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Introduction

The Library Association of Ireland relies solely on the work of volunteers. Grateful thanks, therefore, to all its members and others who gave so generously of their time to support the activities of the Association throughout the year. The pages that follow bear testimony to such commitment, enthusiasm and sheer hard work - from individuals working behind the scenes as much as those in the public eye.

In particular, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of Council and the Management Committee. 2019 was a particularly busy year and our colleagues worked tirelessly on our behalf. I would also like to offer the Association's appreciation to a number of members who over many years have shown great commitment to the furthering of the Association's objectives and who in late 2019 stepped down from their positions in the Professional Standards Committee, Siobhan Fitzpatrick, Deirdre Ellis-King, Marjory Sliney and Madelaine Dennison. Sincere thank you.

I have selected a small representation of achievements from the many, again evidence of the commitment, engagement and creativity of our members. Further details of individual events and activities can be found within this report.

Achievements

- Establishment of the Senior Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland (SLAI) as a mid-career award between the ALAI and FLAI
- Review and updated existing guidance for applicants for the ALAI and FLAI
- Automated and streamlined the application process for all three awards
- Fifteen courses approved by Continuous Professional Development Committee
- Library Ireland Week successfully took place from December 1st to the 7th. Themed 'Libraries Inspire', the week showcased how libraries in Ireland have the ability to inspire their communities, foster learning and education, encourage creativity, promote heritage and provide refuge from a hectic world.
- Engagement in the national 'Be Media Smart' media literacy campaign for Ireland
- Delivery of LAI/CILIP Joint Conference, themed 'Inclusive Libraries'. The event fostered a welcome and timely discussion on the important library work to advance equality, remove barriers to access services and encourage freedom of expression.
- Extensive CPD opportunities organised by the Academic and Special Libraries Section including the Annual Conference 'Library – Space, Place or State of Mind?'
- 'Graphic Medicine – Using Comics to Understand Health' event organised by the Career Development Group
- The Cataloguing and Metadata Group biggest news story was the addition of the classification numbers for Gaelic Games to the Dewey Decimal Classification system.
- The City and County Librarians Section took part in a study trip to Finland to view the Finnish system in the context of the developing Irish Public Library Service
- The Public Libraries Section delivered a well-attended three-day conference 'The Library Team: Leaders, Enablers and Supporters'

Lastly, a huge amount of the Association's energy was invested in the successful Irish bid to host the IFLA WLIC in Dublin. Credit for this achievement must be afforded to Dr Philip Cohen and members of the bid committee for their commitment and vision driving this bid forward to a successful conclusion. The news of the successful bid was welcomed with great excitement both on our own shores and further afield, a tribute in itself for the groundwork done by the Library Association of Ireland over many previous years.

As I write this, we are submerged in a public health crisis, which has impacted upon all of us, some unfortunately more than others. As a profession we will need opportunities to engage in dialogue and debate, to network, knowing that we have the support of our colleagues, to learn from each other. I therefore look with optimism to our future years and opportunities that they will afford us all.

*Marian Higgins,
President, 2019-2020
Library Association of Ireland*



Library Association of Ireland

Annual General Meeting 2019

The Annual General Meeting of the Library Association of Ireland took place on Thursday 28th March 2019 in Dublin City Library and Archive, Pearse Street, Dublin 2.

Officers and Council Elected at the Meeting

The following were elected as Officers and Council Members:

Officers:

President: Marian Higgins, Kildare Library and Arts Service

Vice President: Cathal McCauley, Maynooth University

Vice President: Eileen Morrissey, Wexford County Library Service

Honorary Treasurer: Lorna Dodd, Maynooth University

Honorary Secretary: Eimear McGinn, Kildare Library and Arts Service

LAI Council:

Fintan Bracken, IT Carlow

Michelle Breen, University of Limerick

Jane Burns, Athlone IT

Alan Carbery, University College Cork Library

Philip Cohen, Chair of IFLA National Committee

Melanie Cunningham, Waterford City and County Library Service

Joanna Finegan, National Library of Ireland

Marian Higgins, Kildare Library and Arts Service

Cathal McCauley, Maynooth University

Claire McGuinness, University College Dublin

Eileen Morrissey, Wexford County Library Service

Mary Murphy, Meath County Library Service

Niall O'Brien, Maynooth University

Yvonne O'Brien, Louth County Library Service

Marie O'Neill, CCT College

Mairead Owens, Dublin City Library

Christoph Schmidt-Supprian, Trinity College Dublin

John Shortall, Carlow County Library

Sandra Turner, Kildare Library and Arts Service

Joan Ward, Libraries Development Unit, LGMA

Motions Considered by Members at the Meeting

The following motions were proposed and carried by the meeting:

Motion 1:

This meeting calls on Council

(1) to accept the recommendation of the Professional Standards Committee to establish a new award, positioned between ALAI and FLAI;

(2) to mandate the Professional Standards Committee to establish the mechanisms for implementing the new award; and

(3) to commit resources for active promotion of all LAI awards.

