**Information Literacy Community of Practice Bi-annual Meeting**

[The Right Information: information skills for the 21st century](http://scotinfolit.squarespace.com/)

Khub group: https://khub.net/group/information-literacy-for-scotland/

**Scottish Government, Online Meeting: Tuesday 18th May, 2021**

**Attendees:**

Cleo Jones, Jenny Foreman, Margaret Gair, Jacqueline Geekie

Sorina Mihai, Claire Roberts, Gareth Ryan, Lauren Smith, Morag Higgison

Sean McNamara, Marshall Dozier, Joy Maclean, David Brazier, Lorna McNally, Margaret Stephen, Jennie Findlay, Marion Kennedy, Carole Gray, Annette Thain, Susel Arrendondo,

**Apologies:**

Ian McCracken, Dina Martzoukou, Lindsay McKrell, Marion Kennedy, Anne Noble, Beth Mukushi, Hilary Weir, Bill Johnson, Fiona Laing, Kirsten McCormick, Emma McLarty, Anna Grant, Helen Beardsley, Kirsten McQuarrie, Samantha MacKinnon, Victoria Candlish, Sharon Lawler, Jill Tivey, Paul Gray

**Minutes:**

**1. Welcome and introductions**

The group welcomed new members. Lauren Smith kindly offered to do the notes of meeting.

**2. Farewell to IL CoP members**

Jenny Foreman, Co -Chair, will retire from the Scottish Government Library on the 21st May, all members passed on their best wishes for a great retirement and thanked Jenny of all her efforts, time and work she has given the ILCoP , Jenny will be missed but intends to keep up-to date with developments ongoing in Information Literacy.

**3. Minutes of the previous 11th November 2019 meetings**

The November 2019 meeting minutes are now available at <http://www.therightinformation.org/meetings-files/>

**4.** **Individual and library updates**

Morag Higgison from Scottish Government reported service improvements that have come about during the pandemic, including adapting materials for online purposes. Challenges around getting books to users – money not spent on ILL has been spent on purchasing more physical stock and sending to users’ home addresses.

Marshall Dozier from Uni of Edinburgh reported creation of a set of introductory self-paced learning modules aimed at people new to the university – 1st year UG, taught and research PG. Online modules launched in Sept 2020. For self-enrolment in VLE, IL-related learning blocks that can be done self-paced or integrated within courses. Feedback has been good, awareness and uptake growing. Phase 2 is in development aimed at honours and taught PG students. Dissertation Festival has been moved online – one or a few sessions each day, and has been popular. Working online has allowed more people to attend events – had better attendance and follow-through from registration to attendance.

Jacqueline Geekie from Aberdeenshire Libraries reported changes to service provision. Mix of click and collect and book to browse, going to limited browsing, depending on tiers. Live Life At Home has moved existing Live Life services to people’s homes – huge uptake and increase of online borrowers. 20-30 people joining per day. Highlighting IL, not allowed to put things on that are only Covid-related but there is a need to combat misinformation so that has been included a little bit. Focus on mental health and wellbeing as well.

Sean McNamara from CILIPS reported that all services have been moved online. New team member Kirsten – welcome! Working on channelling government advice as well as possible. New bank of anti-racism, LGBT+, neurodiversity resources for libraries to use and apply in practice – work in progress. All events, conferences, webinars online – been able to reach more members especially in remote areas. Events include climate change event and CILIPS conference.

David Brazier from Edinburgh Napier (lecturer) reported cancellation of planned public engagement event, decided to move to online video tutorial workshop based around national information literacy lifelong learning framework, and focus on lived experience. Project ongoing with aim for videos to be produced by July. When videos are available, hoping for feedback from ILG.

Jennie Findlay from Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service reported that their service has been classed as key workers which has been beneficial due to the library being very print-heavy. Service users have had to become much more technologically capable which has been helpful. Team are more able to attend conferences online. Noted the wide range of digital literacy challenges across service users which has become apparent during the switch to online.

Sorina Mihai from Solicitors Legal Info Centre in Scottish Government reported the move to Teams for support. Looking to expand online training, including a suite of materials and videos. Plans for more online training sessions including how to use specific databases, access ebook collections. Successful negotiation of contracts has led to expanded ebook offering.

