



Global Forum for Publishers in Grey Literature

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It's now time to consider a 'Grey Literature Publisher Commons'

While the Grey Literature Publisher Commons is not yet an entity, it is however on the table for serious consideration. The idea was inspired by the publication of PUBGREY, a Registry of Publishers in Grey Literature that is in line with Commons Theory. This explains how communities self-organize to manage shared resources sustainably through their institutions. The concept of a Commons not only allows for the open access of digital shared resources, but also the know-how and communication between and among grey literature publishers. The Global Forum for Publishers in Grey Literature will provide a unique opportunity for participating organizations to consider the idea of a Commons and gauge its viability. For those who may already have an opinion on this, please email info@greynet.org and it will be voiced during the PubForum Panel Session.



FIT FOR PURPOSE

The PubForum Poster Session will provide a unique opportunity to showcase your grey literature resources that are fit for purpose. This dual session serves not only in bridging both days of the global forum, but defines the quality of grey literature in achieving its intended use.

<https://www.greynet.org/pubforum26/callforposters.html>



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A Study on the Origins of the Term "Grey Literature": Focusing on the Period of the 1960s

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Abstract: Grey literature refers to literature that is difficult to obtain through general commercial publishing channels. The purpose of this study is to focus on the term "grey literature" and clarify its origins by examining its historical context. *Full-text in Japanese.*