Proposer: Professional Standards Committee

Motion 2:

This meeting calls on Council to issue an invitation for members (1) to join the new Open Science Group and (2) to volunteer to be proactive in progressing (a) establishment of the Group and (b) an agenda for Open Science in Irish libraries.

Proposer: Open Science Group

Motion 3: (Carried subject to legal opinion)

Current wording; An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held each year before the end of March.

Proposed new wording; An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held each year before the end of June.

Proposer: LAI Management Committee

Associateship Awarded at the Meeting

Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland (ALAI) was awarded to the following member:

Jessica Eustace-Cook, MA, MLIS, ALAI

Citation for ALAI

Following her academic and librarianship qualifications in UCD, Jessica gained valuable experience in Manchester before returning to Dublin. Her first appointment was as NESLI Support Officer and then Support Officer at MIMAS, University of Manchester. This experience has proved very useful for her current position as Subject Librarian (Nursing and Midwifery) and SFI (Science Foundation Ireland) Research Support Librarian at Trinity College Dublin. She previously established the virtual library for Hibernia College.

Jessica has contributed much to the profession through her membership of the A&SL Committee, her time on the Executive Council and her membership of two CONUL projects.

She has also used her expertise to contribute to research activities in TCD, publications, seminars and event management. As Jessica has met the criteria for the award of ALAI, the assessors are pleased to recommend that she receive this award.

Library Staff Champion Award

The Library Staff Champion Award was successfully run for the first time in 2018 and again for LIW 2019. From the LIW 2018 entries, five candidates were shortlisted and invited to support additional material for their application to the judging panel. The panel met and were very impressed with the candidates nominated. The winning nominations were announced at the LAI AGM in March 2019. Due to the high quality of short-listed entries, joint winners were announced, Thomas Maher from Laois County Library Service and Ann Byrne from the Boole Library, UCC



Above L to R, Thomas Maher, Laois County Library Service, Marian Higgins, President LAI and Ann Byrne, Boole Library, UCC.

Discussion

Immediately following the formal business of the meeting invited guest speaker, Alan Carbery gave a lecture entitled: ***"Connected Efforts: combining information, digital media and emerging literacies for engaged citizenship."*** In it, Alan advocated for a vision of libraries building competencies, skills and dispositions for curiosity, creativity and engaged citizenship. He challenged the approach of libraries to address “fake news” and urged for a more nuanced, critical investigation of disinformation and misinformation. He highlighted some of the efforts nationally and internationally to create inclusive, creative and enhanced programmes of learning within our communities.

Management and Administration

The Library Association of Ireland (LAI) is the professional body representing libraries and librarians 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

Council sets strategy for the Association, determines policy and is responsible for the correct and effective running of Association activities as a whole.

Council Meetings Schedule and Attendance Record 2019-20

Seven meetings of the LAI Council took place in April, May, September, October, December, January and March.

Name	Number of Meetings attended (max 7)
Fintan Bracken	4
Michelle Breen	4
Jane Burns	1
Alan Carbery	3
Philip Cohen	6
Melanie Cunningham	1
Lorna Dodd	7
Joanna Finnegan	6
Marian Higgins	7
Aoife Lawton	2
Cathal McCauley	5
Eimear McGinn	7
Claire McGuinness	7
Eileen Morrissey	6
Mary Murphy	5
Niall O'Brien	6
Yvonne O'Brien	5
Marie O'Neill	5
Mairead Owens	6
Christophe Schmidt-Supprian	6
John Shortall	4
Sandra Turner	2
Joan Ward	5

Management Committee

The Management Committee manages the finances and administration of the Association. Members comprised Philip Cohen, Marian Higgins, Cathal McCauley, Eimear McGinn, Eileen Morrissey, Lorna Dodd, Sandra Turner, Niall O'Brien. Committee members communicated informally throughout the year and met formally on the following dates: 14th February, 30th April, 20th June, 22nd August, 8th November, 3rd March, 23rd March, 1st April and 1st May.

