What does DIAS mean to me?

Working in a world-class research library and providing access to resources for many of the top professors, fellows and scholars in the area of Celtic Studies is exciting, stimulating and rewarding.

The library supports the work of the School and aims to provide the best facilities and materials for the purpose of advanced research and publishing, in the area of Celtic Studies.

I have been a librarian for over two decades now and have spent the majority of that time at DIAS, where I ensure that @SCSlibrary predicts necessary trends in library service provision and provides an evolving facility to its dedicated specialised users, on a national and international level. Maintaining and developing the collection, both in print and online, is of course one of my favourite parts of the role but I also enjoy that very basic yet fundamental moment when you help a researcher find exactly what they were looking for.

I support all research staff towards their research and publication work. To provide this service to researchers at all stages of their careers and from all corners of the globe in a collegial and respectful manner is both a fundamental principle of librarianship and of the Institute. I am honoured to meet and work with colleagues and scholars who value research and publication to such an extent that we can learn from each other on a daily basis.

The library is also responsible for DAIR, the Institutional Repository for DIAS. As repository manager I am delighted to be providing a platform that highlights open access to research. One of the guiding principles of the Institute is to stimulate the dissemination of knowledge and to make that knowledge accessible and re-usable.
DAIR provides the necessary infrastructure to encourage open access to research and is expanding and developing all the time.

I feel very lucky to be running the engine room of the School of Celtic Studies at DIAS and working across the Institute to promote open access to advanced research.