



Doing research in your day job Jane Secker & Emma Coonan

1. Why do research as a practitioner?

Why might it be useful?

2. What is your research environment?

What do you think the challenges of carrying out research as a practitioner might be?

What or who might get in your way?

What would your *ideal* research environment be like?

How will you make your existing environment work for you?

Jane & Emma's tips for doing practitioner research

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| 1. Find your thinking space | Where's my 'third space'? |
| 2. Modify your attitude to time | How will I start carving out time for research? |
| 3. Build a partnership | Who could be my partner(s)? |
| 4. Look out for funding opportunities | Where shall I start looking? |
| 5. Find your niche | What do I love about my research field? |
| 6. Develop your online identity | What does my digital footprint already look like? |
| 7. Present your ideas early | What do I already have that I can share and develop? |
| 8. Final step: academic publication | What journal would I like to be published in - and what are their submission guidelines for authors? |

Action plan: what-why-how

What is your research? What question does it answer (or pose)?

Why are you doing it? What will it contribute to the research context/our understanding of the library's role and purpose?

How are you doing it? What means will you use to collect or generate data (if appropriate), analyse the data, and draw conclusions from them?