

Endangered Languages Archive (ELAR)

Policy Framework

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This document expresses ELAR's aims, values and priorities. It forms the basis of ELAR's documents and procedures

- 1–2 Collection
- 3–4 Access
- 5–6 Technologies
- 7–8 Mobilisation/repurposing
- 9–10 Relationships and services

1. Collection
Build and grow a collection of digital endangered languages materials, focussed on but not limited to, documentation material and output from ELDP funded projects. Deposits will be accepted according to published criteria, and will not be removed except under extraordinary circumstances.
2. Storage and management
Store and manage deposited materials to ensure integrity, preservation, future accessibility, and acceptable usage
3. Ownership and protocol
Respect and implement copyright, intellectual property, sensitivities and access permissions placed on deposited materials, and encourage ethical practice in collecting such protocol information.
4. Access
Provide and mediate access to materials through relationships between language providers, language communities, depositors, other stakeholders, ELAR, and users. These relationships to be ongoing and managed through ICT and formal agreements. Language providers, their families, and language communities have priority for access.
5. Standards
Use, contribute to and encourage use of accepted standards in electronic data management and associated processes
6. Keeping up to date
Keep up to date with changing technologies, linguistic practices, and roles of digital archives
7. No prejudice to usage
Not prevent or reduce capability of materials to be used in support of language strengthening or maintenance
8. Mobilisation
Play an active role in mobilising archive materials for use in support of endangered languages
9. Collaboration
Develop and maintain partnerships with other archives and institutions to strengthen long term preservation of materials and archive practices
10. Services
Provide advice and other services to depositors