

- **Brief introduction**
 - Who are we?
- **Then**
- **Now**
 - *eSharp* the **journal**
 - eSharp the **project**
- **In the future**
 - **Our role in postgraduate education**
- **Tying it together...**



- An **international peer-reviewed journal** for postgraduates in the arts, humanities, social sciences and education
- A **training vehicle** for University of Glasgow postgraduates
- A home and source of **support for other postgraduate-led projects**



University of Glasgow :: eSharp :: eSharp - Internet Explorer provided by Dell
http://www.gla.ac.uk/departments/esharp/

University of Glasgow :: eSharp :: eSharp

University of Glasgow
A-Z | STAFF | ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS | DEGREES | SERVICES | Search

eSharp

home > departments > eSharp

eSharp

Issues
The Kelvingrove Review
Other Publications
about eSharp
Joining eSharp
For Authors
For Peer Reviewers
News and Events
Contacts and Links

eSharp is an international online journal for postgraduate research in the arts, humanities, social sciences and education. Based at the University of Glasgow and run entirely by graduate students, it aims to provide a critical but supportive entry into the realm of academic publishing for emerging academics, including postgraduates and recent postdoctoral students.

One of our aims is to encourage the publication of high quality postgraduate research; therefore all submitted articles are anonymously double-blind peer reviewed as part of the acceptance and feedback process. This rigorous and constructive process is designed to enhance the worth of postgraduate and postdoctoral work. eSharp also engages in training postgraduate students in the various tasks that running an academic journal requires. Enhancing both employability and the graduate experience is a key aspect of its aims and objectives.

Submissions

Submissions are now closed for our twelfth issue 'Technology and Humanity'. The launch of Issue 12 will be Thursday 11th December at Glasgow University. Guest speakers, entertainment and refreshments will accompany the event and with it falling at the end of term, we hope to see many people joining in the celebration (details to be confirmed). The launch is an excellent opportunity to find out what kind of a publication eSharp is and how you can get involved or simply to meet postgraduate students from across different departments and enjoy the articles published in the journal.

Current Issue

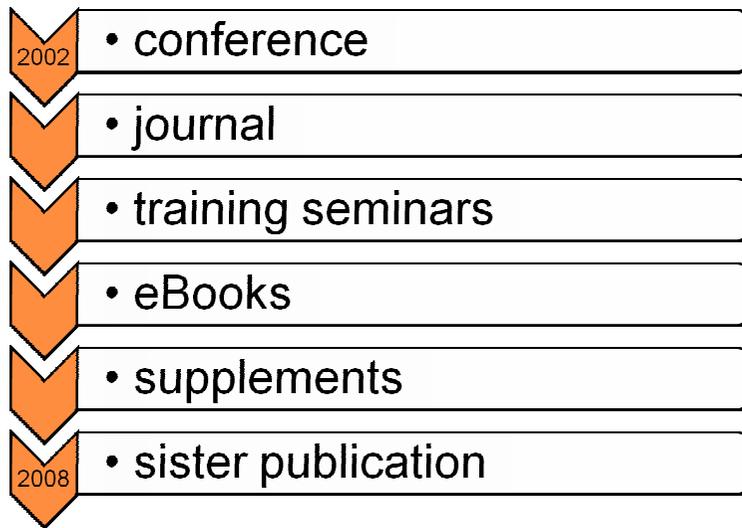
Post authors have come from the Universities of Glasgow, London, Vienna, Harvard, Hawaii, Boston, South

eSharp's eleventh issue, 'Social Engagement, Empowerment and Change', examines the social implications and practical applications of theory, as well as how these may empower marginalised social groups or promote social

