Sounds good in principle?

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The principles of the Scholarly Commons (https://www.force11.org/scholarly-commons/principles) are a Force11 initiative to define ways to practice open, inclusive and reproducible science and scholarship. They can function as an agreement among researchers and other stakeholders in scholarly communication to make research open and participatory for anyone, anywhere.

But do they work in practice?

At Force2017, we want to get people together from different backgrounds, geographical areas, disciplines and roles in scholarly communication, to test and evaluate the usefulness of the principles. Are all principles relevant to you? Are they practical and applicable in the field and culture/language area you are active in? Do you expect the principles to be useful for your community?

We want to collect use cases (e.g. sharing research data or evaluating grant proposals) for the principles, see whether all principles are relevant for these use cases, and explore if there are ways of practice for these use cases that comply with the principles.

We explicitly want to look at what cultural and disciplinary differences mean for the usefulness of the principles. Does the use case exist in different disciplines and cultures? Are the principles applicable in each situation? Are the solutions the same? What factors come into play here?

For participants, this session will offer an opportunity to critically look at their own research or research support practices, reflect on what it means to approach these from a principled stance, and exchange perspectives on these issues from different disciplines and cultural backgrounds.