Developing the Profession

Education Committee: Professional Standards

Officers

Convenor: Kate Kelly (RCSI)

Secretary: Gillian Kerins (IT Tallaght)

Committee Members:

Dr. Philip Cohen, Madelaine Dennison (Houses Of The Oireachtas), Siobhán Fitzpatrick (RIA) (January-September), Kate Kelly (Convenor), Gillian Kerins (Secretary), Deirdre Ellis- King (UCD SILS/Retired, DCPL) (January to September), Cathal McCauley (January-June), Marjory Sliney (January to September), Catherine Gallagher (Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Library Service) (September to December), Terry O'Brien (Waterford Institute Of Technology) (September-December), Brendan Teeling (Dublin City Libraries), Allison Kavanagh (Technical University Dublin) (November-December).

The Committee:

Manages applications, sets standards and provides assessment boards for LAI accreditation of programmes offering postgraduate degrees in library and information sciences in Ireland, currently UCD School of Information and Communication Studies and the Dublin Business School.

Manages applications, sets standards and provides guidelines for LAI professional awards, currently the (ALAI), Senior Associateship (SALAI) and Fellowship for the Association. Monitors and makes recommendations to LAI Council on matters related to professional standards and practice including core competencies for professional librarians and information scientists; the Association's Code of Ethics; the regulatory framework in which libraries operate; and guidelines for new entrants to the field.

Meetings 2019

The Committee met seven times during 2019 (January 19th, February 21st, March 19th, May 24th, July 17th, September 17th, October 24th).

Committee Membership 2019

This year saw several long-serving members of the Committee step down.

We acknowledge Siobhan Fitzpatrick, Deidre Ellis-King, Marjory Sliney and Madelaine Dennison for their commitment and huge contribution to the work of the Committee in the last decade. New members who joined the Committee are Terry O'Brien, Catherine Gallagher, Brendan Teeling and Allison Kavanagh.

The members of the Committee for 2019 were: Dr Philip Cohen; Madelaine Dennison ; Siobhán Fitzpatrick (January-September); Kate Kelly (Convenor); Gillian Kerins (Secretary); Deirdre Ellis- King (January to September); Cathal McCauley (January-June); Marjory Sliney (January to September) Catherine Gallagher (September to December) Terry O'Brien (September-December) Brendan Teeling , Allison Kavanagh (November-December).

An update on the key elements of Committee's work during 2019 is below.

Review of the Associateship award (ALAI)

Motions by the PSC to the AGM in March 2019 calling on Council to

1. accept the recommendation of the Professional Standards Committee to establish a new award, positioned between ALAI and FLAI;
2. mandate the Professional Standards Committee to establish the mechanisms for implementing the new award; and
3. commit resources for active promotion of all LAI awards were all approved

Following which the PSC:

- established the Senior Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland (SALAI) as a mid-career award between the ALAI and the FLAI
 - reviewed and updated existing guidance for applicants for the ALAI and FLAI
 - created new guidance documentation for the SALAI for applicants
 - reviewed and renewed the panel of assessors for all awards
 - created new guidance documentation for assessors for all awards
 - appointed two awards administrators and updated administrative documentation to reflect data protection requirements
 - with the assistance of the Webmaster (Sandra Turner) and the Honorary Treasurer (Lorna Dodd) automated and streamlined the application process for all three awards
- The new and repositioned awards were formally launched by LAI President, Marian Higgins, at the Public Library Conference in Adare, November 13th, 2019.

Awards 2019

- No applications were received for Fellowship award (FLAI).
- No new applications for ALAI were accepted during the review period and applications formally re-opened for the ALAI November 2019.
- Applications for the Senior Associateship (SALAI) were formally opened.

Accreditation reviews of course providers

Dublin Business School

Two members of the LAI Professional Standards Committee (PSC), Dr Philip Cohen and Kate Kelly, served as the industry representatives for LAI on the Quality and Qualification Ireland (QQI) panel reviewing the Master of Science in Information and Library Management and the embedded Postgraduate Diploma in Information and Library Management. Both programmes met the LAI standards for accreditation and Council ratified the decision to accredit the programmes for a period of seven years or until the date of the next QQI programme review. Annual reviews by the PSC will continue during this period.

University College Dublin

The Committee:

- a) Reviewed two new modules, Research Methods and Service Learning, from UCD School of Information and Communication Studies and approved a request to remove pre-programme work experience requirement from the Graduate Diploma and Masters in Library and Information Studies programmes.
- b) Met with the new Head of School and extended the accreditation by one year in recognition of the changes under way at the School.

