



Library Association of Ireland
Cumann Leabharlann na hÉireann

Annual Report 2017



FOREWORD



Our Annual Report 2017 provides our members with an up to date picture of our considerable activity through the Association's Groups, Sections, Taskforces and Committees who have supported and promoted the Association delivering conferences, seminars, workshops and networking events.

A review of the LAI Associateship award (ALAI) by Dr. John Cullen, was commenced in 2017 and the outcome is expected by the end of March 2018.

The LAI actively engaged with CILIP Ireland on the annual joint conference and their contribution to An Leabharlann. The annual joint conference 2017 held in Tullamore explored the new public library strategy and the important role of public libraries at the centre of communities. This ambitious Public Library Strategy: "Our Public Libraries 2022: Inspiring, connecting and empowering communities" will be launched in 2018.

The Council approved the setting up of a small committee in 2017 to progress the preparatory work to submit a bid to host IFLA 2021. This is an exciting opportunity for the LAI and its members and I look forward to a successful conclusion.

During 2017 we also encountered challenges with the unexpected withdrawal of our website support contract and the subsequent procurement process to award a new contract. I would like to acknowledge the patience of our members during this transition phase and also thank the Communications and Website committee for their efforts in progressing the development of an intuitive and robust website for the Association.

As the outgoing President, I look forward to new opportunities for the Association and improved engagement and support for the members.

Mary Stuart, President of the Library Association of Ireland

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used within the text of the report:

General

CPD Continuing Professional Development
LAI Library Association of Ireland
LIS Library & Information Studies
ALAI Associateship of the LAI
FLAI Fellowship of the LAI

LAI Groups & Sections

A&SL Academic & Special Libraries Section
CCLS County & City Librarian's Section
CDG Career Development Group
CMG Cataloguing & Metadata Group
GLS Government Libraries Section
HSLG Health Sciences Libraries Group
Public Libraries Section (PLS)
RBG Rare Books Group
WRSLAI Western Regional Section
YLG Youth Libraries Group

Organisations

AMNCH Adelaide, Meath, and National Children's Hospital
ANTLC Academic and National Library Training Co-operative
ARLIS Arts Libraries Society
BIALL The British & Irish Association of Law Librarians
CILIP Chartered Institute for Library & Information Professionals
CDETb City of Dublin Education and Training Board
CONUL Consortium of National and University Libraries
CSSO Chief State Solicitor's Office
CUAL Connacht Ulster Alliance Libraries
DBS Dublin Business School
DCPL Dublin City Public Libraries

Organisations (cont.)

DCU Dublin City University
DIT Dublin Institute of Technology
DLR Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
DPP Director of Public Prosecutions
GMIT Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology
HRB Health Research Board
INCBS Irish National Committee of the Blue Shield
HSE Health Services Executive
ITT Institute of Technology Tallaght
IMI Irish Management Institute
LISC Library and Information Services Council
LGMA Local Government Management Agency
LYIT Letterkenny Institute of Technology
NCAD National College of Art and Design
NCEC National Clinical Effectiveness Committee
NCI National College of Ireland
NUI National University of Ireland
NLI National Library of Ireland
PKSB Professional Knowledge and Skills Base (CILIP UK)
QQI Quality and Qualifications Ireland
RCSI Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
RDS Royal Dublin Society
RIA Royal Irish Academy
TCD Trinity College Dublin
UCC University College Cork
UCD University College Dublin
UCD SICS University College Dublin, School of Information & Communication Studies
UL University of Limerick
WIT Waterford Institute of Technology

LIST OF USEFUL WEBSITES

Library Association of Ireland

www.libraryassociation.ie

CILIP Ireland

www.cilip.org.uk/get-involved/regional-branches/ireland/pages/default.aspx

European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations: E.B.L.I.D.A.

www.eblida.org

IFLA, International Federation of Library Association

www.ifla.org

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Annual General Meeting 2017

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in Dublin City Libraries, Pearse Street, Dublin on 9th March 2017.

Election of Honorary Officers and Council 2017/2018

The following nominations were received for officerships and for membership of Council and all were elected at the AGM 2017:

Honorary Officers:

President:	Mary Stuart, <i>Offaly County Libraries</i>
Vice-President:	Marian Higgins, <i>Kildare Library and Arts Service</i>
Vice-President:	Cathal McCauley, <i>Maynooth University</i>
Honorary Treasurer:	Lorna Dodd, <i>Maynooth University</i>
Honorary Secretary:	Eimear McGinn, <i>Kildare Library and Arts Service</i>
Honorary Auditor:	Brendan Martin, <i>Wicklow Public Libraries</i>

Council Members:

Jane Burns, *Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland*
Philip Cohen, *Dublin Institute of Technology*
Sandra Collins, *National Library of Ireland*
Melanie Cunningham, *Waterford City and County Libraries*
Margaret Hayes, *Dublin City Public Libraries*
Marian Higgins, *Kildare Library and Arts Service*
Aoife Lawton, *Health Service Executive*
Lai Ma, *University College Dublin*
Cathal McCauley, *Maynooth University*
Zoë Melling, *Legal Aid Board*
Mary Murphy, *Meath County Libraries*
Emer O'Brien, *Tipperary Libraries*
Sinéad O'Gorman, *Wexford County Libraries*
Kathryn Smith, *Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland*
Mary Stuart, *Offaly County Libraries*
Sandra Turner, *Carlow Libraries*
Joan Ward, *Local Government Management Agency*



Former President Dr. Philip Cohen congratulating newly-elected President Mary Stuart

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were adopted. The Honorary Treasurer explained the Accounts for 2016 which had been distributed, and answered questions from the floor. The 2016 Annual Report was considered and adopted.

Following election of the Officers and Council members, President Mary Stuart delivered her presidential address. Key points from the address:

Mary Stuart thanked members, and said that it was an honour to be newly elected as LAI president and to be taking on the role in a time of great change.

Mary intends to work with LAI members to deliver a new strategy that meets the challenges of change, innovation, survival, and the need to remain relevant. In order to deliver on the strategy it is necessary to consult widely with members.

Key elements that a new strategy will address:

- Impact of external environment and societal change
- Digital/Technological world
- Skills/CPD/Training

The Association needs to engage with a new strategy and to face the challenges of the future head on and to show leadership in the future delivery of services

Mary thanked Philip Cohen, the Council members and ordinary members who give freely of their time to support and promote the association. Mary committed to progressing the work commenced by Philip Cohen in the area of marketing, membership, communications and website to enhance visibility of the LAI.

A special thanks was extended to the various Groups and Sections that delivered conferences, seminars, workshops and other networking events during 2016.

Immediately following the formal business of the AGM, Caitriona Sharkey, Associate Director, EY and part-time lecturer, DBS, gave an informative and thought-provoking talk on the changing role of librarians and the skill sets they require in today's workplace. The talk was very well-received and was followed by a stimulating Q&A session.

Motions put forward at the meeting for action by Council

The following motions were put forward at the AGM and followed up by Council during the year.

Motion 1

The Association notes that a number of County/City Librarian posts have now been vacant for a number of years. The Association calls on the relevant local authorities and on the **Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government** to advertise and fill all the vacant County/City Librarian posts countrywide as a necessary step in ensuring the strategic development of the public library service.

This resolution passed at the meeting.

Proposed Action: Referred to the County and City Librarian's Section for action.

Motion 2

The reduction in funding for library services over the last number of years has seriously impacted on the quality of public library collections.

The Association calls on the **Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government** to encourage local authorities to increase the spend on stock towards a per capita stock fund target of €3.77 as proposed in the Public Library Strategy: Opportunities for all 2013-2017.

This resolution passed at the meeting.

Proposed Action: Referred to the County and City Librarian's Section for action

Motion 3

Managing the Delivery of Effective Library Services (2014) established a *National Workforce Plan* for public libraries which superseded existing plans. The Association calls on the **Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government** to expedite the implementation of Library Workforce plans in all local authorities to ensure effective and sustainable staffing levels in library authorities.

This resolution passed at the meeting.

Proposed Action: Referred to the County and City Librarian's Section for action.

Motion 4

The **Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government** recently revised the qualifications for library posts in the public library sector. The Association calls on the **Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government** to ensure that future changes to qualifications for library staff should be referred to the Professional Standards Committee of the Library Association of Ireland.

Following discussion this proposal was not carried. This motion was referred back to the County and City Librarian's Section.

Motion 5

Managing the Delivery of Effective Library Services (2014) outlined the reform of the management and service delivery structures of Public Libraries. The Association calls on **Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government** to consult with the County and City Librarians' Section on the implementation of revised service delivery structures.

This resolution passed at the meeting.

Proposed Action: Referred to the County and City Librarian's Section for action.

Professional Awards presented at the AGM 2017



L-R: Caitríona Honohan, ALAI, Órna Roche, ALAI, Elizabeth Murphy, ALAI, Caroline Rowan, ALAI, Mary Dunne, ALAI, Val Payne, FLAI and Genevieve Larkin, ALAI.

Members awarded Associateship and Fellowship of the Library Association of Ireland during 2016 were presented with their certificates at the AGM 2017.

FELLOWSHIP AWARDS:

Val Payne, BA, DipLib, MLIS, MCLIP, ALAI, FLAI, was awarded Fellowship of the Library Association of Ireland on assessment of her application.

The Fellowship citation read:

Val's application records her experience across a range of library and information environments throughout her career, and a progression in technical and managerial roles that includes leadership of professional teams and membership of inter-agency working groups where she represented her university library employer. Ms. Payne is active at committee level across a range of community organisations in her locality and as such seems to be an engaged, proactive citizen. She has contributed to the work of the professional Association through her contribution on committees of several special interest Groups and Sections.

Because of her commitment and her continuing engagement with the sector and the profession, it is recommended that she be awarded the FLAI.

ASSOCIATESHIP AWARDS

Mary Dunne, MSc Econ, MSc, ALAI was awarded Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland on assessment of her application.

The Associateship citation read:

A very well structured presentation, with essential content laid out in an informative way. CPD was clearly demonstrated, over time and in varied and relevant contexts. A sharing and educational role with fellow LIS professionals is to be commended. There is an engagement with practical enterprise and involvement in a large number of activities such as presentations, publications, blogs, articles, participation in working groups, etc. The candidate's special interest topics of value and impact, and of perceptions of librarians, are shown to be well researched, developed and disseminated.

Descriptions of activities and learning objectives were well set out and reflected on. The candidate's contribution to health sciences librarianship in particular, but also in the wider arena of library and information services, is clearly evidenced and to be highly commended.

Caitríona Honohan, MSc ILM, MA, BMus, ALAI was awarded Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland on assessment of her application.

The Associateship citation read:

Following a review of Caitríona's range of practical experience; her ongoing commitment to excellence in the profession through further education, training and conference attendance, and her practical committee involvement in professional library organisations, the assessors have no hesitation in wholeheartedly endorsing her application for election to the Register of Associates. She demonstrates ongoing professionalism and commitment to the Library & Information sector and to her own career development.

Genevieve Larkin, MA, DipLIS, MSc LIS, ALAI was awarded Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland on assessment of her application.

The Associateship citation read:

Genevieve has over 7 years' experience in the libraries of Marino Institute of Education, St. Patrick's College and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

She has shown great commitment to professional development by attending conferences and workshops, presenting at SLIP Ireland's 2016 conference, participating in online courses including Rudaí 23, writing for library blogs, engaging with international colleagues via the International Librarian's Network and Erasmus Plus and by acting as secretary of the LAI Career Development Group. She has been an excellent advocate for librarians abroad and at home, presenting in Prague, and winning awards - "Excellence in Teaching and Learning Award" and grants from the Quality Promotion Unit and Teaching & Learning Committee.

Elizabeth Murphy, BA, HDipLIS, ALAI was awarded Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland on assessment of her application.

The Associateship citation read:

Elizabeth Murphy has had a very solid career as an Assistant Librarian in the John Paul II Library at Maynooth for two decades. During that time, she has enjoyed a wide range of responsibilities, including managing projects, teams of colleagues and controlling significant budgets.

Her ongoing commitment to Continuous Professional Development is commendable and has given her additional skills to apply to her varied responsibilities. Apart from committee membership of various LIS bodies, she has also written articles in publications such as the New Review of Academic Librarianship and SCONUL Focus.

The assessors are confident that Elizabeth will continue to contribute to the work of the LAI she as an Associate member.

Órna Roche, MA, MLIS, ALAI was awarded Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland on assessment of her application.

