

## Uploading Practice-Based Outputs to RaYDaR

Researchers should upload their practice-based outputs—such as audio-visual material, portfolios and similar formats to **RaYDaR**. The Library will then:

- Create a corresponding **RaY** record
- Link the RaY record to the RaYDaR entry

The output itself will be stored in **RaYDaR**, while **RaY** will hold a metadata record that links directly to the output. This will also mean that records of outputs will be in the correct system as we prepare for REF2029.

### Why Use RaYDaR for Practice-Based Research?

RaYDaR offers several advantages for practice-based outputs:

1. **Enhanced presentation:** Creative and audio-visual works can be displayed in a more visually engaging format.
2. **Portfolio-friendly structure:** RaYDaR supports collections and projects, making it ideal for ongoing or collaborative work. It also integrates with **ORCID** and other external collaborators.
3. **Persistent identifiers:** Any item made live on RaYDaR is assigned a **DOI**, making it formally “published” and permanently identifiable online.

### Copyright and Licensing Considerations

The Library’s **Scholarly Communications team** has also addressed common copyright concerns, particularly where open licensing may not be suitable for practice-based research. Key developments include:

- **New licensing options:** Megan has worked with RaYDaR to support licences such as **All Rights Reserved**.
- **Download restrictions:** Downloading has been disabled to prevent modification or unauthorised reuse.
- **Embargo options:** Items or collections can be embargoed upon request.
- **Metadata transparency:** The team reviews all datasets and includes any third-party copyright information in the metadata.

If anyone has any questions about uploading to RaYDaR they should contact [ray@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:ray@yorks.ac.uk) and the Library’s Scholarly Communications team can assist.