Reciprocal Recognition

Formal statements of mutual recognition of qualifications were signed with CILIP and the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). This means that graduates of LAI accredited programmes are assured recognition of their qualifications in the UK and Australia.

Other Work

In addition to the above, the Committee provided content for the LAI website; reviewed and updated the Committee's terms of reference, which were subsequently approved by Council; reviewed and updated the Code of Professional Practice and responded to ten correspondents seeking information or advice on topics ranging from online courses; internships; volunteering to accreditation of specific programmes to queries about the ALAI.

Education Committee:

Continuous Professional Development

Officers

Convenor: Eve Hornung (CDETB Curriculum Development Unit/TCD)

Secretary: Sheila Kelly (DCPL)

Committee Members:

Philip Cohen (Chair of IFLA National Committee), Sarah Connolly (IMI), Deirdre Ellis-King (UCD SILS/Retired, DCPL), Eva Hornung (Convenor; CDETB Curriculum Development Unit/TCD), Sheila Kelly (DCPL), Lai Ma (UCD SICS), Ann Mitchell (NUI Galway), Eileen Morrissey (Wexford County Library Service), Mary Murphy (Meath County Council Library Service), Kathryn Smith (RCSI)

The committee met twice: in January and October. Throughout the year, we conducted most of our work online, including the approval of courses for CPD purposes. We would like to thank our past members for their long service. In January of 2020, we welcomed a new committee member: Grace Toland, Irish Traditional Music Archive.

Input into new LAI awards structure:

The committee participated in the consultation process, run by the Professional Standards committee (PSC), on the revision of the Associateship as well as the introduction of a new professional award. We will support the PSC with the roll out and marketing of this new structure.

CPD document:

The group identified the need to share with members a listing of what is considered CPD activity. The listing will be published to website shortly and we hope it will be of benefit to members when considering their own CPD activities. The group also gave consideration to a possible points system for CPD activities. This will be reviewed in conjunction with the PSC at the review stage of the professional awards in 2021.

List of approved courses CPD certification in 2019:

Information Professional as a Teacher (UCD SICS)

People, Information & Communication: Our Information Behaviour (UCD SICS)

Scholarly Communication (UCD SICS)

LAI Public Libraries Section Conference

Youth Libraries Group: Recommending with Confidence

CONUL Open Scholarship & Open Science

Writing & Publishing for Librarians

Children and Youth Information Services

Writing for Academic Publication

WRS LAI Seminar

SLARI AGM and Makerspaces in your library

A&SL Conference and Exhibition

HSLG Conference

LAI/CILIP Joint Conference

SLIP Ireland Student Conference (SLIP)

Library Ireland Week Taskforce



Background

The Library Ireland Week Taskforce was appointed by the LAI Council to plan and organise the revival of Library Ireland Week in 2018. After a successful LIW 2018, work began early in 2019 on plans for LIW 2019. The Taskforce Committee met multiple times as a group and via email during the year and settled on the theme 'Libraries Inspire' a reference to the proposed IFLA International Congress scheduled for August 2020.

The Taskforce Committee included the following members:

John Shortall, Melanie Cunningham, Johanna Archbold, Hazel Percival and Justin Smyth. Josephine Vahey joined the Taskforce in late 2019 in advance of preparations for LIW 2020.

LIW 2019

Library Ireland Week took place from from Sunday 1st to Saturday 7th December 2019. The week, organised by the Library Association of Ireland, raises the profile of libraries and information service professionals and showcases their resources, facilities, events and services through dedicated programmes and events.

Throughout the week public libraries, special libraries, business libraries, health libraries, law libraries, academic libraries, prison libraries and government libraries all around Ireland celebrated by showcasing their unique resources, running events and engaging in a nationwide social media campaign.

Library Ireland Week is a celebration of libraries and the people who work in libraries throughout Ireland recognising their dedication, commitment and influence on the individuals and communities they serve. In 2019 the theme focused on how libraries in Ireland have the ability to inspire their communities, to foster learning and education, encourage creativity, promote our country's heritage and provide places of refuge from a hectic world.

Events around the country were detailed on the Library Ireland Week website

www.libraryirelandweek.ie

Staff and members of the public could stay abreast of what was happening on social media through the hashtag [#LIW2019](https://twitter.com/LIW2019)



Pictured under the Tree of Inspiration at Carlow Central Library are Diarmaid Shortall (4 years old) and his little sister Bláithín (2 and a half years) getting ready for Library Ireland Week.