The Associateship citation read:

Órna's application for Associate Membership of the Library Association of Ireland demonstrates: her cumulative work experience; her education qualifications relevant to the profession of librarianship;

her CPD, her membership of relevant committees; and her contributions to publications, reports, and Committees.

Her deep involvement with digital librarianship — including cataloguing in non-MARC formats — along with her experience in working with older materials adds value to her application. Her experience in making formal presentations to CONUL, to colleagues, to students, and to conference delegates adds weight to her application.

The assessors felt that the application documentation was well presented, and its content leads them to have no hesitation in recommending that she be awarded ALAI membership.

Caroline Rowan, MA, LLB, MLIS, ALAI was awarded Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland on assessment of her application.

The Associateship citation read:

Caroline's post-qualification experience includes roles as Assistant Librarian in the University of Limerick, and as a Librarian in two medical libraries, in Limerick and Dún Laoghaire. She has also contributed to the development of the library profession through working as a Student Tutor/Grader to the School of Information Studies, UCD.

Her record of involvement with professional activities is especially impressive: she was one of the co-developers of Rudaí 23, and one of the team who established HEAR: Health Evidence Awareness Report, and is active in the HSLG. She shares the role of Communications Officer and as part of this role, she edits and publishes HINT: Health Information News and Thinking, the HSLG newsletter. Caroline has published and presented extensively and generously shares her knowledge and learning with colleagues.

Vaughan Birbeck, MA, MPhil, MCLIP, ALAI was awarded Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland on assessment of his application.

Vaughan's Associateship certificate was presented in abstentia.

The Associateship citation read:

Vaughan Birbeck meets the criteria for Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland. The applicant is a personal member in good standing of the LAI and holds a recognised qualification in Library & Information Studies from Manchester Polytechnic. He is also a Chartered member of CILIP. Vaughan has provided evidence of over twenty years of professional post-qualification experience in a range of library and information posts. Continuing interest in professional development is evidenced by completion of ASLIB courses in both social media and knowledge management and the knowledge gained from these courses has clearly translated into practice as evidenced by the Development Report.

Further evidence of contribution to the profession is demonstrated by the applicant's willingness to take part in CPD opportunities, and involvement in professional networks such as Eurolib and SALIS, notably taking on the chairmanship of the latter in 2015.

Leona Burgess, BSc, Dip ILS, MCLIP, ALAI was awarded Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland on assessment of his application.

Leona's Associateship certificate was presented in abstentia.

The Associateship citation read:

Leona holds an approved qualification, i.e. Postgraduate Diploma in Information & Library Studies, awarded in 2007.

She has more than 6 years' appropriate post-qualification experience in a professional post, as Assistant Librarian in the Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety in Belfast. She has an impressive record of involvement with professional activities, in particular the HSLG, and is a Chartered Member of CILIP.

Sue Miller, BA(Mod), HDipLis, ALAI was awarded Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland on assessment of her application.

Sue's Associateship certificate was presented in abstentia.

The Associateship citation read:

Sue is a highly experienced professional as evident from her list of current and previous positions. She has sought out opportunities for CPD in all of these roles and has demonstrated her interest in a wide variety of activities. For many years, she volunteered on the SLARI (School Library Association Republic of Ireland) committee acting as Chair and Secretary thus showing commitment to the profession. She is a member of the steering group of Bringing2Book an Arts Council and Children's Books Ireland initiative. This is further evidence of her passion for the community she serves.

Niamh O'Donovan, BA, HDipLIS, ALAI was awarded Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland on assessment of her application.

Niamh's Associateship certificate was presented in abstentia.

The Associateship citation read:

Niamh has extensive experience working in public libraries since 2003. Her duties have been wide-ranging from branch work to working for an Education and Training Board as a School Librarian. She has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to her own CPD and to the assistance of colleagues' CPD through presentations and podcasts. She has presented at numerous conferences focusing on information literacy and social media.

The recipient of bursaries to attend events abroad, she has put her attendance to good use. She demonstrates commitment to the profession in its wider context by her active participation in WRSLAI. In 2015 she was project manager with the WRSLAI for the online learning course for Information Professionals called Rudaí 23.

Stephanie Ronan, MA, MLIS, ALAI was awarded Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland on assessment of her application.

Stephanie's Associateship certificate was presented in abstentia.

The Associateship citation read:

Stephanie has been working in the Library and Information Sector since 2011. She has valuable experience from Loughrea Public Library, Glucksman Library (UL), and in the Marine Institute. As a solo librarian at the Marine Institute, the candidate has experienced many facets that encompass the role of the librarian today. These include managing the institutional repository, accounts, cataloguing, management, information literacy. Earlier evidence of training and outreach is impressive.

There is admirable proof of a dedication to CPD over a number of years. Her involvement and commitment to WRSLAI is excellent – from attending her first AGM in 2012 to hosting the event in 2015 and taking on the responsibilities associated with being a committee member, treasurer, and secretary. Not content with her regional work the candidate also sits on the communication board of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centres, and is

Ireland's representative in the European Association of Aquatic Sciences Libraries and Information Centres.

She has helped organise, host and present numerous LIS-related events – most notably her heavy involvement with Rudaí 23. She has also contributed by way of publications and presentations, and helped establish the Repository Network Ireland with Aoife Lawton and Máire Caffrey.

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Management and Administration

The Library Association of Ireland is a company limited by guarantee. Every member is a shareholder. The Council is the company's Board of Directors.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association establish the methods and capacity of the Association to manage its business. These are the foundation documents for all action by the Association and they outline procedures in place. The work of the organisation is undertaken on a voluntary basis at all levels. The organisation recognises and thanks members for their substantial contribution to maintaining the relevance and vibrancy of the organisation through the wide range of activities undertaken at every level.

COUNCIL

The Library Association of Ireland is a professional body representing libraries and librarianship in Ireland. The objectives of the association are to promote and develop high standards of librarianship and of library and information services in Ireland, and to secure greater co-operation between libraries.

COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULE AND ATTENDANCE RECORD 2017

The 2017/2018 Council met three times during its term of office to the end of December 2017: 15th June, 14th September and 23rd November. The 2016/17 Council met once in 2017 on the 19th January.

Name	Number of Meetings attended 2017
Burns, Jane	1
Cohen, Philip	2
Collins, Sandra	0
Cunningham, Melanie	2
Dodd, Lorna	2
Gallagher, Catherine*	0
Hayes, Margaret	3
Higgins, Marian	2
Lawton, Aoife	1
McCauley, Cathal	2
McGinn, Eimear	3
Ma, Lai	2
Melling, Zoë	0
Murphy, Mary	2
O'Brien, Emer	1
O'Brien, Niall*	4
O'Gorman, Sinead	1
Smith, Kathryn	0
Stuart, Mary	3
Turner, Sandra	3

Ward, Joan	2
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* **Members co-opted onto Council at meeting of 15th June 2017.**

Management Committee

The function of the Management Committee is to manage the finances and administrative procedures of the Association. The committee met 15th June, 14th September and 23rd November in 2017. During 2017 the work achieved included.

- Continue to work with Council members on the possibility of hosting the IFLA Conference in 2021.
- Funding approved for website upgrade
- Research on website models and association requirements
- Development of a website design and maintenance tender document
- Procurement of website design and maintenance contractor
- Administration Committee members used occasions such as the SLIP – New Professionals Day, DBS Careers Fair, DBS Annual Seminar and Public Library Conference to promote Association and the benefits of membership
- Officers of inactive groups were contacted regarding current status.
- Administration Committee members supported UCD's Professional Development Survey
- Funding approval to support Rudai 23 which is administered by the Western Regional Section
- Continue to work and support the Joint CILIP/LAI Conference

Action Plan, 2013 – 2016

It was hoped to review the plan and update it in 2017 but this was prevented by pressures of work elsewhere.

Members of Taskforces, Panels and Committees of the Council

[Note: only the places of employment of members who are not on the Council are listed here. Information about Council members is listed at the front of the report.]

Management Committee: Philip Cohen, Lorna Dodd, Marian Higgins, Cathal McCauley, Eimear McGinn, Mary Stuart (Convenor), Sandra Turner

Audit Committee: Lorna Dodd, Brendan Martin (Hon. Auditor, Wicklow County Libraries), Mary Stuart (Convenor)

Communications and Website Committee: Bernadette Fennell (South Dublin County Council), Mary Stuart (Convenor), Fionnuala Hanrahan (Retired, Wexford County Council), Marian

Higgins, Gillian Kerins (ITT), Eimear McGinn, Emer O'Brien, Shona Thoma (Social Media Officer, Kildare County Council), Joan Ward, Sandra Turner (LAI Website Officer)

Editorial Board of An Leabharlann: the Irish Library: Heather Anderson (CILIP Ireland), Helen Fallon (Maynooth University), Kate Kelly (RCSI), Terry O'Brien (WIT), Marjory Sliney (Editor), Brendan Teeling (DCPL)

Education Committee - Continuing Professional Development: Philip Cohen (Convenor), Sarah Connolly (IMI), Deirdre Ellis King (UCD SILS/Retired, DCPL), Eva Hornung (CDET Curriculum Development Unit, TCD), Sheila Kelly (DCPL), Gillian Kerins (ITT), Jessie Kurtz (TCD), Lai Ma (UCD SICS), Ann Mitchell (NUI Galway), Eileen Morrissey (Wexford County Library Service), Mary Murphy, Kathryn Smith

Education Committee: Professional Standards Committee: Kate Kelly (Deputy Convenor), Gillian Kerins (Secretary, ITT), Philip Cohen, Madelaine Dennison (Houses of the Oireachtas), Siobhán Fitzpatrick (Convenor), Deirdre Ellis King (UCD SILS/Retired, DCPL), Cathal McCauley, Marjory Sliney.

European and International Panel: Jenny Aston (Library Books Ireland), Joseph Donnelly (The Judges' Library), Zoe Melling, Ann O'Sullivan (A&L Goodbody)

Library Ireland Week Task Force: Johanna Archbold (RSCI), Betty Codd, Philip Cohen, Melanie Cunningham, Catherine Gallagher (Convenor), Lai Ma, Eimear McGinn, Eileen Morrissey, Samantha Morrissey (Clare County Library Service), Kathryn Smith, Shona Thoma (Kildare Library and Arts Service), Mary Murphy

North-South Liaison Committee/Annual Joint Conference Committee: Gerardine Blee (CILIP), Philip Cohen, Melanie Cunningham, Lorna Dodd, Eimear Evans (CILIP), Margaret Hayes, Marian Higgins, Cathal McCauley, Samantha McCombe (CILIP), Eimear McGinn, Alex McIlroy (CILIP), Marjory Sliney, Mary Stuart (Convenor).

LAI Literacies Committee: Philip Russell (Convenor, ITT), Claire McGuinness (UCD SICS), Katherine Ryan (St. Andrews College, Dublin), Brenda Carey (DLR), Ann O'Sullivan (A&L Goodbody), Laura Joyce (South Dublin Libraries), Joan Ward, Siobhan Dunne (TCD), Melanie Cunningham, Lorna Dodd.

Nominees and Members of Committees of External Bodies with which the Association is engaged

- European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA): *Zoë Melling*
- EBLIDA Expert Group on Information Law: *Joe Donnelly*
- IFLA Library Buildings and Equipment Section: *Cathal McCauley*
- LGMA, Child Protection Committee: *Mary Stuart*
- LGMA, Library Development Committee: *Margaret Hayes and Mary Stuart*

- Department of Rural and Community Development, New Library Strategy Working Group: *Members of the City and County Librarians Section, Mary Stuart, Margaret Hayes, Damien Brady (Limerick City and County Library Service) and Mary Reynolds (Longford Library Service).*

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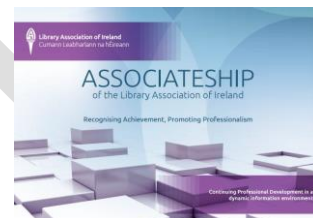
Developing the Profession

Education Committee: Professional Standards Committee



The objective of the LAI Education Committee: Professional Standards (the Committee) is to provide advice and guidance to Council in relation to professional ethics, core competencies for professional librarians, and other matters relating to standards as appropriate. The Committee is responsible for articulating the regulations in relation to accreditation of library courses (levels 8 and 9) in the Republic of Ireland and managing accreditation processes, as well as the LAI's ALAI and FLAI awards.

The Committee met five times during 2017 (1st February, 27th July, 24th October, 21st November, 11th December). The committee wishes to acknowledge and thank Madelaine Dennison for all her work as Secretary a role she stepped down from in October 2017. We acknowledge the continued commitment of Marjory Sliney to the management of award applications, and also thank Gillian Kerins for maintaining the Professional Standards area of the LAI website.