Gareth Ryan from University of Strathclyde reported all IL training has been moved online, including standalone course that can also be integrated into modules. Skills Boost sessions (weekly) that cover topics like finding a database, referencing and plagiarism, how to use google scholar – moved online and have seen increased uptake.

**5. CILIPS** [**#LibrariesAreEssential to Tackling Misinformation - CILIPS**](https://www.cilips.org.uk/advocacy-campaigns/librariesareessential/librariesareessential-to-tackling-misinformation/) **– Sean McNamara and group discussion.**

* Ran campaign in lead up to Scottish Parliament elections – aimed at sharing case studies and good practice examples – these are available on CILIPS website
* <https://www.cilips.org.uk/advocacy-campaigns/librariesareessential/>
* Tried to get all political parties to commit to what they think importance of libraries is
* This year included arm of campaign around misinformation, risks of it and role of IL and info pros – will become bigger part of campaigning moving forward
* Will be trying to ensure library services are funded and reopened coming out of pandemic
* Any case studies or evidence around IL is welcomed for submission to evidence bank – please send to Sean

**6. CILIP Information Literacy Group update from Jacqueline Geekie**

* CILIP ILG Vision 2025 Strategy
* Wanting to engage with wider non-library world
* Happy to hear from group members with any feedback
* LILAC Conference didn’t take place in 2020 – 2021 will have online FestivIL event across 3 half days 6-8 July – taking names for waiting list
* LILAC is normally main source of ILG income, so no research/event bursaries will be available until finances are healthier in future
* Looking for training officer – if anyone is interested please find more information on the ILG blog: <https://infolit.org.uk/blog/>
* Looking for nominations for FestivIL Leading Light Award – <https://medium.com/festivil-by-lilac/awards-940c5b3e3700>

**7.** **Health Literacy update sent by Kirsten McCormick. Jenny to show the Health Literacy poster.**

Jenny presented report from HLUK special interest group event (see attachments)

* Focus on embedding information skills at the heart of health literacy
* All info and poster will be shared on IL CoP blog
* Annette Thain reported health literacy elearning module done by NHS Scotland in partnership with Health Education England – interest from schools and public libraries when attending webinar held by CILIPS on this. Can access here: <https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/26672/health-literacy>
* AT also reported collaboration promoting health information and health IL – SLIC, CILIPS and SG person-centred care team and librarians – short life working group developing resources for public and school libraries to promote quality health resources. Piloting at end of summer

8. **RIVAL: a new network for Scotland-based library and information science practitioners and researchers. Research, Impact and Value in Librarianship and Information Science.**

RIVAL: for LIS professionals and academics have met at four free events. There may be additional event in November 2021 online or if possible at the Scottish Government Victoria Quay. Morag Higgison delivered short update:

* Last of 4 networking events held 12th Feb online – worked in groups on project outputs suggested by network members - Team’s as follows:
* Team A: Looking at holding follow-up event in Nov 2021 – may be online again - Questionnaire sent out before Christmas looking for practical stories to share about engagement in the Rival project and its impact on the work of the network members.
* Team B: members have co-authored an article for the Information Professional Magazine
* Team C: Looking for additional funding for ongoing research project
* Team D: Compiling evaluation report to submit to Royal Society of Edinburgh (funders)
* Info about RIVAL: <https://hazelhall.org/tag/rival/> , <https://twitter.com/hazelh>
* Bruce Ryan presenting about RIVAL at CILIPS conf: <https://www.cilips.org.uk/about/cilips-annual-conference-2021/>

**9. Future activities.**

* Ian McCracken has suggested a future slot for Wikimedian Euan McAndrew (UoE)
* Engage a session with Alastair Brian from The Ferret again
* David Brazier reported ongoing Digital Proxies project – results will be shared on Centre for Social Informatics blog – interim report has been shared with participants, but full report will be shared publicly after summer
* Also ask Dina Martzoukou for update on Maddy Is Online [Maddie is Online (maddiesonline.blogspot.com)](https://maddiesonline.blogspot.com/)

**10. New co-chair suggestion**

* Sean McNamara proposed and accepted with thanks as co-chair
* Sean thanked Jenny for all her contributions to the CoP over the years
* Morag Higgison has offered to support with organising for the next year.

**11. Any other Business and Date of Next Meeting**

Next IL CoP proposed for Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 1:30-3pm Online again as this is the best way to ensure that people don’t have to travel from all over Scotland.