The LIW 2019 campaign had multiple elements to achieve engagement from:

- Library Staff to get involved and organise events for their local communities to celebrate each other and the work that we all do.
- Library Users to engage with the theme and share their positive library stories
- The public to be aware of the activities and services at their local library
- Library Staff to see LIW as an opportunity to celebrate each other & the work that we all do.

Events

LIW Events took place across the country with over 50 events advertised on the LIW website, with many others taking place also. See LIW Event Listing for more details.

Public Competition

The public competition asked library users to share their transformative library experiences by sharing our competition post on social media (Twitter & Facebook) and using the #LIW2019 hashtag. Users shared an amazing range of experiences, which all highlighted the impact of libraries and their staff on everyday life.

LIW Social Media

The LIW Twitter and Facebook Accounts were active throughout the campaign and coordinated with the main LAI account and other accounts of LAI sub-groups. Activity was considerably increased, particularly with the public competition and could be further enhanced in future years.

Acknowledgements:

The Taskforce Committee would like to thank Marian Higgins, President of the LAI, and the LAI Council for the support throughout this process.

Thanks to:

Sandra Turner, LAI Webmaster

Lorna Dodd, LAI Honorary Treasurer

Eimear McGinn, LAI Honorary Secretary

We would like to thank Carlow County Council Library Service for hosting our official launch photoshoot; John Shortall & Family for featuring in our official launch photoshoot. We would also like to thank Wyse Eyes Creative for their graphic design and publicity material.

Special mention to all library staff who nominated colleagues for the Library Staff Champion Award, without whose generosity of spirit, the Award could not have started.

Final thanks to all the library staff throughout the country who engaged with LIW 2019 curating and hosting events, bringing the theme and message of Library Ireland Week 2019 to as many of our users as possible.

Literacies Committee

Convenor: Philip Russell (TU Dublin)

Committee Members:

Claire McGuinness (University College Dublin)

Katherine Ryan (St. Andrew's College Dublin)

Brenda Carey (Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Libraries)

Ann O'Sullivan (AL Goodbody)

Mary Mulryan (Athlone Institute of Technology)

Emer O'Brien (Tipperary County Council)

Isabelle Courtney (Dublin Business School)

Genevieve Larkin (Marino Institute of Education)

Joan Ward (Libraries Development Unit of the LGMA)

Siobhan Dunne (Trinity College Dublin)

Lorna Dodd (IADT Library)

The Literacies Committee is committed to reviewing best practice initiatives in terms of literacy, information literacy, media literacy and digital literacy and across all library and information sectors in Ireland and is working on a revised smart action plan for the development of these competencies at local and national level. The Committee actively engages in advocacy, promotion and dissemination activities.

Members were involved with a number of initiatives during 2019 including - Be Media Smart - the national media literacy campaign for Ireland. Be Media Smart helped to advance media and information literacy awareness in Ireland with all library sectors actively supporting this unique campaign.

Members also attended and presented at a variety of national and international conferences during 2019, including the CILIP Conference in Manchester in July, UNESCO's Global Media and Information Literacy Feature Conference in Sweden in September and the annual seminar of the LAI's County & City Librarians in Portlaoise in October.



Philip Russell presenting on the
“Be Media Smart Campaign”

Further opportunities to showcase how Irish libraries are providing support to the development of core literacy competencies will be provided at the IFLA *World Library and Information Congress* in Dublin.

The Committee has forged strong links with the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education and Media Literacy Ireland (MLI) as it seeks to collaborate and further its goals around these core competencies in the years ahead.

Expressions of interest in joining the Committee should be addressed to Philip Russell, the Convenor.

SLIP Ireland 4th Annual Student Conference

23rd February 2019

Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse Street

The fourth annual SLIP Ireland Student Conference took place on Saturday 23rd February 2019 in Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse Street, with the theme “The Information Professional as Author”. The day featured two panel discussions and eight lightning presentations from students and recent graduates of Library & Information Studies in Ireland.

The first panel, chaired by Clare Conneally, discussed the academic side of authorship for LIS and Archives students. Elizabeth Mullins (UCD Director of the MA in Archives and Records Management), Claire McGuinness (Deputy Head of School in the UCD School of Information and Communication Studies) and Tony Murphy (Head of Quality Enhancement and Innovation in Teaching and Learning at DBS) talked about the ways in which writing assignments had changed for their students, for instance incorporating more group assignments into their degrees, and how authorship has become more integral to a successful career in the field.

