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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE DANDELION SEED RESEARCH LIBRARY

The Dandelion SEED Research Library is an attractive, accessible and easy-to-use multi-media information portal, specifically created for SSH research projects that allows them to communicate directly with those interested in or involved with the SSH community at every level. As well as displaying project information, the Dandelion SEED Research Library is designed to encourage interaction between research projects and their target audiences, including policy makers and Industry stakeholders. This two-way active communication, more in tune with social media than other, more traditional means of research communication, is a feature unique to SEED and increases the chance of research being noticed and acted upon by the right people.

With its growing base of users and members, the Library becomes a valuable collaborative tool within the SSH space by linking up like-minded people through their work, their interest in common themes or their interaction with others.

A useful Document Repository is also located within the Library, searchable across many parameters - type of document, topic, publication year etc - making it an essential resource for all stakeholders with an interest in using and learning from SSH research.

The Dandelion SEED Research Library is a continuously growing resource for the SSH community, but also a growing archive of SSH projects and their results, recommendations and outcomes. This will ensure valuable work is not lost when projects come to an end, that future research efforts can learn from past endeavours and work is never duplicated nor effort wasted.

[Find out how to sign up to the Dandelion SEED Research Library here](#)

What is a SEED?

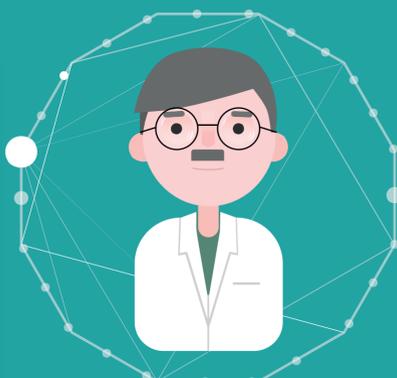
- ▶ A SEED is a multi-media digital brochure
- ▶ It displays information about your project in an accessible and engaging format
- ▶ All individual SEEDs are located in the SEED Research Library

SEEDs can contain traditional project information like...

- ▶ Articles
- ▶ Fact Sheets
- ▶ Policy Briefs
- ...but also digital content like:
- ▶ Image Galleries
- ▶ Videos
- ▶ Social Media links

By being part of the Library, the SEEDs are seen within context, featured alongside other projects in a similar sector, and alongside all sectors within the SSH field of research.

[Find out more about what goes into a SEED](#)



WHO will use the Dandelion SEED Research Library?

The Dandelion SEED Research Library will be used by SSH research projects and those who have a commercial, political or general interest in SSH research.

Research projects

- ▶ Communicate research results, recommendations, policy briefs etc. to a targeted audience of interested parties
- ▶ Receive instant notifications about who is interested in your work
- ▶ Complement current dissemination strategies

People who have an interest in SSH research -

Policy makers, Industry stakeholders, the media, the general public etc.

- ▶ Communicate directly with researchers & follow projects in which you have an interest
- ▶ Keep up to date with the latest SSH research news and receive instant notifications about new developments in a project
- ▶ Access to a large, searchable document repository



BENEFITS of the Dandelion SEED Research Library

The Dandelion SEED Research Library provides a range of benefits for general visitors, members of the Library and of course, research projects.

For General Visitors

- ▶ **Latest news about SSH research**
Read about new developments taking place in all SSH projects
- ▶ **Browse for free**
The Dandelion SEED Research Library is completely free to use

For Members

- Sign-up to the Dandelion SEED Research Library for additional benefits:
- ▶ **Customise your Library**
Customise your Homepage so only the thematic areas in which you have a particular interest are displayed
- ▶ **Follow selected projects**
Follow projects in which you have a particular interest
- ▶ **Receive instant notifications about new developments**
Receive push notifications when one of the projects you are following updates its SEED
- ▶ **Communicate directly with projects**
Communicate with projects through an Instant Messaging system, and also leave comments on a project's SEED Wall
- ▶ **Record notes about selected projects**
Use the Notepad function to record your thoughts about an individual project.
Your notes about a project remain attached to the project's SEED, and are only visible to you.
- ▶ **View the upcoming events of selected projects**
Use the Calendar function to see which future events a project is hosting/ attending.
- ▶ **Suggested Projects to follow**
Receive recommendations of projects to follow which may interest you based on your profile
- ▶ **Large User database**
Communicate with other Library members through a large User database, and be part of the wider SSH community
- ▶ **Document Repository**
Unlimited access to a large Document Repository containing Fact Sheets, Policy Briefs, Project Deliverables etc.
The Document Repository is searchable across many parameters - type of document, topic, publication year etc.
- ▶ **Project archive**
Access to a growing archive of completed SSH projects. This is a valuable resource when instigating future collaborative projects because you can see who worked on previous projects and what the outcome was.

[Find out more about how to become a member of the Dandelion SEED Research Library](#)

For Research Projects

- ▶ **Be part of a growing SSH stakeholder platform**
The Dandelion SEED Research Library will be the single most valuable resource for communicating SSH research; used and monitored regularly by stakeholders involved in the social sciences and humanities. By being part of the Library, your project's work has a greater chance of being noticed by the right people.
- ▶ **Projects are seen within context**
SEEDs are displayed in a contextualised environment, increasing the chance of valuable research being noticed by those who have an obvious interest in your thematic area
- ▶ **Events Calendar**
Use the Events Calendar function to let Library users know which events you are attending/ hosting
- ▶ **Easy to use**
The Library uses a simple operating system which makes adding content, news articles and events to a SEED quick and easy
- ▶ **Receive instant notifications about interested parties**
Receive instant notifications about those who have "followed" your SEED, allowing you to build a valuable database of interested parties and send direct communications to specific groups within your target audience
- ▶ **Alert "followers" to new developments**
An automatic push notification alerts your "followers" to new developments as soon as an update has been made to your SEED
- ▶ **Unlimited updates**
Projects can update their SEED as often as they wish.
Tip: Regularly updated SEEDs feature "higher up" in the Library and become more visible to users. An active, regularly updated SEED may also attract more "followers" to your project.
- ▶ **Knowledge sharing**
Share knowledge and gather feedback from other projects in your thematic area.
Communicate with them and user groups for future collaborative projects.
- ▶ **Integrate Social Media channels**
Projects can display their Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn feeds in one, single location for visitors to view
- ▶ **Project archive**
Access to a growing archive of completed SSH projects.
This is a valuable resource which allows you to benchmark your project or future projects against previous ones in a similar field, ensuring research is not forgotten, lost or duplicated.
- ▶ **Share the same benefits as Members**

Long-term VISION of the Dandelion SEED Research Library

The Dandelion SEED Research Library is an attractive, accessible and easy-to-use SSH information portal for general visitors, members and research projects. A combination of interactive functionalities, large Document Repository and an ever-growing user database guarantees the Library's success as a collaborative tool to aid vitally important research in the SSH community and wider society. The Dandelion SEED Research Library will become the single most valuable resource for communicating SSH research in Europe. Both existing and completed projects will have a presence on the online platform, ensuring a fully comprehensive collection of SSH research, results and recommendations is built. As such, the library will develop a community of users and members that will not only make it a valuable collaborative tool, but also a way of charting individual research activity - who does what, what happens to their work, who was involved in it and what they are doing now - that doesn't exist today.