Throughout the year the Committee worked closely with the Education Committee: Continuing Professional Development and this collegiate working will continue in 2018. The Committee agreed its work programme in February. An update on the key elements of this work programme is provided below:

Accreditation reviews of course providers

The Committee met with the UCD School of Information and Communication Studies (the School) in October when a report and update on developments since accreditation in 2016 were presented by the School. The committee accredits the MLIS, DLIS and BA/BSocSc Information & Library Studies programmes offered by the School.

A review meeting took place on 21st November 2017 with Dublin Business School's representatives with regards to the MSc in Information & Library Management (accredited by the Committee in 2014) at which ongoing work and proposed developments were discussed in detail.

Members of the Committee, together with President Mary Stuart and LAI Officers, met with CILIP in Scotland Director, Ms Catherine Kearney and her colleague, Ms Audrey Walker on 31st August at the Royal Irish Academy. The LAI's accreditation process and awards were discussed in the context of best practice, methodologies adopted and the implications of reviews of these processes and outcomes.

Review of the Associateship award (ALAI)

The Committee firmed up Terms of Reference and a Scope Note in relation to a proposed review of the Associateship award. The Council at their September meeting ratified the commissioning of an external reviewer to carry out a root and branch survey of analogous awards offered by other library associations and professional bodies and to examine the function of the current award, its position in professional career pathways and its potential future role. Dr John Cullen, Maynooth University, has been commissioned to carry out the review with a mandate to engage widely with the membership and other key stakeholders. It is expected that the final report and recommendations will be ready by 30th March 2018.

The Committee managed the assessment of candidates for ALAI and FLAI applications during the calendar year. Seven Associateships were awarded in 2017.

Education Committee: Continuing Professional Development

A total of 17 training events were approved for LAI accreditation in 2017. That number is the highest recorded since approvals began, more than 10 years ago, and it shows the increasing value placed on LAI accreditation by course providers and attendees alike. Courses were organised by the LAI Groups and Sections and by external bodies, with the wide range of topics and varied formats indicating a dynamic profession whose members are keen to enhance their knowledge skills.

Several members of the CPD Committee also serve on the Professional Standards Committee and the two Committees continue to work closely together. This relationship will be reinforced in 2018 by the review of the LAI Associateship award.

Approved Continuing Professional Development Courses 2017

Information Professional as Teacher [CPD Module] (UCD SICS)
Workshop: Supporting quality in systematic reviews and other research (LAI HSLG)
LIR Annual Seminar (LIR HEAnet User Group for Libraries)
Bringing New Audiences to Special Collections (LAI RBG)
MarcEdit and OpenRefine (LAI CMG)
Rudaí 23: 23 Things Collaboration (WRSLAI)
Introduction to Systematic Reviews in Health Systems (UCD SICS)
Leadership for Librarians (LAI CDG)
CONUL Erasmus Week (CONUL)
Coding for librarians (LAI CDG)
YLG Conference: Full STEAM ahead at your local library (YLG LAI)
LAI Western Regional Section Annual Seminar, 2017 (WRSLAI)
DBS Annual Library Seminar (DBS)
Research Data Management Course (UCD SICS)
CONUL Conference: Inspiring and supporting research (CONUL Conference Committee)
SLIP Ireland Student Conference, 2017 (SLIP Ireland)
A&SL Annual Conference (LAI A&SL)

Communications

Website Development

Since the withdrawal of service by the LAI website support company, throughout 2017 there have been ongoing problems with the website. Management of the website was escalated to the LAI Management Council.

Following a Request for Quotations process, a vendor has been selected. The website requirements were identified in advance of the tender process by LAI Officers. The Website Officer will convene a meeting of the Communications and Website Committee in April 2018 to finalise the design and functionality of the new website.

Publications

An Leabharlann: the Irish Library, Volume 26 (1 and 2),

- An Leabharlann [Volume 26: Issue 1 March 2017](#)
- An Leabharlann [Volume 26: Issue 2 October 2017](#)
- An Leabharlann (Online) ISSN 2009-6062

We wish to thank the members of the CDG in coordinating the submission of An Leabharlann to [e-Deposit Ireland](#). An Leabharlann can be accessed at <http://edepositireland.ie/handle/2262/71217>

Leabharlann-e [electronic newsletter of the Council]: was published electronically in February and May of 2017, prior to the functionality and support service issues relating to the LAI website and mailing list systems.

Annual Report 2016: Dublin: The Library Association of Ireland, 2016, ISSN: 0791-6248



Library and Information Services: Developing and Promoting High Standards

Copyright

EU Copyright Reform

Much activity took place in 2016 regarding copyright reform, with a submission by the Association in December of that year to the Government. There was, however, no substantive response from the Government during 2017.

Library Ireland Week 2017



Library Ireland Week has run successfully for a number of years to showcase library services. Traditionally the week has a central theme to promote and this is done using a variety of mechanisms, including events, social media, poster campaign and staff exchange programme. It has proven a good showcase to demonstrate the depth and breadth of Library Services.

Unfortunately in light of technical issues with the LAI website LIW2017 was deferred to December 2017 with the hope that the website issues would be resolved. This proved aspirational as issues remain with the LAI website, and so reluctantly the decision was taken not to officially run the week in 2017.

Some LAI groups and sections who had organised events with LIW in mind ran with their own events, however there was not a concerted campaign to promote libraries during that week.

The expectation would be to commence planning LIW early in 2018 and make it a resounding success!

Literacies Committee – 2017

The LAI Literacies Committee met once this year in March. The Committee is committed to reviewing best practice initiatives in terms of literacy, information literacy and digital literacy across library and information service sectors in Ireland and is working on an action plan for the development of these competencies at local and national level.

The Committee actively engages in advocacy, promotion and dissemination activities and members attended a variety of national and international events in 2017, including an inspirational talk given by Alan Carbery at the Royal Irish Academy in Dublin and LILAC (Librarians' Information Literacy Annual Conference) in Swansea in April 2017. Participation at these events, has raised the profile of

the Committee, highlighting the work of the group as it advances the goal of an integrated national strategy for these core skills. Philip Russell also met with Dr. Terry Maguire (Chair, the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching in Higher Education) to highlight the strategic value of these literacy competencies, identify collaborative opportunities and further the role of the Literacies Committee. The committee is open to new members / possible partnerships as we advance our goals in 2018.

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Supporting Co-operation between Library and Information Services

European and International Panel

The absence of key members, due to a variety of reasons, led to the curtailment of much of the international work of the Association. Several members did attend the IFLA World Library and Information Congress held in Wroclaw, Poland, in August and the traditional Irish national caucus meeting took place with six attendees. The panel intends to reactivate during 2018.

North-South Liaison with CILIP Ireland

The Committee met in September and November 2017. Much of the discussion centred on review of the Annual Joint Conference 2017 in Tullamore and preparations for the Annual Joint Conference 2018 planned for Newry. Marjory Sliney, the editor of *An Leabharlann*, reported on its continued success, welcoming submissions from both CILIP and LAI members.



In 2017 some discussion had centred around running the LAI *Library Ireland Week* concurrently with Libraries NI *Libraries Week*.

Unfortunately this was not possible because of the restraints regarding the functionality of the LAI website and concomitant website hosting issues.

The meeting of the 25th January 2018 was kindly hosted by CILIP Ireland in the Linen Hall Library, Belfast. A successful meeting ensued finalising the 2018 Annual Joint Conference programme scheduled for Newry on the 19th and 20th April 2018.

CILIP Ireland/ LAI Annual Joint Conference 2017

Dynamic Innovative Libraries - Connecting with the user

The conference explored our connections with users and speakers focussed on key areas impacting upon our profession from technology to innovation and learning to policy. The diverse range of presenters who spoke on overcoming challenges and finding opportunities helped delegates build on the strengths of our collection centered models with a forward emphasis on user strategies.

Events began with a welcome reception on the evening of the 29th March, with the formal opening of the Exhibition by Library Association of Ireland, President Mary Stuart. 120 delegates were encouraged to network, explore the exhibitions and meet the exhibitors.

Mr Damien English, T.D., Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal opened the conference proceedings on Thursday 30th March spoke about the important role of libraries in communities where they act as a vehicle for access to knowledge, ideas and information.

The keynote speaker, Andy Priestner, engaged delegates in a humorous and upbeat interactive session, employing User Experience research methods delegates gained valuable insight into what our users are really doing.



Mr Damien English, T.D., Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal, addressing delegates.

Transformational change in libraries was highlighted by the three plenary speakers, Jukka Relander, President of EBLIDA spoke on '*new libraries, old users - changing libraries and the public pressure that they should not change*'. David Dalton, Principal Officer, Dept. of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government spoke on the new public library strategy - '*Our Next Step*'. Director of Creative Ireland, John Concannon engaged delegates in the new exciting government initiative Creative Ireland, John identified libraries as a key partner in this cross departmental cultural initiative.

The programme was further enhanced with a series of interactive workshops and learning sessions dealing with topics such as digitisation literacy, marketing and STEAM.

Delegates enjoyed the opportunity to visit Tullamore Library on Thursday 30th, where they were introduced to the 'Open Library' model of accessible service delivery.



L-R: Mr Frank Heslin, Director of Services, Offaly County Council, Samantha McCombe, Librarian Linen Hall Library and Chair, CILIP Ireland, Mr Damien English, T.D., Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal, Mary Stuart, County Librarian, Offaly County Council, President of LAI and Councillor Eddie Fitzpatrick, Cathaoirleach Offaly County Council attending conference.

Groups and Sections

Membership of Groups and Sections forms part of membership. Participation at committee level of Groups and Sections can be a valuable learning and networking experience. Committees are elected at Annual General Meetings. The election process is advertised to members in advance. Groups and Sections have documented procedures which operate within the parameters of the overarching Memorandum and Articles, possibly with refinements to suit local circumstances. Groups and Sections can create time-specific, focused sub-committees in response to priorities and workloads.

If you wish to join a Group or Section, select the Group/Section when joining/renewing membership.

If you are interested in joining the committee of a LAI Group or Section please contact the Committee Chair.

Academic & Special Libraries Section (A&SL)

Committee Officers and Members 2017

Chairperson:	Marie G. Cullen (Maynooth University)
Hon. Secretary:	David Hughes (Dublin Business School)
Hon. Treasurer:	Tom Maher (National College of Art & Design)
Membership Officer:	Marie G. Cullen (Maynooth University)
Communications Officer:	Laura Rooney-Ferris (Irish Hospice Foundation)
Committee Members:	

Sarah Connolly (Irish Management Institute)
Jean Earley (McCann FitzGerald)
Dr. Eva Hornung (CDET Curriculum Development Unit/TCD)
Caitríona Honohan (Trinity College Dublin)
Deirdre McGuinness (William Fry)
Erin O'Mahony (Houses of the Oireachtas) – stepped down November 2017
Niamh O'Sullivan (Irish Blood Transfusion Service)
Maria Rogers (Barnardos Ireland) – stepped down November 2017

Overview

2017 has been a transitional year for the Academic & Special Libraries Section Committee, with some turnover of committee personnel. We organised several events, which were very successful in attracting high attendances and interest. The Annual Conference & Exhibition held in February 2017 attracted a very high attendance from delegates and a high level of interest from companies and organisations sponsoring the conference. The entire Committee worked very hard on the organisation of the conference. Particular appreciation goes to the 2017 Conference Project Manager Laoise Doherty.

Committee meetings and membership

2015-2017 A&SL Committee



back row L-R: Seán Hughes, Marie Cullen, Laoise Doherty, Niamh O’Sullivan, Deirdre McGuinness, Tom Maher
front row L-R: Erin O’Mahony, Laura Rooney-Ferris, Maria Rogers, Caitríona Honohan, Eva Hornung

The Committee met on 12 occasions in 2017. This included 10 Committee meetings, the Annual General Meeting in June and a strategic planning meeting in July to plan the year ahead. Our Treasurer Laoise Doherty, and members Seán Hughes and Lorraine Curran stepped down from the committee before the AGM and were replaced by Sarah Connolly, Jean Earley and David Hughes. Later in the year Erin O’Mahony and Maria Rogers resigned from the committee but have not yet been replaced. The Committee would like to thank Laoise, Seán, Lorraine, Erin and Maria for their excellent service over the years

The Committee recently made some proposed amendments to its Rules and Procedures. The major change was to rule 5.2 (Maximum number of elected members increasing from 12 to 15). The proposed amendments were approved by the LAI Council at their November meeting and were approved by the A&SL membership at the 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Another change made by the Committee was to move the AGM from June to January to better align with the financial and calendar year.