The second panel, chaired by Helena Byrne, discussed the ways authorship and writing are woven into varied careers in libraries and archives. Niamh Ni Charra (Communications Officer for ARA,I), Jane Burns (Institute Librarian at Athlone IT), Fiona Kearney (Secretary of IRMS) and Orla Fitzpatrick (Librarian at the National Museum of Ireland) talked about their experience in writing before and during their careers and offered advice to current students and new career professionals about how to develop their writing skills and how to break into the world of publishing.



The lightning presentations covered a wide variety of topics from reflective practice to packing a punch with a poster presentation. Also discussed were indigenous knowledge management, content marketing for libraries and the books and blogs of a patent librarian. Full abstracts and author biographies are available at www.slipireland.com/slip2019

The event was kindly sponsored by The Library Association of Ireland, UCD Students' Union, DBS Library, UCD School of Information & Communication Studies and Jane Burns.

Follow SLIP Ireland at [@SLIPireland](https://twitter.com/SLIPireland) on Twitter, [@StudentLibrariansIreland](https://www.facebook.com/StudentLibrariansIreland) on Facebook and at www.slipireland.com

Clare Conneally, Director of SLIP Ireland

Internet Librarian International 2019

The Internet Librarian International Conference took place at its usual location in the Olympia London on 15 and 16th October this year. As always, the conference engaged some inspiring keynote speakers in Yvonne Campfens of Campfens Management, Netherlands, Kajal Odedra, Executive Director of Change.org, UK and Silvia Modig, President of the Finish Library Association and a Member of the European Parliament. The first day was divided into three different streams that delegates could choose to attend. These were Users and UX, New Visions: New Strategies, and Digital Diverse Disrupted. The themes of the second day were the Digital Scholar, the Rebooted Librarian and Magical marketing. It was interesting to see digital learning become more of a core focus of the sessions in this year's conference. Martin O'Connor of University College Cork and Alex Kouker of Dublin City University represented Irish Libraries wonderfully in their presentation on building the Libfocus blog with the aim of helping to build connections, support the exchange of ideas, and engage in advocacy for the library community in Ireland.



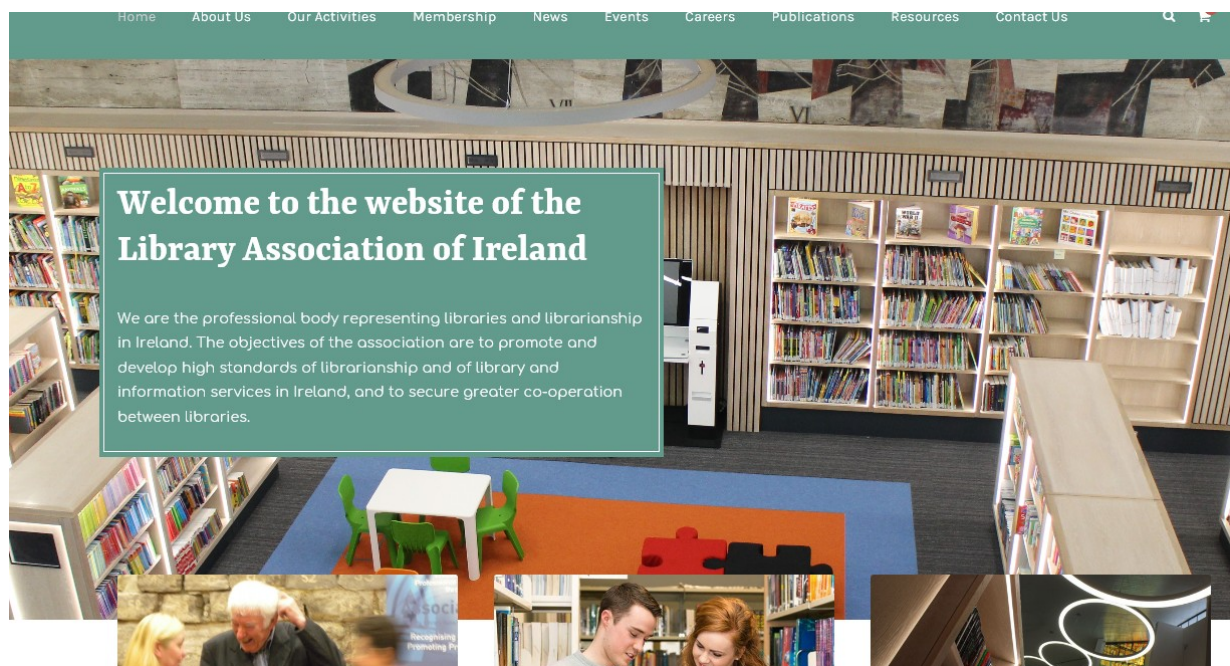
Communications

Website Developements

Following the launch of the website in 2018, online membership functionality went live in early 2020. Work was also carried out on the Library Ireland Week and Joint conference websites.

