

Information Literacy Community of Practice Bi-annual Meeting

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Scottish Government, Victoria Quay: Monday 11th November 2019

Attendees:

Cleo Jones	Edinburgh Council (Chair)
Paul Gray	Scottish Government Library (Minutes)
Elizabeth Carney	CILIP Scotland
John Crawford	Consultant
Margaret Gair	MOD Library
Jacqueline Geekie	Aberdeenshire Libraries (via phone)
Bill Johnson	University of Strathclyde
Fiona Laing	National Library of Scotland
Kirsten McCormick	Glasgow Caledonian University
Emma McLarty	Scottish Government Solicitors Legal Information Centre
Sorina Mihai	Scottish Government Library (until December 2019)
Claire Roberts	City of Glasgow College
Gareth Ryan	University of Strathclyde
Lauren Smith	University of Edinburgh

Apologies:

Ian McCracken, Jenny Foreman, Dina Martzoukou, Laura Hogg, Lindsay McKrell, Marion Kennedy, Morag Higgison, Sean McNamara, Anne Noble, Beth Mukushi, Hilary Weir

Minutes:

1. Welcome and introductions

The group welcomed new members Emma McLarty and Sorina Mihai. The group also congratulated Jenny Foreman and Cleo Jones on their CILIPS Honorary Membership awards.

2. Farewell to IL CoP members

The group noted that Nahad Gilbert (University of Edinburgh), Jean Priestley (Fife College), Lesley Morris (Scottish Government), Craig Green (Glasgow Kelvin College) and Amanda Joykin (SLIC) have now left the IL CoP.

The group also expressed their condolences and sadness on the passing of Marion Kelt (Glasgow Caledonian University). The group reflected on the vibrancy and enthusiasm Marion brought to the IL CoP and how much she'll be missed.

3. Minutes of June 2019 and November 2019 meetings

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

4. CILIP Information Literacy Group update

Jacqueline reminded all the deadline for submissions to LILAC 2020 is this Wednesday (13/11/19) and keynote speakers have been announced. See <https://www.lilacconference.com/lilac-2020>.

Jacqueline also reported the presentations from this year's ICEPOPS conference are now available at <https://copyrightliteracy.org/upcoming-events/icepops-international-copyright-literacy-event-with-playful-opportunities-for-practitioners-and-scholars/>.

The public libraries section of the information literacy website will shortly be updated. See <https://infolit.org.uk/sectors/public-libraries/>.

The December issue of the Journal of Information Literacy will shortly be available at <https://ojs.lboro.ac.uk/jil/> and Emma Coonan (Editor in Chief) will be retiring.

It was Global Media and Information Literacy Week from 24th to 31st October and CILIP ILG was involved in events in London, Manchester and Aberdeen.

Bill said he attended this year's [Global Alliance for Partnerships on Media and Information Literacy \(GAPMIL\)](#) conference in Gothenburg and encouraged members to check out the resources on the GAPMIL website.

ACTION: Bill to send his GAPMIL report

The next CILIP ILG meeting will be in December.

John asked if ILG is still offering grants for information literacy projects as no funding has been advertised this year. Jacqueline explained grant funding comes from LILAC profits and this is on the agenda for the next ILG meeting. If funding is available this will be advertised in the usual ways (mailing lists, ILG website) and Jacqueline will also let Cleo and Jenny know.

5. Lauren Smith's research update

Lauren is working with a group to put together some information skills action points for people working with 16+ young people. Lauren reported it's too short-noticed to pull anything together before the general election on 12th December. However, it should be possible to signpost to existing resources. The group expressed concern that as the election is imminent young people need clear impartial advice and information literacy skills more than ever, meaning librarians and teachers need to feel supported and encouraged themselves to provide such advice or access to it.

Related to this point, Margaret encouraged members to contribute to the CILIP consultation that launched today designed to find out what's important to people working in libraries, information and knowledge management. CILIP members can do so by completing this survey:

https://www.research.net/r/?sm=BNzvFGTvf_2FOvTPx_2B3h9_2Bhg_3D_3D

ACTION: Cleo will discuss how we can signpost to good information resources with SLIC and CILIPS. Jacqueline will do the same with ILG and Lauren with Scottish colleges and universities.

6. Online Harms White Paper consultation

Paul reported we had collated all the IL CoP member submissions to the [consultation](#) and Jenny submitted our [IL CoP response](#) on 1st July. We've been watching for any progress with this, but there is no update as yet.

Related to this the group discussed the CILIPS Autumn Gathering opening keynote from Catherine Stihler, CEO of the Open Knowledge Foundation, on how libraries, open knowledge and data inform democracy. You can see Catherine's presentation at <https://www.slideshare.net/CILIPScotland/clipboards/autumn-gathering-2019>.

ACTION: The group thought this was an important issue and suggested inviting Catherine to the next IL CoP meeting.

Bill asked if the Scottish Government consultation on extension of coverage of FOI is still live. Paul will check.

UPDATE: This consultation is open until 22nd November. See <https://consult.gov.scot/constitution-and-cabinet/freedom-of-information-extension-of-coverage/>.

7. IL CoP Health Literacy Working Group update

Kirsten reported Sean McNamara (CILIPS) chaired the 12th August meeting of this group. Kirsten also stated this short-life working group will continue for the time being. The minutes from this, and previous meetings are available at <http://www.therightinformation.org/meetings-files/>

8. RIVAL report

Morag and Kirsten are participants at RIVAL (**R**esearch, **I**mpact, **V**alue and **L**IS). Kirsten explained that RIVAL is a new network for Scottish library and information science practitioners and researchers. Participants who attended the 1st RIVAL event are then expected to attend all RIVAL events. Funded by the Royal Society of Edinburgh, RIVAL has organised four free unconference events with the intent to share knowledge and develop Scottish network of research skills on the [RIVAL website](#). The 2nd event was on Thursday 7th November. The 3rd will be in March 2020 and the 4th will be in June 2020.

Kirsten explained examples of topics already covered include evidence-based practice, workforce mapping, case study events, gender pay gap and lack of diversity in the LIS profession.

John suggested a good topic would be how to write funding and research proposals, and Bill added it would be useful to discuss how school teachers or librarians could connect with academics who already have these skills.

9. therightinformation.org update

Paul reported since the last IL CoP meeting in June he has tried to make the website easier to use by making the blog page the home page, reordered the minutes and agenda into date order and created and emailed IL CoP members a generic

username and password to make it easier for us all use to write and comment on blog posts:

<http://www.therightinformation.org/>

Username: infolit

Password: infolit

Fiona mentioned she was unable to comment on a blog post. Paul tried to replicate the problem but couldn't, so Fiona asked others to try. If this is a problem you encounter, please email Paul and he'll investigate further.

10. AOB

Bill mentioned the Disinformation Annotated Bibliography by Gabrielle Lim. Paul had already added this as a useful resource to the SG Library's [Fighting Fake News presentation](#). See <https://citizenlab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Disinformation-Bibliography.pdf>.

Lauren reported she is developing an IL framework at Edinburgh University, which already has a digital skills framework. This will be based on the Cardiff IL framework, and will be available for sharing and for anyone to use.

John reported the FACET publication "[Informed Societies](#)" is still awaiting publication, and hoped it would be published soon as it contains contributions on IL from John, Bill, Dina Martzoukou and others.

11. DONM

The group agreed we should have separate events for the next IL CoP meeting and the planned health literacy event in May 2020. The group agreed to have the next IL CoP meeting in early June 2020. Details and location to be confirmed.

Paul Gray, Scottish Government Library