Mailing List

Recent issues with the LAI website mailing lists resulted in the committee migrating the A&SL mailing list to Mailchimp. This is now up and running. Special thanks to Marie Cullen for her sterling work on this.

A&SL Section events for 2017

A&SL & HSLG Annual New Year Gathering, January 2017

The A&SL again collaborated with the Health Sciences Libraries Group (HSLG) to co-host the Annual New Year Gathering on Thursday 12th January 2017 in the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson St, Dublin.

Our Guest Speaker was Samantha McCombe, Librarian of the Linen Hall Library, Belfast, and she was introduced by Philip Cohen, President of the Library Association of Ireland. There was also a collection for Focus Ireland on the night, which raised €151.85. Many thanks to all who contributed.

A&SL Section's Annual Conference & Exhibition, February 2017

The A&SL 2017 Annual Conference & Exhibition, The Sociable Librarian: Connecting & Creating Communities took place on Thursday 16th & Friday 17th February 2017 at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8. The Keynote Speakers were Scott Bonner - Director, Ferguson Municipal Public Library, Ferguson, Missouri and Brenda O'Connell, Department of Psychology, University of Limerick.

Library Leadership Workshop with Andy Priestner, March 2017

This event took place on March 29th 2017 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin 2, co-hosted by the Career Development Group of the Library Association of Ireland. This was a one-day course for emerging or new leaders in librarianship, designed to explore what effective leadership involves and explore different leadership approaches. The course focussed specifically on what is required of leaders in libraries based on the current state of the industry and the opinions of library directors from all over the world.

For further details about all A&SL events go to <http://www.aslibraries.com/>

Other highlights of 2017

The A&SL 'Librarians Aloud' podcast series now consists of nineteen episodes, featuring librarians talking about their career paths, what they love about the profession and where the information profession is going. Special thanks to Laura Rooney-Ferris for this series. All episodes are available at <https://soundcloud.com/librariansaloud/sets/librarians-aloud-episodes>

Episode 1 - October 2015 - Jane Burns

Episode 2 - November 2015 - Tom Maher & Mick O' Dwyer, The Forgotten Zine Archive

Episode 3 - December 2015 - Niamh O Donovan & Stephanie Ronan, Rudai23

Episode 4 - January 2016 - Aoife Lawton, Systems Librarian, HSE & Author of 'The Invisible Librarian'

Episode 5 - April 2016 - Marie O'Neill, Head Librarian, Dublin Business School

Episode 6 - Bonus episode May 2016 - Jan Parry, former CILIP president

Episode 7 - Ian Clark @ijclark Talks to Tom Maher

Episode 8 - David Hughes @usernameerror Systems Librarian, Dublin Business School

Episode 9 - Siobhan Britton @wigglymittens Talks to Tom Maher

Episode 10 - Ann O Sullivan @annieosullivan, Knowledge Services Manager, A&L Goodbody

Episode 11 - Louise Farragher @farragher, Information Specialist, Health Research Board

Episode 12 – Dr Sandra Collins @SandriCollins Director, National Library of Ireland

Episode 13 – Scott Bonner @ScottyBonner Director, Ferguson Municipal Public Library

Episode 14 – Alan Carbery @acarbery Associate Director, Champlain College Library, Vermont

Episode 15 – Aoife Connolly @AoifeConnolly Manager Librarian Links

Episode 16 – Clare Murnane @clarebrarian SLIP Ireland

Episode 17 – Shona Thoma @shinyshona NPD Ireland

Episode 18 – International 2017 special: Andy Tattersall @andy_tattersall Information Specialist University of Sheffield

Jan Holmquist @janholmquist Assistant Library Director Guldborgsund Libraries, Denmark

Episode 19 – Niamh O’Sullivan @Dingleniamh Research Officer/Librarian Irish Blood Transfusion Service

Bursaries

The Committee once again awarded bursaries for full delegate attendance to the A&SL Section’s Annual Conference & Exhibition 2017. Lynne Gault and Joanne Carroll were the winners of the sponsored places. The bursaries cover the cost of the conference delegate fee (including meals) plus travel costs up to a maximum of €100.00. Each bursary winner provided a conference review. Applications for bursaries (sponsored by bibliotheca) to the 2018 Annual Conference & Exhibition can be sent to aslsectionevents@gmail.com. The closing date for applications is 26th January. The Committee also continues to offer A&SL National & International Library Conference Bursaries, giving members the opportunity to attend major international library conferences as part of their CPD. The 2017 winner was Elizabeth Murphy, who attended the National Acquisitions Group's (UK) 7th Collection Development Seminar for Academic Libraries in Birmingham in May 2017.

Committee Members attended the following events during 2017:

February

Jean Earley attended a BIALL Irish Group meeting

March

Marie Cullen attended the Professor John Dean Annual Public Debate at The Royal Irish Academy

Eva Hornung and Sarah Connolly were among the organisers of the LAI CPD PKSB training event and workshop at Pearse St Library, which was attended by David Hughes and Marie Cullen

Niamh O’Sullivan and Laura Rooney-Ferris attended Andy Preistner’s Library Leadership Workshop at The Royal Irish Academy

Marie Cullen attended a talk by Pernille Drost, Head of the National Library of Denmark as part of the National Library of Ireland (NLI), Library Matters series

April

Tom Maher, Marie Cullen and Niamh O’Sullivan attended Alan Carbery’s “Fake news is an oxymoron, and a LibGuide won’t cut it” event at The Royal Irish Academy

May

Marie Cullen, Laura Rooney-Ferris, Eva Hornung and Niamh O’Sullivan attended the Information Professionals’ Network Careers Expo in Dublin Business School (DBS), on behalf of the A&SL Committee

Jean Earley attended a BIALL Irish Group meeting

June

David Hughes presented at the DBS Annual seminar on his experience with implementing the Shibboleth access management system. Laura Rooney-Ferris and Caitríona Honohan were in attendance

Jean Earley attended BIALL Annual Conference, in Manchester
Caitríona Honohan (poster on The Information-Seeking Behaviour of Advisers to Policy Makers for Homelessness in Ireland) and Niamh O'Sullivan (Workshop on Workshops with Jane Burns) presented at the International Congress of Medical Librarianship (ICML) & European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL) 2017 conference
Eva Hornung and Caitríona Honohan attended the L2L: Exploring the Framework for Staff Who Teach from a Library Perspective event
Marie Cullen attended a talk by Richard Ovenden, Bodley's Librarian as part of the NLI Library Matters series

July

Tom Maher attended the ARLIS UK & Ireland, Annual Conference at the NGL.

August

Eva Hornung presented on the PKSB to meeting between LAI representatives and CILIP

September

David Hughes attended the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education National Professional Development Framework Celebration Day
Eva Hornung attended the LAI Council meeting
Jean Earley and Deirdre McGuinness attended the BIALL European Union Law Information Seminar given by Ian Thomson at the Bar of Ireland, Distillery Building. Jean also attended a BIALL Irish group meeting

October

Laura Rooney-Ferris presented at Internet Librarian International October 17th & 18th
'Broadcasting the library' 'Librarians aloud! A DIY podcast to amplify librarian voices'
Caitríona Honohan attended the CONUL/ANLTC Copyright issues in Academic Libraries, Royal Irish Academy

November

Caitríona Honohan & Niamh O'Sullivan attended the CONUL Teaching & Learning Seminar 2017, Trinity College Dublin
Niamh O'Sullivan attended the Career Development Group Data Protection Talk and AGM in the National Gallery of Ireland (NGI)
Marie Cullen Attended the LAI Council meeting, Pearse Street Library as an observer
Caitríona Honohan attended the HSLG 'Supporting quality in systematic reviews and other research', workshop at the Health Research Board

December

Eva Hornung attended "Future Libraries - dinner and dialogue" at the Irish Writers Centre, hosted by Goethe Institute Ireland

Communications

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Websites

<http://www.aslibraries.com/>

<http://www.libraryassociation.ie/groups-sections/academic-and-special-libraries-section-asl>

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Delegates mingling with sponsors at the Academic & Special Libraries 2017 Annual Conference and Exhibition





LAI CDG

Career Development
Group of the Library
Association of Ireland

Committee Officers and Members 2016-2017

Chairperson (November 2014 – November 2017) Marta Bustillo (University College Dublin)

Secretary (April 2015 – May 2017) Genevieve Larkin (Marino Institute of Education)

Secretary (May 2017 - November 2017) Grace Hillis (Dublin City Council Libraries and Archive)

Treasurer (November 2016 – present) Amye Quigley (Kildare County Library and Arts Services)

Communications Officer (September 2016 – November 2017) Laura Zaliene (University College Dublin)

Committee Members:

Lara Musto (Librarian at IBAT College)

Betty Maguire (Wicklow County Council Library Service)

Andrew Moore (National Gallery of Ireland)

Clair Walton (Dublin City County Libraries and Archive)

John Wheatley (DLR Libraries)

Louise Galligan (until April 2017) (Irish Cancer Society)

Jane McCarthy (until May 2017) (MLIS Student, UCD iSchool)

Goals for 2016-2017

1. More hands-on workshops on the various skills of librarianship
2. Streamlining of our work uploading An Leabharlann to e-Deposit Ireland
3. More events related to leadership in Irish libraries
4. Development of a mentorship scheme

Overview and Highlights

2017 was a busy year for the Career Development Group. The Group organised three small but highly attended events of great interest to information professionals. In keeping with the 2016-2017 goals the Group ventured into new areas of professional development by providing two hands-on workshops; one on leadership and one on coding. Laura Zaliene was appointed as Communications Officer to provide consistency across all forms of communication used by the CDG. The Group presented a poster at the A&SL Annual Conference in February highlighting the work done by the committee on behalf of the members. The workflow in uploading An Leabharlann to e-Deposit Ireland was further stream-lined.

Committee meetings and membership

The Committee met on 12 occasions in 2016-2017. This included 11 Committee meetings, and the Annual General Meeting in November 2017.

LAI CDG events for 2017

The *Library Leadership Workshop with Andy Priestner* was held in conjunction with the A&SL Section on 29th March 2017 at the Royal Irish Academy. This was a one day course for emerging new leaders in librarianship designed to explore what effective leadership involves and to open up discussion and debate on different leadership approaches. The workshop focused primarily on what is required of leaders in libraries based on the current state of the industry and on opinions of library directors from all over the world. The workshop was oversubscribed and was a very successful and enjoyable day for all who attended.



The poster for the Library Leadership Workshop features a central purple rectangle with the title 'LIBRARY LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP' in white. To the left, the LAI CDG logo is shown above the venue details: 'ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY, 19 DAWSON STREET, DUBLIN 2'. Below this, the date 'WED 29TH MARCH' and time '9.30 AM - 4.30 PM' are listed, along with the Twitter handle '@LAICDGroup'. To the right, the A&SL and RIA logos are displayed. A yellow banner with 'with ANDY PRIESTNER' is placed over the bottom right of the central rectangle. A yellow circle on the right contains the ticket prices: '€65 - LAI MEMBERS' and '€85 - NON-LAI MEMBERS', with a note 'lunch and coffee included' below. At the bottom right, it states 'SPACES ARE LIMITED'. The background is decorated with clusters of yellow and purple dots.