Preparations took place to migrate the mailing system away from Listmaster and to implement the use of mailchimp. Members were given the option to opt in to mailing list at the point of joining online in line with Data Protection requirements. An option was also added to the member dashboard for people to opt in to the mailing list after joining. The membership functionality allows for the renewal of membership for those members who joined in 2019. The website officer worked with the IFLA National Committee to coordinate announcements and updates regarding WLIC. In 2020 more work needs to be done on the management of mailing lists and groups/section content.

Special thanks are due to the website officer Sandra Turner for her commitment and hard work in managing this project supported by Lorna Dodd, Marian Higgins and Eimear McGinn.



An Leabharlann

An Leabharlann: The Irish Library was published twice during 2019, Volume 28 (1) and (2).



Current issues and large numbers of back issues are freely available to all on open access at <https://www.libraryassociation.ie/an-leabharlann/> and similarly on *e-Deposit Ireland* at <https://www.libraryassociation.ie/an-leabharlann/>

An Leabharlann is edited by Marjory Sliney, with an Editorial Board comprising: Heather Anderson (Ulster University), Fintan Bracken (IT Carlow), Kate Kelly (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland), Terry O'Brien (Waterford Institute of Technology) and Brendan Teeling (Dublin City Public Libraries). The Association is greatly indebted to Marjory for editing the journal so ably for so many years.

Social Media

Throughout 2019, the LAI Social Media channels continued to contribute towards the sharing of information between library and information professionals in Ireland and internationally. The LAI has active Twitter and Facebook pages, and to a lesser extent, a presence on Instagram. In July 2019 the LAI Twitter account (@LAIonline) had 3,018 followers, the Facebook page had 1,382 followers, and Instagram had 498 followers. From analytics provided by Facebook, it can be seen that approximately 70% of followers on this platform are women. Highlights shared on LAI Social Media channels in 2019 include the Be Media Smart campaign, the inaugural LAI Library Champion Award, and posts relating to the IFLA 2020 World Congress.

One of the most popular Facebook posts of the year, on 26th July 2019, with a reach 1545 (Lifetime Post Total Reach up to June 2020), was the first announcement that IFLA 2020 was coming to Dublin

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.phpstory_fbid=10156435917943225&id=104478683224

"The IFLA World Library and Information Congress is coming to Dublin!"

By comparison, the announcement on the same day on Twitter achieved 7022 impressions in July, and has had 11,914 total impressions up to June 2020

<https://twitter.com/LAIonline/status/1154677747853254656>

Facebook continues to be a useful tool to share posts with longer text and multiple photos. Twitter is most popular with the core library audience as a networking space, with the added advantage of cataloguing posts through the use of hashtags.

Shona Thoma
Social Media Officer

Analytics Home Tweets More ▾

Nov 2019 · 30 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 4,410 impressions

The Call for Volunteers is now live! This is a fantastic opportunity to play an important role in supporting the smooth running of the World Library and Information Congress. 2020.ifla.org/call-for-volun...
[#wlic2020](#) [pic.twitter.com/xJORPJZ06n](#)



Top mention earned 206 engagements

IFLA World Library and Information Congress
@iflawlic · Nov 15

The first issue of the [@IFLA #wlic2020](#) newsletter is out! Featuring an interview with our hosts [@LAIonline](#), calls for posters and volunteers, and how to save up to €200 on the registration fee. Kick start your preparations for [#Dublin!](#) Read it here: [bit.ly/WLIC2020Novemb...](#)

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View Tweet

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North-South Liaison with CILIP Ireland

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), Niall O'Brien, John Shortall, Marjory Sliney, Sandra Turner.

Meetings of the North South Liaison Committee took place on 10th April, 3rd September and 3rd December

LAI CILIP Joint Conference 2019

Conference Report LAI CILIP Ireland Joint Conference, 10th – 11th April 2019

By Niall O'Brien, Teaching and Learning Support Librarian, RCSI Library

Over the course of two full days, I had the good fortune to attend (and the privilege of speaking at) the LAI / CILIP Ireland Joint Annual Conference. The conference took place in the very grand location of the Killashee Hotel, Naas, Co. Kildare. This year's conference followed the very engaging theme of "Inclusive Libraries" and it was very interesting to observe the diversity with which this theme was interpreted by the various speakers.

