Open Access and Repositories



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The two routes to open access are repositories ('Green' open access) and open access publishing ('gold' open access').

Repositories:

- Worktribe is Edinburgh Napier's repository platform
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Open access publishing:

- The published version is immediately open access on the publisher website
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Library support for open access:

- Public repository
- Worktribe
- Library OA publishing support

Any questions? Contact us for more information about open access and the repository: repository@napier.ac.uk