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**LIBRARY
LEADERSHIP
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with
ANDY PRIESTNER

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY
19 DAWSON STREET
DUBLIN 2

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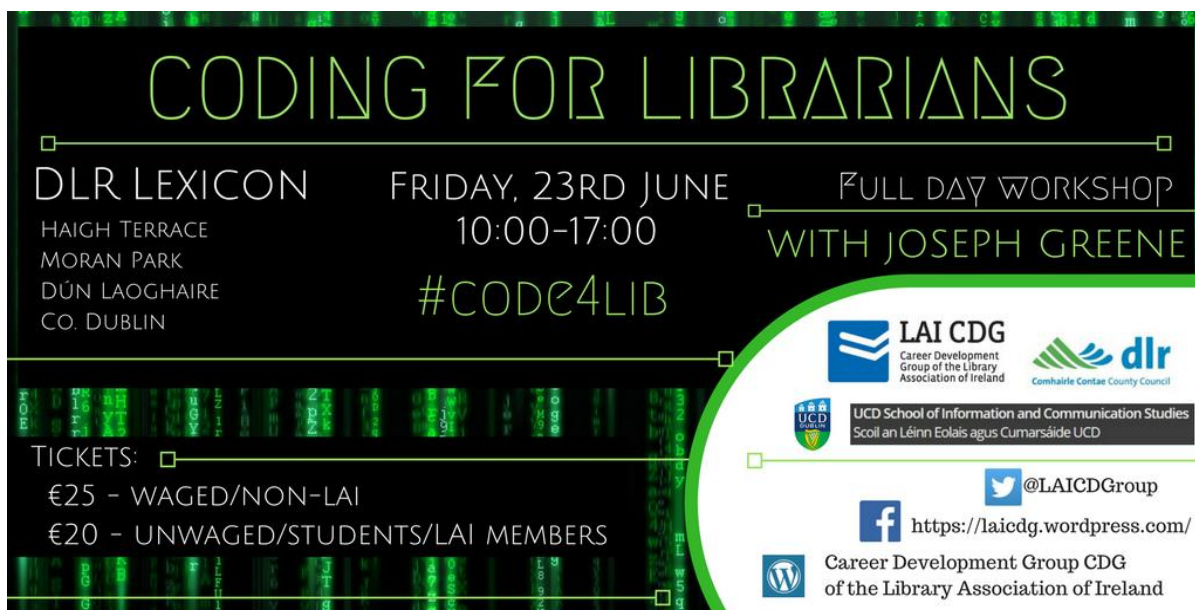
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@LAICDGroup

The LAI CDG and A&SL sections took a break from the always popular LibCamp in 2017. The Career Development Group wanted time to re-think the LibCamp format and provide us with time to prepare for the workshop we ran in June 2017. LibCamp will be returning in 2018.

On Friday, 23rd June 2017 CDG ran a full day *Coding for Librarians* workshop with Joseph Greene, Assistant Librarian at UCD Library at the DLR LexIcon. This was once again a small workshop but oversubscribed. This has been one of our most popular events and we endeavour to provide further workshops of this nature in future.



CODING FOR LIBRARIANS

DLR LEXICON FRIDAY, 23RD JUNE FULL DAY WORKSHOP
 HAIGH TERRACE 10:00-17:00 WITH JOSEPH GREENE
 MORAN PARK
 DÚN LAOGHAIRE
 CO. DUBLIN #CODE4LIB

TICKETS: □
 €25 - WAGED/NON-LAI
 €20 - UNWAGED/STUDENTS/LAI MEMBERS

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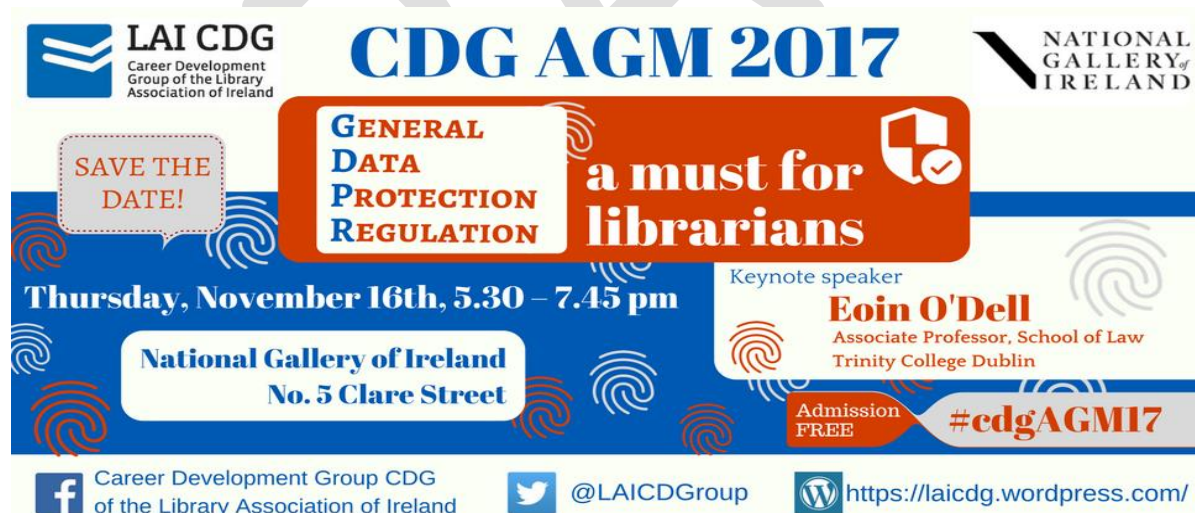
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**Career Development Group CDG
 of the Library Association of Ireland**

The 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the LAI Career Development Group took place on 16th November 2017 at the National Gallery of Ireland. A drinks reception was held in advance of the AGM 2017. Following this Eoin O'Dell, Associate Professor of Law at Trinity College Dublin and Barrister-at-Law presented an informative talk entitled *General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): a must for Librarians* which discussed what the GDPR will mean for librarians in replacing the existing data protection framework under the EU Data Protection Directive when it comes into force on May 25th 2018.



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CDG AGM 2017

NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND

SAVE THE DATE!

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

a must for librarians

Thursday, November 16th, 5.30 – 7.45 pm

**National Gallery of Ireland
 No. 5 Clare Street**

Keynote speaker
Eoin O'Dell
 Associate Professor, School of Law
 Trinity College Dublin

Admission FREE

#cdgAGM17

**Career Development Group CDG
 of the Library Association of Ireland**

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<https://laicdg.wordpress.com/>

This year the LAI CDG enjoyed the support and collaboration of the Library Association of Ireland, in particular the Council, the Academic & Special Libraries Section and UCD iSchool. The Group would also like to acknowledge the support of the Royal Irish Academy, DLR Lexlcon and the National Gallery of Ireland in hosting this year's events.

Financial overview for the coming year 2017-2018

- Continue to keep our events affordable for all attendees

- Further collaboration with institutions, other LAI Groups and other relevant bodies to reduce event running costs and to pass these savings on to attendees
- Look at possible sponsorship options

Career Development Group Goals for 2017-2018

1. One or more workshops devoted to advice for job hunters: cover letter and CV writing, application form filling, interview skills, etc.
2. A more advanced coding workshop
3. The return of LibCamp
4. Dublin Core cataloguing workshop, possibly in collaboration with another LAI Group
5. Continue investigating a mentorship scheme

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Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8445470>

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Cataloguing and Metadata Group: Annual Report 2017

Chair: Christoph Schmidt-Supprian (TCD)
Treasurer: Padraic Stack (Maynooth University)
Secretary: Patricia Moloney (University College Dublin)

Committee Members:

Yvette Campbell (Maynooth University)
Anne Murphy (Tallaght Hospital)
Catherine Ryan (UCD, until March 2017)
John Bates (RTÉ, until December 2017)
Caroline Philpott (University College Cork)
Clare Thornley (Maynooth University)
Marta Bustillo (University College Dublin)
Patricia Moloney (University College Dublin)
Máire Ní Chonnaláin (National Library of Ireland)
Kate McCarthy (Oireachtas Library)
Maeve Williams (Student, DBS)

Committee Administrative Work

2017 was a reasonably quiet year for the LAI's Cataloguing & Metadata Group. Membership remained stable at around 200 people. Behind the scenes, the Committee was hard at work:

- We had nine meetings, all of which took place in TCD.
- We continued to rotate both chairing and minute-taking of meetings, and we continued to adopt a 'project management' approach to organizing events.
- Due to ongoing problems with the LAI website www.libraryassociaFon.ie and its associated mailing lists, a new gmail account laicmgsec@gmail.com was set up to deal with correspondence to the CMG.
- We continued to have a good presence on Social Media, particularly Twitter.

The Committee elected three new members: Patricia Moloney, Maeve Williams and Kate McCarthy.

Training and Events

On 3rd November 2017, we held a very successful workshop on Marc Edit and Open Refine which took place in DBS, Aungier Street and which was facilitated by Owen Stephens. This workshop for 30 attendees was booked out and we had a waiting list for cancellations. A feedback form was circulated to participants afterwards and received very positive responses. The CPD certificates from the LAI will be finalised and sent out in early 2018.

Another training event, on special collections cataloguing, organised in conjunction with the LAI RBG, was originally planned for the autumn of 2017, but was deferred to the next spring. It will take place in the Royal Irish Academy on Friday, 23 March 2018; a panel of speakers has been confirmed.

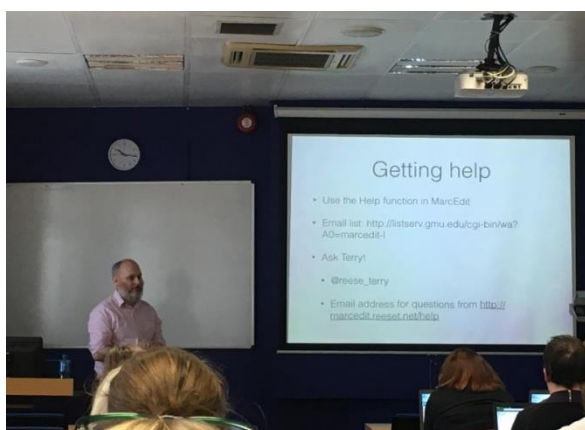
On the social side, we have encapsulated the AGM in a fun reception and networking event, to be held in the Seminar Room of the National Library on Wednesday, 31st January 2018 – also deferred from our usual November/December slot. The keynote speech preceding the AGM will be given by John McDonagh, Director of the National Archives, on the topic of the "Beyond 2022 Project: Ireland's National Memory". The centrepiece of this project is a new online resource — the Virtual Record Treasury — which will provide a digital reconstruction of the Record Treasury of the Public Record Office of Ireland as it existed in 1922.

CMG Bursary

The 2017 Bursary was announced at the 2016 AGM with a closing date for applications of April 2017. Despite an extension, and some opportune promotion via Twitter during the CONUL conference, no submissions were received. The Committee decided to re-draw the guidelines for applications and to set a new deadline of 16th March 2018, which will be announced at the AGM/Networking event on 31 January.

Sponsored Conference Attendance

2017 did not see a repeat of the previous year's innovation of sponsoring a Committee member to go to the LAI/CILIP Conference (or similar). It should be considered again next year, finances permitting.



Owen Stephens delivering a workshop on Marc Edit and Open Refine to a full house in DBS, Aungier St., 3rd November 2017.

County and City Librarian's Section

Chairperson's Reports October 2016 – December 2017

The following Officers were elected at the 2016 AGM in Maldron Hotel, Tallaght on the 7th October 2016.

Chair:	Jane Cantwell, Waterford City and County Council
Vice-Chair:	Helen Walsh, Clare County Council
Hon-Secretary:	Eileen Morrissey, Wexford County Council
Hon Treasurer:	Brendan Martin, Wicklow County Council.

Since the 2016 AGM, the Section has met on **six** occasions as follows:

- 5th December 2016
- 26th January 2017 (incl. Discussions with Libraries Development)
- 23rd February 2017 (incl. Discussions with Michael O'Reilly)
- 31st March 2017
- 8th June 2017
- 7th September 2017

In addition, a meeting was held on the 12th April 2017 in the Department of the Housing, Planning and Local Government with Departmental officials, David Dalton, Paul Geraghty and Eileen Davies and attended by Annette Kelly and Joan Ward from Libraries Development, LGMA. This meeting was attended by almost all City and County Librarians.

City and County Librarians attended a day of consultation on the National Library Strategy in Mullingar on the 3rd February 2017

City and County Librarians attended the launch of Libraries Ireland One Card in Navan Library by Minister Damien English on the 29th May 2017



Back Row, L to R: Catherine Elliott, Monaghan, Tom Sullivan, Cavan, Brendan Martin, Wicklow, Austin Vaughan, Mayo, Jane Cantwell, Waterford, Bernie Fennell, South Dublin, Betty Boardman, Fingal, Eileen Morrissey, Wexford, Margaret Hayes, Dublin City, Marian Higgins, Kildare, Damien Dullaghan, Tipperary
Front Row, L to R: Ciaran Mangan, Meath, Cllr. Maria Murphy, Cathaoirleach Meath Co Co., Minister Damien English, Jackie Maguire, Chief Executive, Meath Co.Co., Tom Enright, Chief Executive, Wexford Co.Co., Liam Ronayne, Cork City.

