

# How does Open Access help the cause of Community over Commercialisation?

## 1. Free Access to Knowledge

Open access removes paywalls, making research and educational resources available to all. This fosters a more informed and educated community.



## 3. Enhanced Educational Opportunities

By offering high-quality materials at no cost, open access promotes equity in education for students and lifelong learners.

## 2. Support for Local Research

Open access empowers local researchers and institutions to publish freely, amplifying voices and issues relevant to their communities.

## 4. Reduction of Commercial Influence

Prioritising open access publishing reduces commercial influence in research, fostering more unbiased and community-oriented agendas.

## 5. Community Engagement

Open access aligns with non-commercial values, emphasising knowledge sharing and encouraging participation from non-profits, educators, and the public. This collaboration facilitates community-driven initiatives that prioritise social good.