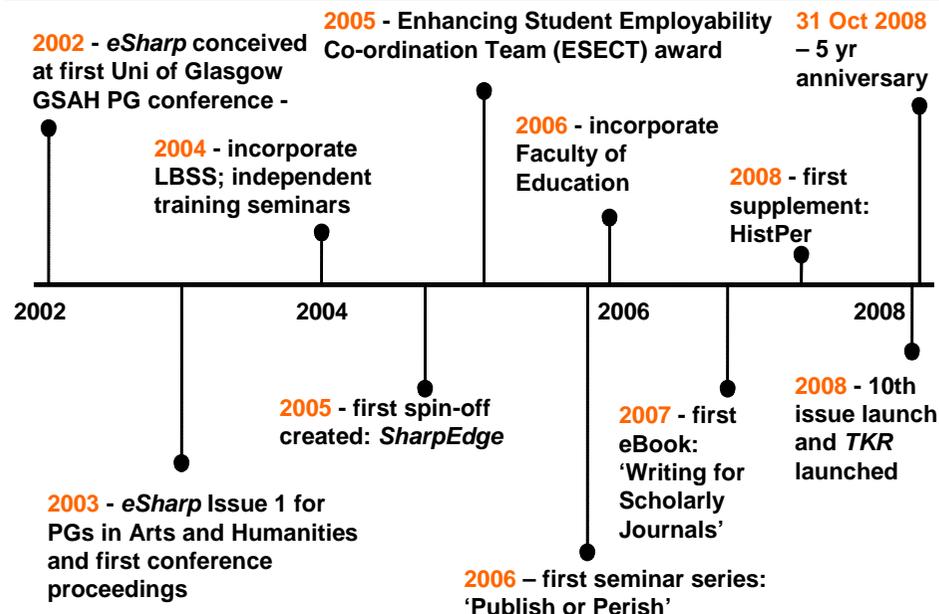
Internet | Protected Mode: Off | 100%

- 'to provide a critical but supportive entry into the realm of academic publishing for emerging academics, including postgraduates and recent postdoctoral students'
- **to help postgrads get published**
- 'to encourage the publication of high quality postgraduate research'
- **to make it good**
- 'to engage in training postgraduate students in the various tasks that running an academic journal requires'
- **to let postgrads learn about the publishing process**
- 'to enhance both employability and the graduate experience'
- **to help postgrads get good jobs**
- **whilst having a good time!**