City and County Librarians and staff also attended a meeting with Libraries Development and Book and AV Suppliers in the LGMA on the 30th June 2017

City and County Librarians attended the launch of the national Healthy Ireland project at the National Arena, Blanchardstown on 2nd October 2017 <http://www.lgcsb.ie/en/news/healthy-ireland-your-library>



L to R: Una Kelly, Galway City and County Libraries, Sheila Kelly, Dublin City Public Libraries, Marian Higgins, Kildare County Librarian, Paul Dunne, C.E.O. LGMA, Catherine Byrne, T.D. Minister of State for Health Promotion, An Taoiseach, Leo Varadaker T.D., Simon Harris, T.D., Minister for Health Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian, Sandra Turner, Kildare County Libraries, Paula Mulry, Longford County Libraries

City and County Librarians presented at the signing of a joint protocol between Education Training Boards (ETBs) and the LGMA on behalf of Public library services on 4th December 2017

Members of the Section are active on Steering Groups, Committees and Working Groups covering a number of areas including:

1. Library Development Committee

Chaired by Mr Tom Enright, this high level Committee oversees all activities of the Working Groups engaged in national library development and the City and County Librarians Section is actively represented on this Committee.

2. New Library Strategy

New Library Strategy Working Group replaced the Opportunities for All Working Group. CCLS represented on the Committee by Mary Stuart, Margaret Hayes, Damien Brady and Mary Reynolds. A number of consultations with Directors of Service, County & City Librarians and Library staff took place across the country with the assistance of CCLS members. Reports from the Working Group representatives are on the Agenda for CCLS meetings.

3. LMS Steering Board

Chaired by Mr Tom Enright, this Board oversees the implementation of the national LMS and receives reports from the LMS Project Team, the Working Group on Transport and Distribution, other recently established working groups as well as high level input on technological and contractual issues around the implementation of the LMS nationally. Reports from the Project Team and Working Groups are on the Agenda for CCLS meetings.

3 LMS Subgroups are administered by the LMS project team, 2 are chaired by CCLS members. They are the Acquisitions, Bibliographic Services and Cataloguing group and the Policies and Parameters Group. The IT Working Group is chaired by the Project manager. The LMS service is managed on behalf of the sector by Dublin City Council.

4. Right to Read Steering Group

Cross departmental Steering Group with representatives from the Section. The Right to Read national programme is being rolled out across all Local Authorities with the County Librarian as the Right to Read leader and a library staff member appointed as Right to Read Coordinator in each County.

5. Business Enterprise and Employment Steering Group

Cross departmental Steering Group with representatives from the Section. Receives reports from the Business and Employment Working Group and the Work Matters Pilot projects. This national initiative is moving into Phase 2 following successful pilots and is being promoted as the “Work Matters” project.

6. Healthy Ireland

Healthy Ireland, a Government-led initiative, is the national strategy to improve health and wellbeing. A national working group has been established through Libraries Development, LGMA. Public libraries commenced delivery of the nationwide *Healthy Ireland at Your Library* programme with a focus on libraries as a valuable community source for health information. Funding granted by *Healthy Ireland* to March 2018 has extended health and wellbeing book collections (digital and hardcopy), and provided for staff training, events, and promotion.

Other Working Groups organized through LGMA with CCLS representation include:

Services to Schools Working Group
Core Services Working Group
Literacy Working Group
Working Group on Per Capita Spend
Healthy Ireland Working Group

Working Committees established through the City and County Librarians Section include:

1. Committee on Culture
2. Committee on IT
3. Committee on Health & Wellbeing
4. CCLS Subcommittee on the role and value of libraries produced the Manifesto for Libraries, the content of which was largely embraced by the new library Strategy

2016 -2017 Main Developments

- Library Management System – national roll out completed and eServices expanded
- Transport & Distribution Service – New Tender awarded September 2017
- New Library Strategy – Steering Committee formed and widespread consultation carried out. Public consultation phase commenced December 2017.
- Work Matters – Pilot completed and rolled out nationally with Work Matters Coordinators appointed in every Local Authority.

- Right to Read – Pilot completed and rolled out nationally with Right to Read Coordinators appointed in every Local Authority
- Open Libraries – Preparations progressed for extension of pilot sites supported with Departmental grant-aid .
- Healthy Ireland – Working group established with Healthy Ireland coordinators in every Local Authority
- Procurement – National Book Tenders awarded
- National Frameworks in Place for LMS, Stock, E Resources, Transport and Distribution of Stock

Establishment of Department of Rural and Community Development

The Department of Rural and Community Development was established on 19th July 2017 to provide a renewed and consolidated focus on rural and community development in Ireland. Local Authority public library services are now part of the remit of this department which is overseen by their Libraries Development section in Ballina .This section administers the public library capital programme.

In Qtr 4, 2017, significant reciprocal grant-aid was provided to support objectives of the new library strategy in resourcing self-service technology, Work Matters and Right to Read programmes .

Protocol ETBs and LGMA

The provision of services to the public to ensure the development of individuals, communities and enterprise is the core function common to both the public library service and the Education and Training Boards, Further Education and Training Services. A joint protocol has been agreed which sets out actions and supports for co-operation between these public services at local level, in order to improve the collective impact and expand the reach for the services provided by both to all individuals, communities and employers.

Priority areas for co-operation in the first instance have been identified:

- Business, Employment and Enterprise
- Literacy and Reading Development
- Health, Wellbeing and Social Inclusion

The autumn seminar October 2017

The expanded Autumn Seminar, organized jointly by the County & City Librarians Section and Cork City Council Libraries, took place in the Montenotte Hotel, Cork, to mark 125 years of the public library service in Cork City.



Jane Cantwell, Chair of CCLS and Waterford County and City Librarian, addressing CCLS Autumn Seminar, Montenotte Hotel, Cork 5th October 2017

On Wednesday afternoon 4th October, **Libraries make Culture** focused on the impact of the huge digital conglomerates on culture and publishing (Prof. John Naughton), and then at the other end of the scale, how libraries can strengthen their role as the key cultural focus in the communities they serve, with a thoughtful and entertaining paper by Thomas McCarthy, and a panel discussion MC'd by Ann Luttrell of the Triskel Arts Centre.

On Thursday morning 5th October, **Libraries make Citizens** welcomed Susanne Gilling, Aarhus, who spoke on the Danish model of centring citizens' services in public libraries; Dr. Aodh Quinlivan spoke on the role of local libraries enhancing local citizen participation; followed by a panel discussion on how libraries can support the integration of new communities in Irish cities and towns. On Thursday afternoon, the County and City Librarians leadership session held a workshop on the subject of Negotiation facilitated by Gerry Mc Mahon.



Susanne Gilling, Aarhus Library Services Addressing CCLS Autumn seminar Montenotte Hotel Cork 5th October 2017

The following Officers were elected at the 2017 AGM in The Montenotte Hotel, Cork on the 6th October 2017

- Chair: Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Council
- Vice-Chair: Eileen Morrissey, Wexford County Council
- Hon-Secretary: Damien Dullaghan, Tipperary County Council
- Hon Treasurer: Brendan Martin, Wicklow County Council.

Government Libraries Section

The Government Libraries Section represents the interests of all staff working in Government Libraries. Its aims are to promote and develop the role of libraries in the Civil Service and to promote co-operation between Government Libraries. The GLS held their annual AGM on Thursday the 19th October 2017 in the Central Bank of Ireland, New Wapping Street, North Wall. The AGM was preceded by a talk given by Fiona Morley-Clarke of the Open Data Unit, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. The talk was on Open Data and Ireland's open data initiative in relation to the recent release of Ireland's Open Data Strategy 2017-2022. Following this talk the officers for 2018 were elected, they are:

Chair:	Noeleen Murtagh (Food Safety Authority)
Secretary:	Leona Burgess (Revenue Commissioners)
Treasurer:	Máire Caffrey (Teagasc)

Health Science Libraries Group Annual Report

Chair's Report by Louise Farragher

As always, the work and achievements of HSLG is a partnership between the committee members, the membership and the wider library community. The work of the HSLG is voluntary and I am, as always, inspired and grateful for the contributions of my fellow committee members, whose hard work and dedication throughout the year ensures the success of HSLG, and the promotion of Irish health library professionals.

ICML + EAHIL 2017



[EAHIL 2017 participants]

For HSLG, 2017 was a year dominated by the ICML + EAHIL 2017 conference, and in undertaking this conference, we knew it would divert the committee's focus and energy significantly. The rewards of that hard work were evident as I read through issues of the HSLG HINT newsletter and the Journal of EAHIL, with their descriptions of challenging and thought-provoking workshops and presentations and their photographs of a beautiful and exciting week in Dublin. Traditionally, EAHIL has brought fine weather to its host cities and summer in Dublin 2017 was no exception. With exceptional keynote addresses from Michelle Kraft (The Krafty Librarian), Aoife Lawton, Dr Hamish Sinclair, Dr Mark Murphy and Richard Corbridge, we were encouraged to explore the conference theme of *Diversity in Practice*, and to be inspiring and innovative.



[Keynote address at EAHIL by Aoife Lawton, Health Service Executive]

The Health Research Board and HSLG were main sponsors of the event. In addition HSLG provided 10 full bursaries for HSLG members to attend the full conference and additional bursaries for HSLG members to attend the conference education courses. The conference held 15 education courses, 15 workshops, 60 posters and almost 80 paper presentations. With over 300 delegates from many countries, it felt like a truly international event.

HSLG members were well represented in the scientific programme of the conference; members contributed posters, paper presentations and workshops. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) and International Programme Committee (IPC) members included:

- Louise Bradley (LOC)
- Jane Burns (IPC)
- Aoife Lawton (Chair, IPC)
- Niamh Lucey (LOC)
- Anne Madden (IPC)
- Emma O'Donoghue (IPC)
- Kathryn Smith (LOC)
- Louise Farragher (IPC, LOC)

In addition, we were well-supported by our Irish library colleagues who provided venues for education courses and venues for the conference library tours. A full list of our gracious library tour hosts is available on the conference website, as is the full programme and the conference book of abstracts. www.eahil2017.net

Conference photos are available here <https://www.flickr.com/photos/157007094@N04/albums>

Secretary's report by Michael Doheny

HSLG Committee Members 2017 (until September 2017)

- Michael Doheny: (Chair)
- Bennery Rickard (Vice Chair)
- Louise Farragher (Treasurer)
- Marie Carrigan (Communications Officer)
- Mary Dunne (Communications Officer)
- Maura Flynn
- Shauna Barrett

Note: Louise Bradley left the committee in September 2017 after many years of service, most recently as Secretary, and the committee wishes to thank her for all her work and commitment. Joint HSLG/A&SL Event was held in the Royal Irish Academy on the 12th January 2017

Guest Speaker was Samantha McCombe, Librarian

There were five HSLG committee meeting in 2017 24th January, 21st March, 2nd May, 4th September and 24th October and one teleconference 12th December.

The AGM took place on June 14th in Dublin Castle

HSLG AGM & Networking Event, June 14 2017, Dublin Castle & Trinity College Dining Hall

HSLG members were invited to attend the AGM on the afternoon of 14 June in the historic surroundings of Dublin Castle. The HSLG AGM 2017 was well-attended. Full details are available on the HSLG WordPress site at <https://hslgblog.wordpress.com/> under the 'About us' tab. The direct link is here: <https://hslgblog.files.wordpress.com/2016/04/hslg-agm-minutes-2017.pdf>



[Committee from AGM L-R: Michael Doheny; Marie Carrigan; Shauna Barrett; Mary Dunne; Louise Farragher; Bennery Rickard]

HSLG Continuing Professional Development

During the course of the ICML + EAHIL 2017 conference, 15 professional development courses offered in various locations including Dublin Castle, Trinity College Dublin and the offices of the Health Research Board. The topics included Open Data, searching and management of systematic reviews, an introduction to critical appraisal and developing research data management plans. HSLG members were able, through a bursary scheme, to participate in expert-led courses to develop new skills.

In November 2017 HSLG offered a highly successful and well-attended workshop on 'Supporting quality in systematic reviews and other research' presented by Dr Valerie Smith, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing & Midwifery, Trinity College, and held at the Health Research Board office in Dublin.

As always, we are indebted to our colleague Anne Madden, for her dedication and leadership in shaping the HSLG continuing professional development programme.



[At supporting quality in systematic reviews and other research: Anne Madden; Valerie Smith; Louise Farragher and Mary Dunne]

'Evidence Informed Healthcare' campaign

In 2017 the National Health Library & Knowledge Service of the HSE led a national communications campaign in partnership with HSLG. The aim of the campaign was to highlight the role of librarians and library staff in enabling evidence informed healthcare in the context of the broader patient safety agenda, is in line with the key recommendations of the SHeLLI report, namely to raise the profile of the library services and promote their value more widely.

The key message for the campaign is 'Libraries and library staff enable evidence informed healthcare'. The hashtag on Twitter for the campaign is #EvidenceInformedHealthcare and a logo was designed for the campaign, and free for all libraries to use for promotion.

