oct’ 24 – Dec ‘24:

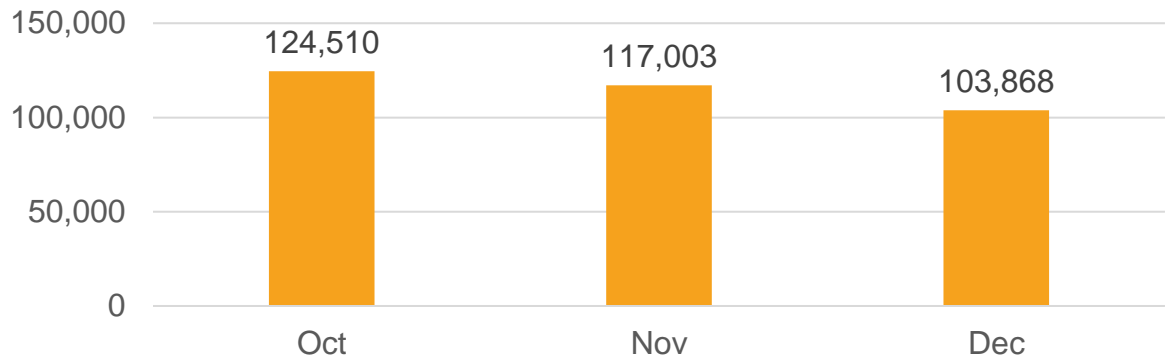
<a href="#">Brother, Sister, Rape: Hebrew Bible and Popular Culture</a>	16,589 downloads
<a href="#">Research in marketing strategy</a>	5,943 downloads
<a href="#">PRISMA Extension for Scoping Reviews (PRISMA-ScR):Checklist and Explanation</a>	3,739 downloads
<a href="#">Scoping studies: towards a methodological framework</a>	3,043 downloads
<a href="#">Procrastination and the Priority of Short-Term Mood Regulation: Consequences for Future Self</a>	2,783 downloads



# WREO - usage

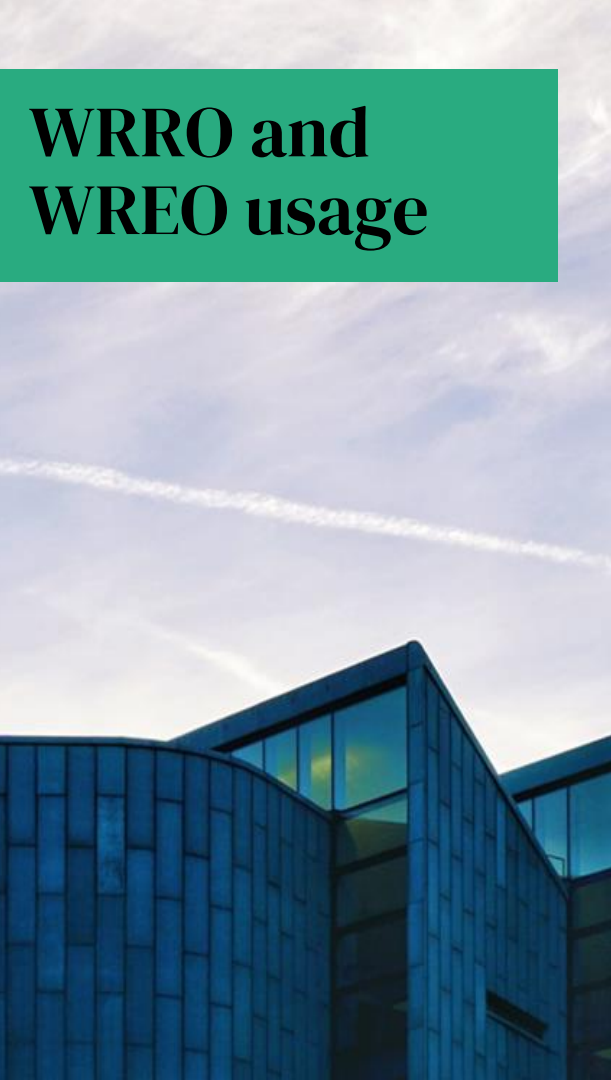
From Oct – Dec 2024, there were **345,381** total downloads from WREO. This puts WREO in the **top 15 most used** repositories in the UK

