Resources for Lifelong Learning: Researching off-campus

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This session:

• Setting up VPN for off-campus access to resources
• Primo and Aspire for access to:
  • E-books and E-journals
  • Newspapers
• Box of Broadcasts for TV programmes
Accessing subscribed electronic resources

On campus - click straight through
Accessing subscribed electronic resources
Off campus

- **VPN**
  (virtual private network)
- **Sign In to Primo**
- **Search Primo**
Accessing subscribed electronic resources

Off campus

1) VPN – your computer pretends it is on campus
   http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/is/computers/vpn/

2) Shibboleth authentication (or Login@aber) - Sign into Primo to authenticate then follow the advice displayed after you click ‘View Online’

3) Password list (requires log-in)
   http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/is/elecinfo/passwords/
How do I set up my computer to use Aber VPN? (Windows 8/10)

You can set up your computer for Aber VPN quickly and easily by letting us do it for you:

- **This will not affect your broadband connection at home.**
- If you use a browser other than Internet Explorer you will need to check it is set up correctly so it can use the system (Chrome / Firefox / Safari)

or

you can manually configure your Aber VPN connection using the following instructions.

- Right click on the Network Icon on the Taskbar and click **Open Network and Sharing Center**

- Click on **Set up a new connection or network**

  ![Network and Sharing Center](network-sharing-center.png)
Network and Sharing Center

Connect to a network

Disconnect or connect to another network

Show All

- Tiscali Broadband
- Dial-up connection
- Aber VPN
- VPN connection
- Wireless Network Connection
- BTHomeHub2-8TSJ
- Connected

Set up a connection or network
Open Network and Sharing Center

Connect
Cancel

Show me all the shared network folders on this computer
Connecting to Aber VPN...
Successfully connected to Aber VPN
Do I need VPN, Shibboleth etc?

Off campus:
• Web Pages - NO
• Primo - NO
• BlackBoard - NO
• AU email – NO
• Web of Science - YES
• Times Digital Archive – YES
• Full-text electronic journals and e-books – YES
What else can I access away from campus...?

• **E-mail** access: [http://webmail.aber.ac.uk/](http://webmail.aber.ac.uk/)

• **Personal filestore** (M:/drive) [https://faqs.aber.ac.uk/1287](https://faqs.aber.ac.uk/1287)

• **Software** available for registered staff: [https://myaccount.aber.ac.uk/protected/software/](https://myaccount.aber.ac.uk/protected/software/)

• Connect to the University **printers** from home: [https://faqs.aber.ac.uk/91](https://faqs.aber.ac.uk/91)
What e-resources can be found on Primo?

Electronic resources

- E-journals
- Databases of journal articles
- E-books
- Digitised collections e.g. newspapers and maps
- Dictionaries & encyclopaedia
- Digitised media e.g. images and film
Primo home page

http://primo.aber.ac.uk/
Finding e-books/e-journals from home – VPN then Sign In to Primo first...

**Aber collections** (default) searches:

- print and electronic books
- print and electronic journal **titles**

- Use the refine options to show only ‘**Full text online**’
- **Contact** [ejournals@aber.ac.uk](mailto:ejournals@aber.ac.uk)
Journal Title searching

- Check the dates available
- Print may be available if no online access
- Locating a specific article reference? Search via Journal Title
Accessing Full Text

Link to the full text of that article:

• In Primo, click **View Online**
• In other bibliographic databases, click
Using the virtual browse...

- Search for a keyword/book title in the default search
Using databases off campus - – VPN then Sign In to Primo first...

Looking for a specific resource?
• From Primo select **Resources A-Z**

Not sure which database to use?
• **Subject Guides** - [https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/is/library-services/subject/index.html](https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/is/library-services/subject/index.html)

Follow the **@Aber** button to check if we have the full text.
Managing library loans

After signing in, click on My Account

• See the books you have on loan and when they are due back
• Pay a fine online
• To renew a book
• If you wish to request a book that is out on loan

Sign In and Request
The AU Library doesn’t have the book or article you need

• If for a module reading list - let Antonio know
• National Library of Wales
• SCONUL Access scheme – UK/Ireland
• Document Supply
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