The campaign team included representatives from the HSE, Department of Health, HSLG, National Cancer Control Programme as well as healthcare professionals across Ireland.

On 31st July, 2017 an *Evidence Informed Healthcare Charter* was launched. The charter sets out the principles of evidence informed healthcare and the role of patients, providers, policy makers and librarians in enabling evidence in practice. The charter is for people in receipt of healthcare (patients and clients), people who provide care (healthcare professionals), people who manage health policy (civil and public sector) and people who enable evidence informed healthcare (health librarians). Additional information on the campaign and the charter can be found on the [HSE](#) and [HSLG](#) website. We are particularly grateful to our committee member Mary Dunne, who contributed significantly to the campaign.

Communications Officers report by Marie Carrigan

Marie Carrigan and Mary Dunne are Communication Officers for the HSLG committee. In 2017 they produced three issues of the HSLG newsletter 'Health Information and Thinking' (HINT) including an ICML/EAHIL conference edition which pulled together reports written by HSLG bursary winners on their experiences attending the conference.

They promoted the HSLG, LAI and the ICML/EAHIL 2017 conference through their email list, blog and twitter account: @healthlibraries, which now has 809 followers.

The HSLG blog <https://hslgblog.wordpress.com> was given a fresh new look and is regularly updated. The purpose of this blog is to keep HSLG members informed about HSLG activities. In 2017 the HSLG blog had 2,379 views.

The HSLG Committee organised a full day CPD training session for librarians on 'Supporting quality in systematic reviews' by Valerie Smith on 24 November 2017. The Communications Officers helped organise the day by liaising with the presenter, preparing the venue, evaluating the session, and organising LAI certification.

The Communication Officers also took an active part on the committee for #EvidenceInformedHealthcare, a communication campaign that brought together health librarians from across Ireland. They promoted this campaign and encouraged HSLG members to participate by signing the charter/submitting case studies/value and impact questionnaires.

Information on this campaign was collated by the Communication Officers and uploaded onto the HSLG blog. This evidence demonstrates the value of health librarians for library users and our organizations.

Mary Dunne became Research and Evidence Officer of the HSLG in September 2017, which involves a communications role with an emphasis on research and evidence.

Further Information

To join the HSLG, select HSLG when renewing LAI membership

New members for the HSLG committee or subcommittees are always welcome and needed. To join the committee or the HSLG e mailing list contact a member of the committee or contacthslg@gmail.com

Visit the HSLG website for our latest news <https://hslgblog.files.wordpress.com> and follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/healthlibraries> @healthlibraries

Public Libraries Section Report 2017

New Committee from November 2016:

Chair:	Emer Donoghue
Vice Chair/	
IT Coordinator:	John Shortall
Treasurer:	Jackie McIntyre
Vice Treasurer:	Pat Lonergan
Secretary:	Melanie Cunningham

Committee Members:	Josephine Vahey
	Mary Murphy
	Sandra Turner
	Karen Scattergood

The Committee met five times during 2017, these meetings took place in the ILAC Centre Library, Dublin and Pearse Street Library.

Public Libraries Conference 2017

The conference took place over 7th to 9th November in Tinakilly Country House and Hotel, Wicklow. The theme of the conference was “Let’s work Together: Marketing, Partnership and collaborations in Public Library Communities”.

The conference was accredited by the Library Association of Ireland. Vice- President of the LAI, Cathal McCauley officially opened the conference on Tuesday 7th November and welcomed the delegates. Cathal spoke about the importance of the libraries and the need for collaboration and partnership within services. This was followed by the annual table quiz which brought a competitive streak to the fore front!

On the morning of Wednesday 8th November, Vice President Cathal McCauley opened the conference exhibition and urged the delegates to visit the exhibitor stands. Exhibitors availed of the opportunity to do a lightning talk on their company or their products throughout the conference. These sessions are extremely successful, allowing delegates to hear from a variety of companies.

Andy Priestner, trainer and consultant began proceedings with an inspirational talk on “UX and Public libraries: experience and possibility.” Andy advised delegates to go beyond our current users and engage with non-users.

Again one of the highlights of this year’s conference was the Public Libraries Section project prize. A fund of €1,000 has been awarded by the Public Library Section to the authority who develops the best initiative. Many entries were received and were shortlisted. This year;

South Dublin Libraries, Dun Laoighaire Rathdown and Laois were shortlisted and each were invited to present a synopsis of their potential projects. Delegates voted to choose their favourite and the winners were Laois LEGO Studios.



Melanie Cunningham Library Association of Ireland presenting Lori Moriarty, Laois Libraries with the 2017 Public Libraries Section Project Prize.

The library visit to Arklow library was enjoyed by all. The delegates received a warm welcome from Wicklow County libraries. Breda Hassett, Cork City Libraries (Project prize winner from 2016), gave an update on her project and how it had developed during the previous year.

Thursday 9th November:

Mary Lavelle; Health Promotion Dept of NUIG and Greg Straton; Dept of Health began the day by giving an insight into Healthy Ireland.

The quick-fire sessions which offered local authorities an opportunity to showcase services that they offer. Cork City libraries introduced services to families with Autism. Emma from Waterford and Wexford ETB spoke about a joint project between the libraries and the ETB in the promotion of family literacy. Bernie from Monaghan County Council presented a guide to Age Friendly communication and kindly offered her brochure for other local authorities to use. Niall Murphy from Irish Autism Action gave a really interesting talk on dealing with autism. He gave delegates many tips on autism awareness and on providing an autism friendly service.



L-R: Emer Donoghue, Galway Libraries, Mary Jo Lavelle, conference speaker, Brendan Martin, Wicklow Library Service, Melanie Cunningham, Waterford City and County Library Service, Eddie O'Sullivan, Moderator, Tom Clonan, after dinner speaker, Jo Vahey, Galway Libraries.

The conference ended with the ever popular my life in books panel. Eddie O'Sullivan chaired the panel which consisted of Rick O'Shea, Karina Melvin and Andrea Carter. The discussion was highly entertaining and educational as the panel spoke about books that influenced their childhood and teen years.



Public Library Section Committee members

L to R: Sandra Turner, Melanie Cunningham, Jackie McIntyre, Emer Donoghue, Pat Lonergan, Mary Murphy, Jo Vahey, Brendan Martin, John Shortall.



LAI Rare Books Group Annual Report 2017

Chair: David Meehan (Dublin City University)
Secretary: Nicola O'Shea (National Gallery of Ireland)
Treasurer: Alexandra Caccamo (National Botanic Gardens)

Committee Members:

Barbara McCormack (Maynooth University)
Celine Ward (Chester Beatty Library)
Elaine Harrington (University College Cork)
Elizabethanne Boran (Edward Worth Library)
Evelyn Flanagan (University College Dublin)
Harriet Wheelock (Royal College of Physicians of Ireland)
Máire Ní Chonalláin (National Library of Ireland)
Jason McElligott (Marsh's Library)
Maria O'Shea (Marsh's Library)
Marie Boran (NUI Galway)
Sophie Evans (Royal Irish Academy)
Stephanie Breen (Trinity College Dublin)

During the year Maria O'Shea replaced Dr Jason McElligott as the representative for Marsh's Library. The committee met six times in 2017 (30th January, 27th March, 15th May, 10th July, 4th September and 4th December).

Events

AGM

The AGM took place at 12.30 on Monday 6th of February at the Royal Irish Academy. Elizabethanne Boran, David Meehan, and Celine Ward stepped down from their respective roles of chair, secretary, and treasurer. David Meehan, Nicola O'Shea, and Alexandra Caccamo were elected as chair, secretary and treasurer respectively. Following the AGM, Dr Graeme Murdock (Dept. of History, TCD) and Dr Mark Sweetnam (Dept. of English, TCD) gave a presentation on 'The Reformation and the Book'.

Joint RBG/IAAH Event

In collaboration with the Irish Association of Art Historians (IAAH) the Rare Books Group hosted an event on the 19th of May in the Edward Worth Library titled 'Art in Special Collections'. The event was aimed at IAAH members as an introduction to art and art historical resources held in Irish library collections. It featured short presentations from

Elizabethanne Boran (Worth Library), Alexandra Caccamo (Botanic Gardens), Susan Durack (Maynooth University), Máire Ní Chonalláin (NLI), Harriet Wheelock (RCPI), Elaine Harrington (UCC), Karen de Lacey (RIA), and Sue Hemmens (Marsh's Library).

Visit to the Representative Church Body Library

Our annual visit took place on the 16th June to the Representative Church Body Library in Churchtown, Dublin. We were given a presentation by Dr Susan Hood (Librarian and Archivist) and Bryan Whelan (Assistant Librarian) on the history of the library, its current functions, and library conservation and digitisation projects. They also prepared a display of treasures from the collection including the Red Book of Ossory, an intricate miniature bible, and a limited edition of "The Year's at the Spring" signed by the illustrator Harry Clarke. The visit was attended by 10 people.

Annual Seminar 'Bringing New Audiences to Special Collections'

The 2017 annual seminar entitled 'Bringing new audiences to special collections' was held at the Chester Beatty Library on the 24th of November. The seminar was accredited for CPD by the LAI and was attended by 40 people. It included the following presentations:

- Alison Cullingford (Special Collections Librarian, University of Bradford), 'Reaching In, Out and All Around: why and how to develop new audiences for unique and distinctive collections'
- Dr. Mary Clark (Dublin City Archivist, Dublin City Libraries and Archive), 'Archives for all: surely not!'
- Barbara McCormack (Special Collections Librarian, Maynooth University), 'Learning to share: how academic libraries can reach new users through special collections'
- Samantha McCombe (Librarian, Linen Hall Library), 'Diversifying audiences: an overview of collection based outreach projects at the Linen Hall Library'
- Niamh Ní Riain (Education Assistant, National Library of Ireland), 'Special Collections, Special Connections: Summertime fun at the National Library'
- Dr. Jason McElligott (Keeper, Marsh's Library), 'Screaming children, demanding parents & dumber down: your worst nightmares about outreach'

Networking opportunities were provided between sessions. The seminar provided an opportunity to discuss and reflect on issues faced by libraries and archives regarding outreach, particularly reaching out to diverse users and communities to increase use of special collections. It also showcased outreach activities that are currently undertaken in a variety of institutions.

Western Regional Section of the Library Association Annual Report 2017

Chair: Stephanie Ronan (Marine Institute).
Treasurer : Michelle Breen (University Limerick).
Secretary: Niamh O'Donovan (Galway Library Service).
Committee:

Kris Meen (NUI Galway)
Saoirse Reynolds, (Maynooth University)
Tara Considine (Clare County Libraries)
Anne Callanan (Galway Library Service)
Emmet Keoghan (University College Dublin)
Carolyn Tunney (Roscommon County Libraries)
Elizabeth Keane (Galway County Libraries).

The Committee met five times during 2017. They used the online management system, Freedcamp to collaborate and plan the events for the year and met virtually via Google Hangouts then a meeting in person was not possible.

AGM, 30th of January 2017, Marine Institute, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

The AGM was hosted by Stephanie Ronan on the morning of 30th of January 2017. The AGM was attended by the committee of the Western Section. Also attending by video conference were Michelle Breen from University of Limerick

The attendees heard a summary of the accounts from Treasurer Niamh O'Donovan, who declared the accounts to be healthy. Stephanie Ronan gave a summary of the years events. The Chairperson, Anne Callanan stood down from her position of chair but opted to remain as committee member for the year 2017. Stephanie Ronan was elected Chairperson, Niamh O'Donovan was elected Secretary and Michelle Breen was elected Treasurer.

All other committee members were re-elected. Saoirse Reynolds and Emmet Keoghan volunteered to take on the roles of Communications Officers for the year 2017.

A date for the Annual Seminar was decided as well as a theme. It was also proposed that a second iteration of the course Rudaí 23 would be run in 2017, due to demand. It was agreed and a date set for a further committee meeting was arranged to discuss and plan it.

Annual Seminar: *Diversity, Working in an Intercultural Way*, 19th June 2017

The Annual Seminar of the Western Regional Section of the Library Association of Ireland was held in Sixmilebridge Library, Co. Clare on Monday the 19th June 2017. The theme for the seminar was Diversity: Working in an Intercultural Way. We had 8 speakers on the day.

