# Day 1 Using electronic resources

# Unit 1.4: E-resource evaluation

*Exercise 1.4.1 Evaluation of free e-resources*

**Work in:** Pairs

**Time:** 20 minutes

**Please be prepared to report back to the plenary session**

**Instructions**

Using your preferred Web browser, visit your choice of the resources listed at <http://www.inasp.info/en/training-resources/open-access-resources/> Evaluate one of the resources on this page, then use the left menu to select a subject specific resource.

Attempt to answer as many of the questions below as you can for each resource you examine.

**E-resource 1**

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| Name of resource |  |
| Is full text available for some or all of the content? |  |
| What is the most recent content you can find? |  |
| Is there any indication how often content is updated? |  |
| Can you see clearly who published the information? |  |
| Is there any indication that the content is peer reviewed? |  |
| How useful is the online help and guidance? Give details. |  |
| *Select a subject area you know something about to search*  Did you find the information you wanted?  Did you find good quality information?  What difficulties, if any, did you have? |  |
| *How easy to use is the resource – in terms of:*  **Usability** i.e. how easy it is to navigate around the site  **Speed** – how quick is your interaction with the resource  **Language** and understanding – apart from content, how clear is the language used within the site |  |
| Would you use this resource again or recommend it to a colleague? Why? Why not? |  |
| How does this resource compare with those you used in the last exercise? |  |

**E-resource 2**

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| Name of resource |  |
| Is full text available for some or all of the content? |  |
| What is the most recent content you can find? |  |
| Is there any indication how often content is updated? |  |
| Can you see clearly who published the information? |  |
| Is there any indication that the content is peer reviewed? |  |
| How useful is the online help and guidance? Give details. |  |
| *Select a subject area you know something about to search*  Did you find the information you wanted?  Did you find good quality information?  What difficulties, if any, did you have? |  |
| *How easy to use is the resource – in terms of:*  **Usability** i.e. how easy it is to navigate around the site  **Speed** – how quick is your interaction with the resource  **Language** and understanding – apart from content, how clear is the language used within the site |  |
| Would you use this resource again or recommend it to a colleague? Why? Why not? |  |
| How does this resource compare with those you used in the last exercise? |  |