Information Literacy Community of Practice Meeting (5th)
The Right Information: Information Skills for the 21st Century http://www.therightinformation.org/
Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Commercial Street, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ, Wednesday 14th May 2014 at 11.30 am – 1.30 pm

Apologies:
Christine Irving, Independent Information Professional / Research Fellow, Edinburgh Napier University
Lindsay McKrell, Stirling Libraries
Sean McNamara, CILIPS Policy and Digital Officer
Ian McCracken – IL Advocate, retired school librarian
Marion Kelt, Glasgow Caledonian University
Jill Evans, National Library of Scotland
Laura Hogg, Glasgow Life
Ian Watson, IRISS
Sheila Macneill, University of Strathclyde

Attendees:
John Crawford, Chair
Amina Shah, CEO Scottish Libraries Information Council
Gillian Daly, Project Officer, SLIC
Cleo Jones, Manager, Information and Learning Resources, Edinburgh City Council
Hilary Kidd, Young Scot
Kirsten Urquhart, Young Scot
Alice Heywood, National Library of Scotland
Veronica Denholm, National Library of Scotland
Bill Johnston, Research Fellow, Strathclyde University
Linda Sutherland, Glasgow Life
Linda Hartley, West Lothian College
Penny Robertson, RSC-Scotland (JISC Regional Support Centre)
Karen Garnett, Scotlands Rural College (SRUC)
Clare Roberts, City of Glasgow College
Jamie McKintyre, Borders College
Valerie Walker, Information & Learning Resources, Edinburgh City Council
Morag Higgison, Jenny Foreman, Paul Gray Scottish Government Library

Agenda:

1. Welcome by the Chair to all new members attending today’s meeting.
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous meeting (Published on 5th November 2013 were accepted.)
4. Matters arising:
5. The Right Information Website report – Christine Irving http://www.therightinformation.org/cop/
Cleo repeated the concern raised by Christine in her report that almost everything is being left to Christine to do on the blog, from posting information about things to writing regular posts. We all need to contribute to posting and commenting please.

Discussion and Action points:

• The IL CoP website is difficult to navigate. People couldn’t see the last IL CoP Minutes 13th November 2013. People aren’t sure whether they should put documents in the Library section or in the Blog section. What can we do to help?
Action (Gillian?): It was suggested that we rename the Blog tab as Discussion Forum so that people know where to have the discussion since it’s not always clear where to join into conversation or post ideas to start a discussion.

• Action: Gillian Daly or Christine Irving to set up a IL CoP Twitter account?

• Action: Jenny Foreman to send out SG Library Twitter guide to all and to add to the IL CoP blog too.
SG Library Quick Guide on Twitter
SG Library Quick Guides: https://sglibraryservices.wordpress.com/quick-guides/

• Amina Shah suggested that the Information Literacy RSS feeds should be connected to the blog

Action: Paul Gray has done this (using Yahoo Pipes) but the feed keep stopping and it doesn’t look good having out of date material on the website.
Action: We think we should take the IL RSS feed off unless there is a solution?

6. Young Scot presentation – Kirsten Young
Kirsten gave a lively, interesting and very informative presentation about ‘Young Scot’ website and Twitter account, how they actively engage with young people on a host of topics from health to exams to relationships, making sure it’s relevant and timely, as well as fun wherever possible.

7. Spreading the Benefits of Digital Participation Interim Report - Bill Johnstone, John Crawford, Gillian Daly, SLIC

Discussion regarding the Royal Society of Edinburgh’s final report regarding the IL CoP and SLIC responses in particular. The outcome was very successful and the ‘magic words’ information literacy’ have been included (p.43-44, p46) and were referred to by Michael Fourman at the launch presentation. This has been a great achievement of the CoP and a big thanks to everyone who contributed.
Cleo Jones asked whether immediate actions regarding the report could lead to a strategic review of the role of libraries? And might this possibly be the next step for the CoP?

SLIC’s response to the interim report of the Royal Society of Edinburgh on Spreading the Benefits of Digital Participation RSE Digital Participation Inquiry
The RSE Interim report
http://www.royalsoced.org.uk/cms/files/advicepapers/inquiry/RSE\_DI\_Inquiry\_Interim.pdf
CILIPS Response to the April 2014 report on Spreading the Benefits of Digital Participation. RSE Report Recommendations.pdf.
RSE’s Final Report was published April 2014 http://www.royalsoced.org.uk/1058\_SpreadingtheBenefitsofDigitalParticipation.html

8. Representation on Holyrood Cross Party Groups: Cross Party Group on Digital Participation, Presentations on 2nd April 2014 (John Crawford, Bill Johnston)

Also, Bill Johnston is a member of the Cross Party Group on Adult Education and will circulate the details to everyone interested.

9. CILIPS Digital Participation Statement and UK/Scottish Governments’ Policy Statement (Gillian Daly, John Crawford)

10. Information Literacy Conference (Gillian Daly)

Discussion about holding an information literacy conference in January/Feb 2015. Bill Johnston suggested we try to get interest from Education Scotland and other key players in the Scottish Government.

11. Presentations, Articles
Lindsay McKrell is a Digital Champion for Stirling Libraries.
Gillian mentioned that COSLA has asked SLIC to be the contact for the National Strategy.

12. AOB Non

13. Date and time of next meeting (12th November 2014)

Appendix: Christine Irving’s IL CoP website update

Community of Practice members
109 member accounts (including 20 bloggers / editors)
Of the members who are able to do blog postings only a handful of people actually do. The bulk of the postings are done by Christine Irving - about 2 to 3 a week. Blog postings are then tweeted. The tweets have attracted new Twitter followers to Christine’s twitter account. We need more people to blog so that it provides a variety of voices and opinions. It more people blog then Christine can use her time to look at other things.
Please remember that this is a Community of Practice and that as members we all need to
• Share practice, our expertise and our thoughts
• Contribute to the communities' knowledge of information literacy activities, case studies, news, conferences and events, new research, discussions etc.
Could everyone please try to do a blog posting at least once a month, if you use JISC emailing lists to announce news then use the CoP Blog to announce the news as well.
Christine is trying to think of ways to encourage engagement from the rest of the membership. She emailed everyone about a month ago and might do that on a regular basis just to keep in touch with them. Any suggestions on other ways to engage are welcome.

Website statistics
The website produces statistical data which it gathers from the website usage. This is the first time I have looked at the statistical data. According to the traffic summary the average monthly visits is 1,539 and the audience monthly average is 401.

Website changes
We now have a news feed on the website thanks to Paul Gray a CoP member and colleague of Jenny and Morag’s at the Scottish Government. (Update: the feed keeps breaking down so has been removed. JF Nov 2014)

Discussion Board
The discussion board has been renamed as Library. Thanks to Paul and Jenny. They are looking at this being a space for resources, documents etc.

Framework
No work has been done on the framework and there are several links that need updating. However due to pressure of work and the time Christine is spending on blogging she hasn’t been able to look at this. If other people were blogging then Christine could use some of the time she gives voluntarily to look at the framework / links.

Presentations
Christine Irving gave a presentation at LILAC about the Community of Practice. It was a small but interactive audience. See blog for posting about the presentation and other LILAC presentations. Thanks to Jenny for the photograph of me presenting.

Jenny Foreman November 2014