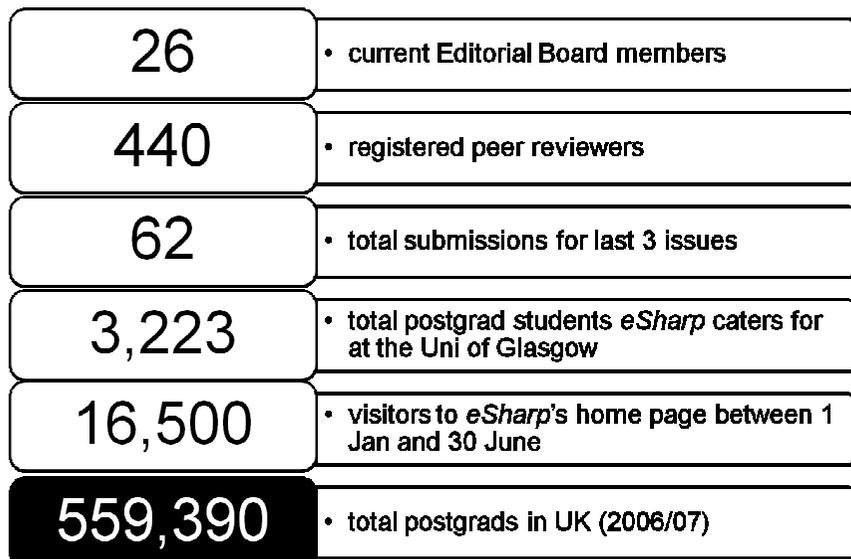
Our story



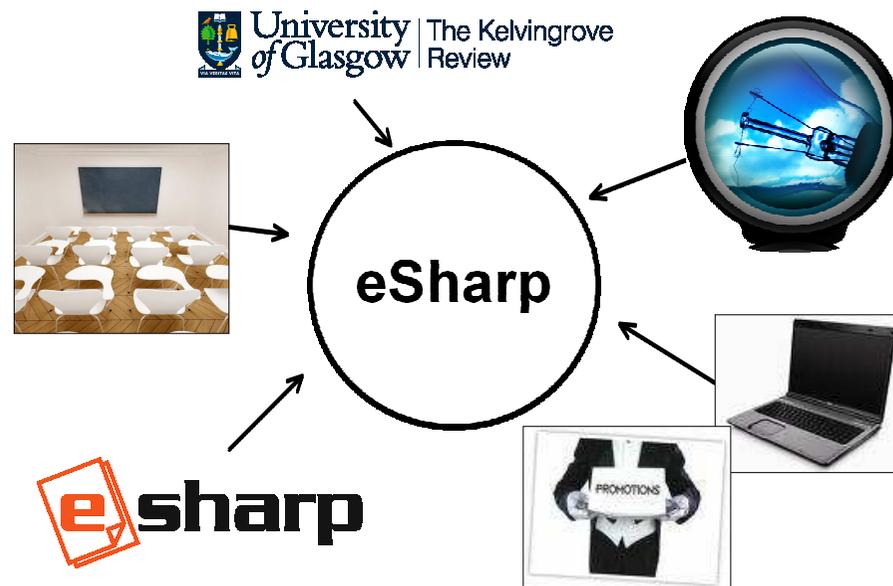
eSharp Timeline



Facts and Figures



eSharp today



- remains a focal point for us
 - how we're best known
 - a constant
- publish 2 journals biannually:



Issue 12 due Dec 2008



Issue 3 due April 2009

Conventional journals

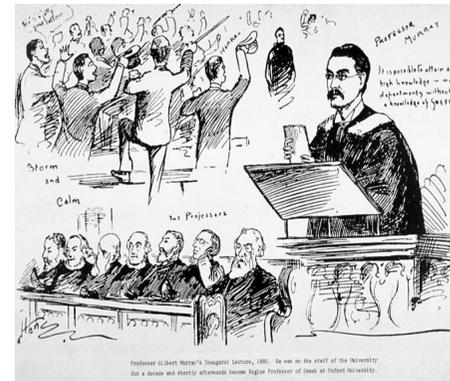
- library budgets decreasing, open-access journals increasing
- may lack the time/resources to be as supportive as they would like to new researchers

New researchers

- pressures to publish
- benefit from a supportive, nurturing publishing environment

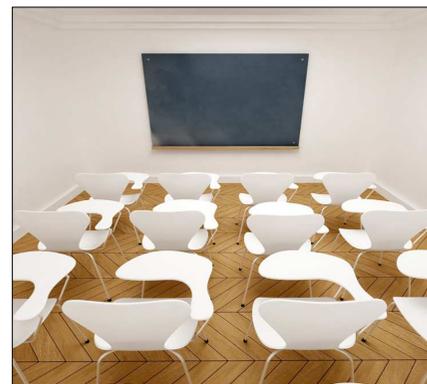
eSharp and other postgrad publishers

- can provide the time and support needed to help emerging talent
- have the freshness and flexibility to stand at the cutting edge of publishing
- provide peer-led answers from those who know best
- eSharp hosted the 2005 conference, 'The Future of Postgraduate Journals'
 - Newly formed Association of Postgraduate Journals

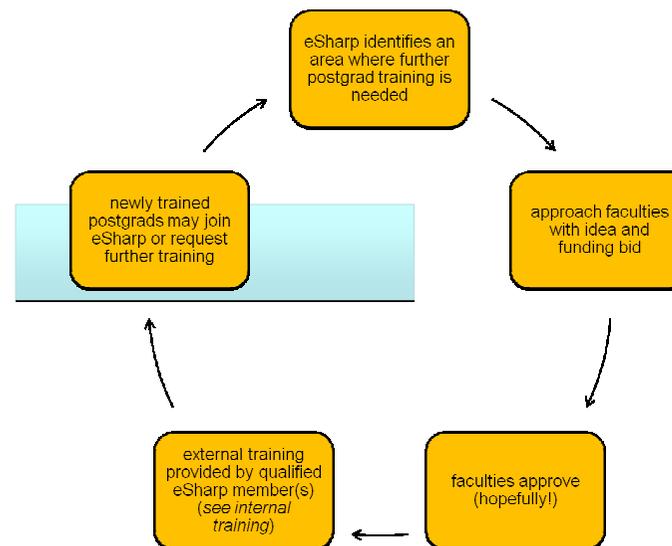
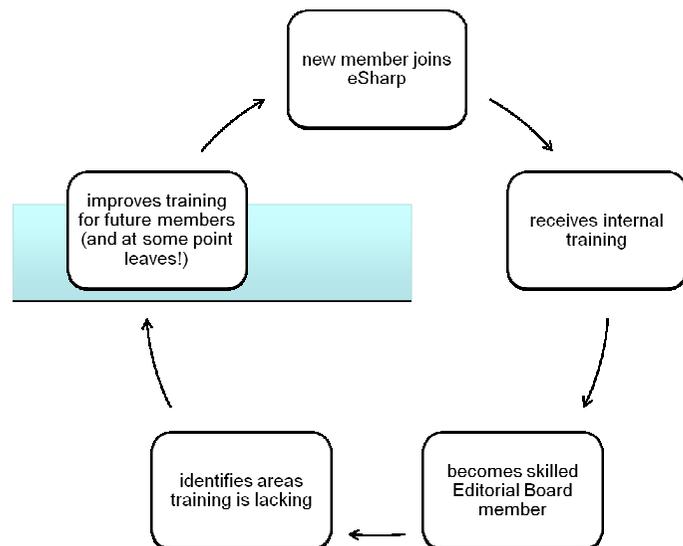