WREO downloads 01/10/24 – 31/12/24



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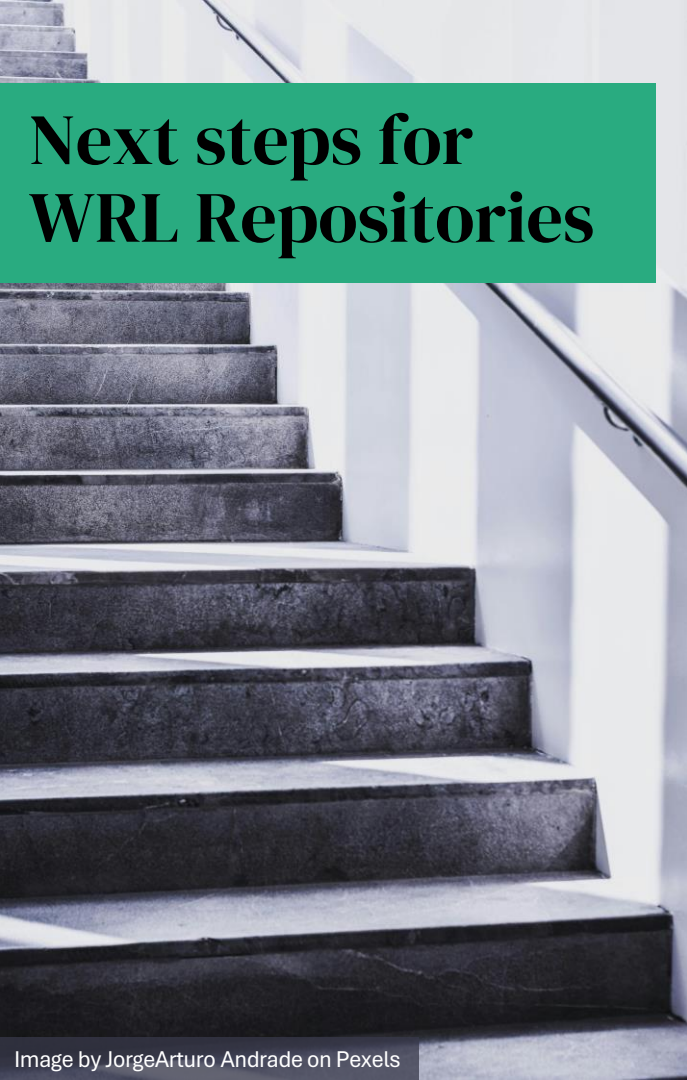
<a href="#">Online discourse in a primary school setting</a>	3,764 downloads
<a href="#">The design process in architecture: a pedagogic approach using interactive thinking</a>	1,858 downloads
<a href="#">Strategy intervention to enhance reading comprehension of 15-year-old students in Mexico</a>	1,584 downloads
<a href="#">An analysis of technical trading strategies</a>	1,400 downloads
<a href="#">USE AND EXPERIENCE IN TWO RECREATIONAL FORESTS IN SELANGOR STATE, MALAYSIA: THE IMPACT OF AGE, GENDER AND ETHNICITY</a>	1,309 downloads



# WRRO and WREO usage

On a national scale, WRRO and WREO’s combined download totals make them the *second most used* repository platform in the UK, with a **combined total of 1,326,030** downloads. The White Rose repositories also rank second for the whole of 2024, with a **combined total of 5,545,190** downloads. See how they compare to the next top 5 most used repositories services:

Repository	Oct 2024 downloads	Nov 2024 downloads	Dec 2024 downloads	Total
WRRO	369,779	322,104	288,766	980,649
WREO	124,510	117,003	103,868	345,381
UCL Discovery	610,217	520,238	455,870	1,586,325
Oxford University Research Archive	259,279	244,056	234,678	738,013
Apollo – University of Cambridge	238,398	234,428	261,037	733,863
Newcastle University Library ePrints Service	423,332	130,912	152,202	706,446
LSE Research Online	222,364	201,206	180,167	603,737



# Next steps for WRL Repositories

## **Repositories Renewal Project – WRRO upgrade**

Work will continue in the new year on the repositories upgrade, with the full migration of WREO onto the new platform due at the beginning of January and WRRO soon to follow.

## **MFA for repositories**

Following the approval of the use of Multi Factor Authentication via institutional Single Sign On for the repositories, implementation of this will be factored into the White Rose workplan following the repositories upgrade.

## **DOIs**

The Repositories Operational group continues to explore the automatic creation of DOIs for items and how best to incorporate these into the repositories workflows.

## **Learning Assets Repository**

The Board will continue discussions around a possible Learning Assets Repository and how this can be achieved.