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## Capacity building and policy making in Digital Preservation

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# What's the problem?



Policy and skills within memory institutions are no longer aligned to the needs of the collections:

- Staffing ... major changes ahead
- Law and regulation ... major reform is imminent
- Institutional and professional boundaries ... shifting

Advocacy and Leadership is needed but whom to trust?





Locally, recognition of growing value of digital collections

- Data Audit Framework
- Data Management Planning
- Incremental

Law and regulatory environment moving at different speeds

- Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (implemented 2013)
- Legal Deposit Regulations 201x
- Gowers' review of preservation exceptions
- Hargreaves review of Orphan Works



## Crises of identities:

- Crises in the roles of the library, archive, museum, records manager
- Subject specialist versus generic digital preservation
- Fundamental computing science
- Systems analysis and admin
- Knowledge management

# Policy and capacity: thoughts



1. This is a MAJOR CHALLENGE
  - *Tractable but significant problem of our generation*
  - *Policy makers and leaders need to be engaged*
  - *Bigger than any one institution or community*
2. It will lead to MAJOR change
  - *Memory institutions and roles around data management*
  - *Staff complements will be radically different*
  - *Job descriptions will be radically different*
3. This is problem for everyone
  - *How to engage the largest number most easily*
  - *How do we embed collaboration and trust leaders to represent us*