- Much more than just a journal now
- Becoming the natural postgrad-led and postgrad-focused home for projects at Glasgow
- 'Entrepreneurial' spirit

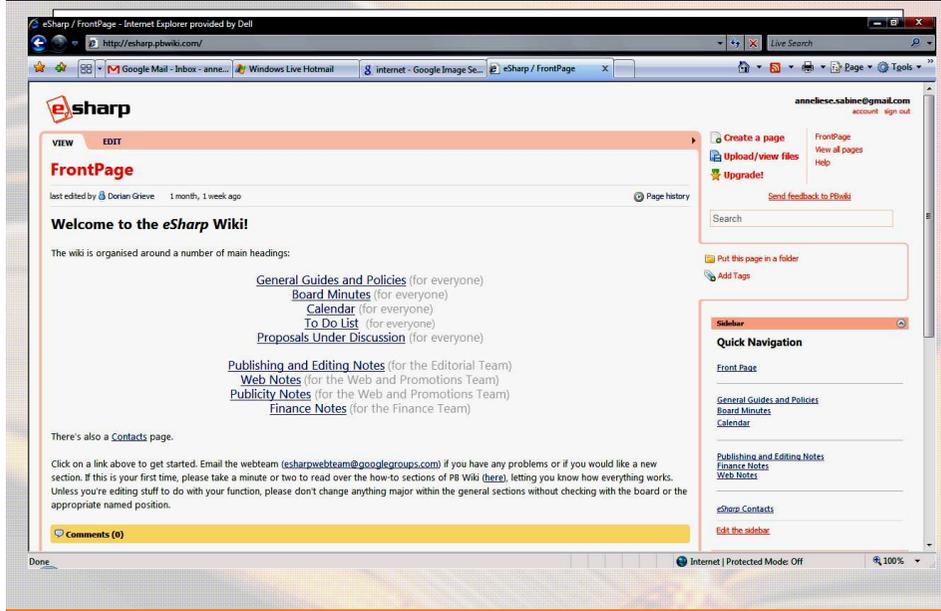
— £



- Writing and publishing workshops
- Seminar series
- eBooks
- Internal training for Board Members



Longevity of the project



Contribution to postgrad education



- 5 years experience in publishing and project management
- Raising bar of academic publishing
 - Cutting-edge stuff!
- Links and networks - improving grad experience in Glasgow, UK-wide, and even internationally
- Improving communication between students/teachers
 - breaking barriers?
- Flexibility and open-mindedness; interest in growth and development

The future for postgrad publishing...



Good for postgrads

- Encourages postgrads to take 'ownership' of training
- Enriches and broadens research skills, in both publishing and project-led world

Good for academics

- Widens communication and networks between universities, leading to internationalisation from local hubs
- Improves training and student-led initiatives within university (ticks boxes!)

Good for publishing

- Codifies standards amongst postgrads worldwide, encouraging quality and consistency
- Increases credibility and prestige of online/postgrad publishing, generating more contributors and readers
- Improves level of academic discourse

Final thoughts...



...We should believe in *eSharp* because it has provided a way of tackling one of the biggest challenges to graduate research life in the arts, humanities and education: isolation. *eSharp* is not just a journal or a training vehicle, it is also the real thing – a real, live, genuine, believe-it-or-not living and breathing *research culture*.

Soule *et al* 2007:34

Web: <http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/esharp>

Email: esharp@gla.ac.uk