

Oxford Talks Update

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- Moving everything on <http://new.talks.ox.ac.uk> to <http://talks.ox.ac.uk> to finally phase out the old system.
- Small amount of development work still to do - dependent on a further request for funding.
- Including a transition to a fully managed service within IT Services.
- Additional features and new ideas - need to be considered as a separate project and compete for funding (including some of the items on the wishlist in Alison's presentation).
- **Currently funding for the project is considered by the Education IT Board, so do speak to the representatives on this Board if you think they might not be aware of the value of the project.**

User Guide and other Documentation

- <http://talksox.readthedocs.org>
- You can also get to this link via the Help button on <http://new.talks.ox.ac.uk>

Entering Talks

You need to be made a Talks Editor – a formality if you are a member of staff

- Log in (do this first to register yourself on the system)
- Contact oxtalks-contact@it.ox.ac.uk

Series, Lists and other ways to group Talks

- A Talk can belong to one Series – usually the context within which it happens (e.g. Wednesday morning seminars)
- You can manually add Talks (and Series of Talks) to Lists which can be public or private (e.g. Talks I want to go to, Talks about Women in Science)
- Alternatively, Talks can be tagged by Department and by Topic, and you can then pull these out automatically (no need to compile a manual List for these)

Email Digests, Email Reminders, Websites

- There are currently no facilities for email reminders in the new version of talks (however you can use iCalendar feeds to put reminders into your electronic calendar)
- You can construct your own email digest by using the plain text option for any talks listing
- There are lots of options for embedding in your website (see the documentation)