2nd Information Literacy Community of Practice Meeting
Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Commercial Street, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ, Wednesday 30th January 2013 at 11.30 am – 1.30 pm

1.Apologies for absence: apologies received from Cleo Jones, Ruth Gould, Laura, Hogg, Marion Kelt, Cathy Kearney, Shelia McNeill, Gillian Hanlon, Ben Plouviez
2.Present: John Crawford, Abigail Mawhirt, Morag Higgison, Valerie Walker, Christine Irving, Bill Johnston, Lindsay McKrell, Veronica Denholm, Ian McCracken, Jenny Foreman

3.Matters arising – John Crawford - National Library of Scotland toolkit (see below). Being progressed.

3. New CILIPS Director – Cathy Kearney – Unfortunately Cathy was not able to attend but the Group congratulated her on her recent appointment

4.Information Literacy Community of Practice site report – Christine - Gillian was not able to be present but was thanked for the work she had done on the website
•Site has been revamped and is much improved.
•Pictures – new pictures have been added representing different ages and aspects of IL. If anyone has any pictures that we could use please send them to Christine.
•A blog has been introduced to which Christine urged everyone to contribute. Christine to add committee members as bloggers. Their first blog post can be to introduce themselves, why they have joined the community and any projects they are currently working on. Postings can be short and to the point. Subsequent postings should be about anything they are doing, have seen or heard about and want to share with the community. It would be great if everyone could do so on a regular basis to make the CoP interesting and vibrant.
•Events – events page added and some events listed. Please advise Christine of any events to be listed.
•List of CoP members - unfortunately, there is no mechanism on the site for displaying the CoP members. However Christine is able to email members. Christine will do a count of which sectors the CoP members are in.
•Additional editor required – with the development work done Gillian will not be able to spend as much time on the site so we need another editor in addition to Christine. Jenny volunteered. Christine to make Jenny an editor.
•Framework page – Abi reported feedback re Framework page has no text on it. Christine to investigate.

5. Training issues – Cathy Kearney – John has contacted Cathy about this –Annabel Marsh may be delivering training.

6. Report on Welsh Information Literacy Project meeting – John Crawford - See blog

7. Framework issues and development: Veronica reported on Project Blaster whose aim is to guide primary 6/7 school pupils through the basic steps to learning about information, finding the right information and applying it to a particular school project. It is largely the result of work with Davidson’s Mains Primary School in Edinburgh. User testing is being conducted at the end of March and Veronica is keen to involve members of the Group in evaluation. Veronica will email those interested in reviewing the Project. Christine reported that she is busy at the moment with other things and will start development work in a couple of months.

8. Possible Scottish Information Literacy Group – Ian - Ian suggested the possibility of setting up a Scottish sub group of the recently created CILIP Information Literacy Group. See URL http://www.cilip.org.uk/get-involved/special-interest-groups/community-services/subgroups/information-literacy/Pages/default.aspx . Mixed views were expressed and while it was felt to be an interesting idea there is a danger of duplication of effort. To progress the idea it would be necessary to get figures on how many CILIP IL Group members there are in Scotland. The matter will be further discussed at the next meeting when the necessary figures should be available

9. Special issue of LIR –: John is currently guest editing a special issue of Library and information research on the theme of information literacy and lifelong learning. The issue will contain eight articles and will include two by members of the Group, Bill Johnston (and colleagues) and Abi Mawhirt. It is hoped it will appear by early summer.

10. Abi Mawhirt’s presentation (Dundee College) - Abi described the work she had done with the Curriculum manager at Dundee College to use information literacy skills development to improve the confidence of students and develop their learning skills. The course she has devised is split into three 12 week blocks. The Literacy Information Skills project ran for 12 weeks per group, so up to three classes could attend in any academic year. The core topics of the course have remained the same and cover:
• How the internet works and online safety/privacy
• Using Google Earth/Maps and learning about directions and using a map
• Healthy eating and exercise
• Weighing and measuring (including weighing ingredients and measuring height)
• Completing a library induction and making a comic strip version of the library user guide
• Visiting Waterstone’s to choose books for their own library collection
Abi’s work is described in more detail in the forthcoming LIR article

11. Future activities – Abi’s and Bill’s articles to appear; evaluation of the NLS toolkit; further work on the Framework
12. AOB – a further meeting to be held in June – date to be decided well in advance to ensure maximum attendance

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