The programme was as follows:

Cultural Diversity: How does it 'work' for people and groups? Dr. Anca Minescu, University of Limerick

The Syrian Refugee Re-settlement Programme, Elizabeth Keane-Kelly, Galway Library Service

Disability Services in James Hardiman Library NUIG, Sylvia Nutley, NUIG Library

Diversity: Working in an intercultural way, Mary Flanagan, Clare Education and Training Board

Digital Literacy in Libraries - Exploring different models and experiences, Cora Gunter, Clare County Libraries

Diversity workshop with Vicky Donnelly, Galway One World Centre

Galway Mobile Library: Serving a diverse community, Aisling Mitchell, Galway Library Service

How to better connect and serve teens in Irish Public Libraries, Samantha Morrissey, Clare County Libraries

The Seminar was opened by Clare County Librarian Helen Walsh and it was attended by 60 people, from academic, special and public libraries.



Sixmilebridge Library, County Clare.



Some of our Committee who attended the Annual Seminar in Sixmilebridge Library. From Left to Right: Anne Callanan, Galway Library Service; Tara Considine, (Clare County Library Service); Saoirse Reynolds, (Maynooth University Library) ; Michelle Breen, Treasurer, (Glucksman Library, University Limerick); Stephanie Ronan, Chairperson, (Marine Institute Library, Oranmore Galway); Niamh O'Donovan, Secretary, (Galway Library Service); Carolyn Tunney, (Roscommon Libraries).



Vickey Donnelly, Galway One World Centre.



Dr. Anca Minsecu, Department of Psychology, University of Limerick.

Rudaí 23: 23 Things for Information Skills, September 2017

The second iteration of the online course Rudaí 23 began in September 2017 and is scheduled to finish on the 3rd March 2018. The course is divided into four sections: Visual Communicator, Online Networker, Critical Thinker and Engaged Professional. Course participants can opt to complete one or more sections of the course. Participants who complete all four sections are awarded a fifth badge called CPD Champion. The course is accredited by the Library Association of Ireland and participants who complete a section of the course receive an award of an Open Digital Badge. This is the first online CPD event to be run by a section of the Library Association of Ireland and the first use of Digital certification for CPD. As of the 19 January 2018 170 participants have registered for the course from both Ireland and internationally. The course was launched in at our Winter Networking Morning, Ballybane Library, Galway on Monday 20 November. The course is being delivered via a blog at www.rudai23.blogspot.com

Winter Networking Morning, 20th November, 2017

Our Winter Networking Morning, Ballybane Library, Galway on Monday 20th November. It was attended by 25 people from Academic, Special, Health and Public Libraries. The event included the launch of our online course Rudaí 23. We had a presentation from Michelle Breen UL, on writing a Social Media Strategy for your Library, Niamh O'Donovan spoke about Open Badges and Stephanie Ronan facilitated a discussion for course participants on the course progress to date.



Stephanie Ronan, Chairperson facilitating a discussion for Rudai 23 Participants



The Rudai 23 Project Team, from left to right: Wayne Gibbons, Galway Mayo Institute of Technology; Siobhan McGuinness, ;Stephanie Ronan, Chairperson, Marine Institute, Oranmore, Co. Galway; Michelle Breen, Treasurer, Glucksman Library, University of Limerick; Saoirse Reynolds, Maynooth University Library; Niamh O'Donovan, Secretary, Galway Library Service, Kris Meen, James Hardiman Library, NUI Galway.

Communications

All communications with our network members is delivered via our blog www.wrslai.wordpress.com or our twitter account @wrslai, and via the Library Association of Ireland mailing list. Section members contact us via our email address westernlibraries@gmail.com

Youth Libraries Group

Officers

Chair: Aisling Donnelly, Kildare Library and Arts Service

Secretary: Catherine Duffy, Dublin City Public Libraries

Treasurer: Helen O Donnell, Fingal Libraries

Committee Members

Deirdriu McQuaid, Monaghan County Libraries

Catherine Gallagher, Galway City and County Libraries

Anne Marie Kelly, Dublin City Public Libraries

Frances Crampsie, Donegal Libraries

Maedhbh Rogan, Meath Libraries

Mary Bohan, Leitrim Libraries

Eimear McGinn, Kildare Library and Arts Service

AGM: The AGM took place in February in Tallaght library. Deirdriu McQuaid, YLG's long standing Secretary stood down and Catherine Duffy has taken on the role.

Annual Seminar

YLG created their most ambitious seminar to date as the group hosted a 2 day series of lectures in May in Tallaght library. This year's theme was 'Full STEAM ahead at your local library'. It was attended by 111 library staff from all over the country and feedback was extremely positive. It comprised the following presentations:

Day 1

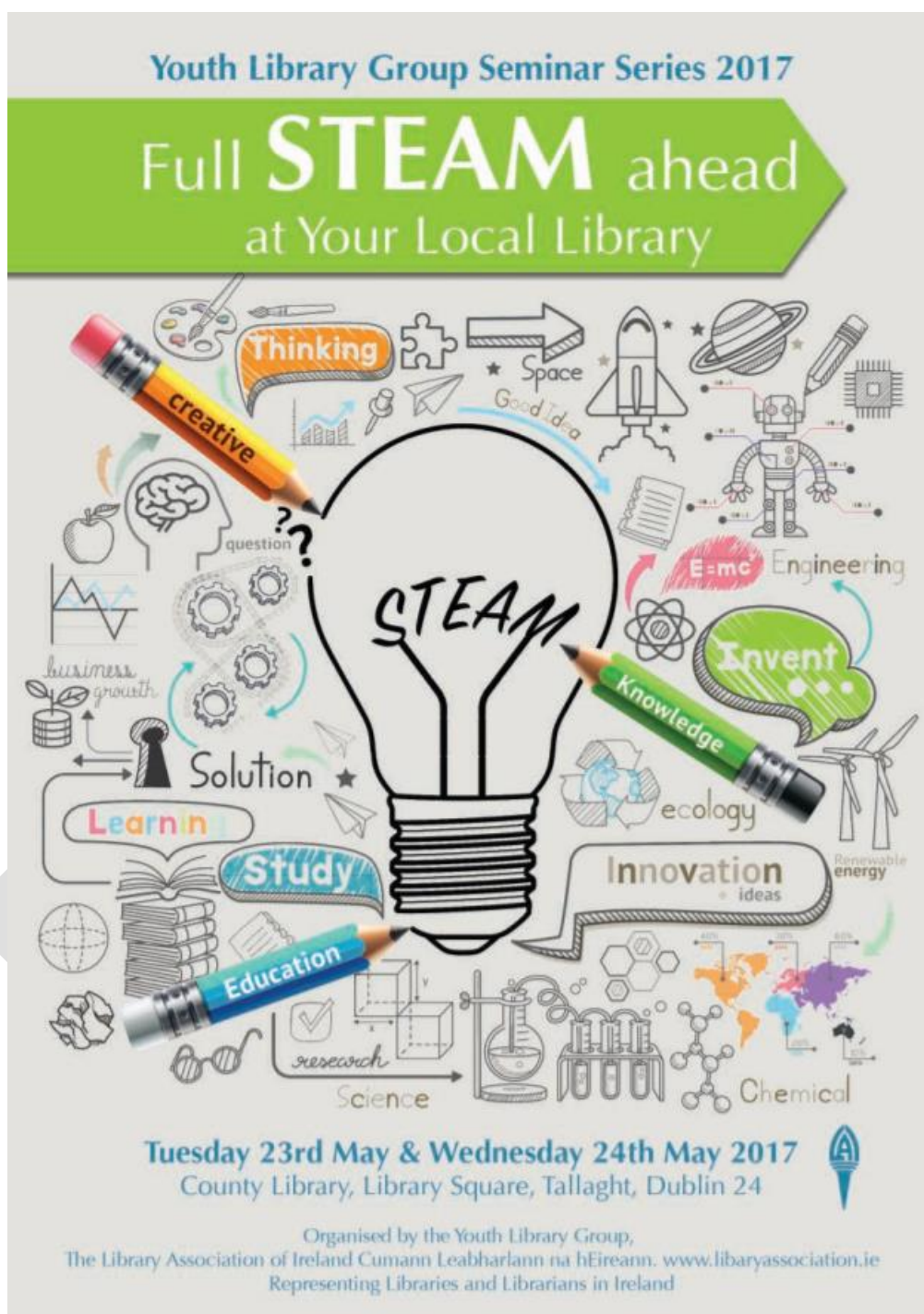
- STEM literacy programme at Monaghan Libraries
- STEAM year long programme at Kildare Libraries
- Digital design workshops. Nerve Centre, Derry and Donegal Libraries
- 'Year of Light' at Cork County Libraries
- Using LEGO as a creative tool for learning at South Dublin Libraries
- Teen entrepreneur STEM camp at Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Libraries
- Coder Dojo at your library in South Dublin Libraries
- From Harry Potter potions to LEGO building at your library in Donegal Libraries

Day one ended with a tour of the new STEM room in Tallaght library.

Day 2

- Leargas – want to know about EU funding with Denise Shannon
- Science Foundation Ireland with Carol Farrell
- Cavan Monaghan Science Festival by Dee McQuaid (Monaghan Libraries)
- Fiosracht partnership by Barbara Coughlan (South Dublin Libraries)

- Reading for Understanding and Enjoyment: a partnership programme with Kildare libraries and Maynooth University



The Genealogy and Local Studies Group and the Munster Regional Section were not active during 2017 and the current position of these two groups is under review.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS FOR 2017

In 2017, the figures for personal and institutional membership respectively were 411 and 23.

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- The chief librarians and leaders of service organisations who have facilitated staff to participate as officers of the Library Association of Ireland, who have committed a lot of time to the administration and organisation of the institution
- The chief librarians and leaders of service organisations who facilitated staff to participate at meetings, promotions, CPD, and other events
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- The library business sector and other friends of the Association that support its work through sponsorship of meetings, seminars, and other activities

Appendix

Organisation of the Association

The Library Association of Ireland is a company limited by guarantee. Every member is a shareholder. The Council is the company's Board of Directors.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association establish the methods and capacity of the Association to manage its business. These are the foundation documents for all action by the Association and they outline procedures in place.

Currently membership is open to individuals and institutions. Participative membership is encouraged to benefit the profession and the person.

This annual report illustrates the range of opportunities for active participation that are open to members currently. The Articles of Association describe the procedure to initiate other relevant activity. Activities can be at individual and group levels. Activity at individual level can include research, writing, mentoring, lecturing / training, further education, advocacy, contributing a specialist or secondary expertise. Group work can include all of the above in community – and contribution to panels, taskforces and working groups. A list of panels and other structures are listed below, and current membership of those structures is listed throughout the report, should you be interested in learning more about an area of activity.

Membership of Groups and Sections forms part of membership. Participation at committee level of Groups and Sections can be a valuable learning and networking experience. Committees are elected at Annual General Meetings. The election process is advertised to members in advance. Groups and Sections have documented procedures which operate within the parameters of the overarching Memorandum and Articles, possibly with refinements to suit local circumstances. Groups and Sections can create time-specific, focused sub-committees in response to priorities and workloads.

Membership of the Council is open to all personal members in good standing. The procedure for election to membership of the Council is outlined in the Articles and the nomination / election process is advertised to all members in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Election to the Offices of President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer is also open to all personal members in good standing. Similar to the Council, the procedure is outlined in the Articles and the nomination / election process is advertised to all members in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

The Council has a range of sub-committees, taskforces and panels. In general membership of these is not exclusive to Council members. Some structures are of a temporary nature, responsive to the work involved.

Initially, each committee develops its Terms of Reference which are approved by Council. Guidelines on the development of Terms of Reference are provided on the Association's website. The

Association also provides nominees to a range of external organisations. These are listed in the annual report. The election of nominees varies depending upon the organisation involved.

Since the Council is responsible for the correct and effective running of the Association, all committees and nominees report regularly through its Honorary Secretary.

Areas covered by committees currently are:

Professional Education

- Professional Standards
- Continuing Professional Development

Communications

- Communications and Website
- Editorial Board of *An Leabharlann: the Irish Library*
- Leabharlann-e

Services Development

- Library Ireland Week
- Literacies
- North / South Liaison committee [with CILIP Ireland]
- International & European Affairs Panel

Management & Administration

- Administration
- Action Planning
- Audit Committee

Groups and Sections are:

Sectoral

- Academic and Special Libraries Section
- County and City Librarians Section
- Government Libraries Section
- Health Sciences Libraries Section
- Public Libraries Section

Regional

- Western Regional Section
- Munster Regional Section

Interest specific [cross-sectoral]

- Cataloguing and Metadata Group
- Career Development Group
- Genealogy and Local Studies Group
- Rare Books Group
- Youth Libraries Group