The Conference organising committee engaged keynote speakers of an impeccable standard for the conference. The first to speak was Erik Boekestejin, Senior Advisor at the National Library of the Netherlands. He shared examples with us of the kind of libraries that have impressed him internationally with a particular emphasis on how these libraries at their most basic level have facilitated storytelling and the sharing of stories. Rosie Jones also spoke about how libraries have a key role in breaking down hierarchies and barriers of access to education. I was also quite inspired to hear of how the Open University provides access to over 160,000 students putting our own student numbers somewhat into perspective. The last keynote was from Traci Engel Lesneski of the US based architecture firm MSR who presented on best practice in library design where considerations for non-traditional users were core to the design rather than to be accommodated as an afterthought.

Amongst the speakers, all brought something distinct to bear on proceedings. One talk that really arrested my attention was from Martin O'Connor of UCC who spoke about organizing transition year placements for DEIS school students. The effort he undertook to secure such participation was inspiring and the resulting programme of activities undoubtedly made a positive impact on their lives. We were also particularly impressed by a joint talk from Elaine Chapman and Sarah Anne Kennedy of TU Dublin who discussed the benefits to staff and users of libraries in staff with disabilities being employed in libraries and Elaine in particular spoke movingly about the barriers of entry many people with disabilities face in terms of access to employment.

James Molloy from UCD Library spoke about his experience of teaching information literacy in UCD's campus in Beijing and how that connected with UCD's aim of becoming a global university. I was also impressed by some of the talks from public library staff. Ciara Hogan of Kildare County Library and Arts Service spoke movingly about the various young readers' book clubs she runs and her efforts to be accommodating by focusing on improving the engagement of reluctant readers. Sean Beattie of Libraries NI presented on his experience of building new partnerships with different media outlets in the context of the decline of the local newspaper industry. Johanna Archbold represented RCSI Library excellently with her talk entitled *Service Design with Education in Mind: Teaching Moments at Library Service points*. The philosophy around providing a service to users that is reflective and allows for library staff to leverage their expertise in order to assist users in a meaningful and impactful way really resonated with me and other members of the audience.

We were generously entertained at the conference dinner by a choral reception followed by an introduction from the Mayor of Kildare. This conference was a unique experience for many attendees in terms of the balance it achieved in profiling the work of public and academic library staff on both sides of the Irish border. I also felt that the theme of 'inclusive libraries' fostered a welcome and timely discussion on the important work going on in libraries to advance equality, break down barriers of access and encourage freedom of expression.



World Library and Information Congress 2020



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World Library and Information Congress
86th IFLA General Conference and Assembly
15-21 August 2020, Dublin, Ireland

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LAI is a long-standing member of *IFLA: International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions*, a global body representing the interests of libraries in more than 150 countries. IFLA holds its annual conference, the *World Library and Information Congress* (WLIC), in a different city each year.

In 2018, IFLA invited European member associations to bid to host the WLIC for 2021. LAI submitted a bid for Dublin in June and this was shortlisted two months later. Requests for further information followed and there was a three-day site visit in March 2019 by representatives of IFLA and KIT Group, the professional conference organisers. In April, we learnt that our bid for 2021 was unsuccessful. At the same time, however, we were told that the 2020 WLIC had to be relocated away from Auckland and IFLA invited us to bid for this year instead. We did so and, following a second competitive process, we were told in mid-July 2019 that Dublin had been designated host city for the WLIC in August 2020.

Six weeks of intensive work culminated in a record number of Irish delegates attending the WLIC in Athens in August 2019 in order to promote our own Congress 12 months later. On return, membership was finalised of an Irish National Organising Committee and the Chairs of its seven Sub-Committees.

The National Committee, and many others, continued to work hard during the rest of 2019 to ensure that WLIC 2020 will be a resounding success – for the benefit of Congress delegates, the LAI and all our members.



Irish delegates with Gerald Leitner, IFLA Secretary General



Irish delegates with H.E. Orla O'Hanrahan, Irish Ambassador to Greece



Marian Higgins, LAI President, Inviting IFLA delegates to attend WLIC 2020 in Dublin

Groups and Sections

Membership of Groups and Sections is a benefit of LAI membership. In particular, participation at Committee level in a Group or Section can be a valuable learning and networking experience.

Committees are elected at the Annual General Meetings of each Group and Section. 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 of the Association, sometimes with refinements to suit local circumstances. For example, Groups and Sections can create time-specific, focused Sub-Committees or Working Groups in response to their own priorities.

If you wish to join a Group or Section, select it when joining or renewing your Association membership.

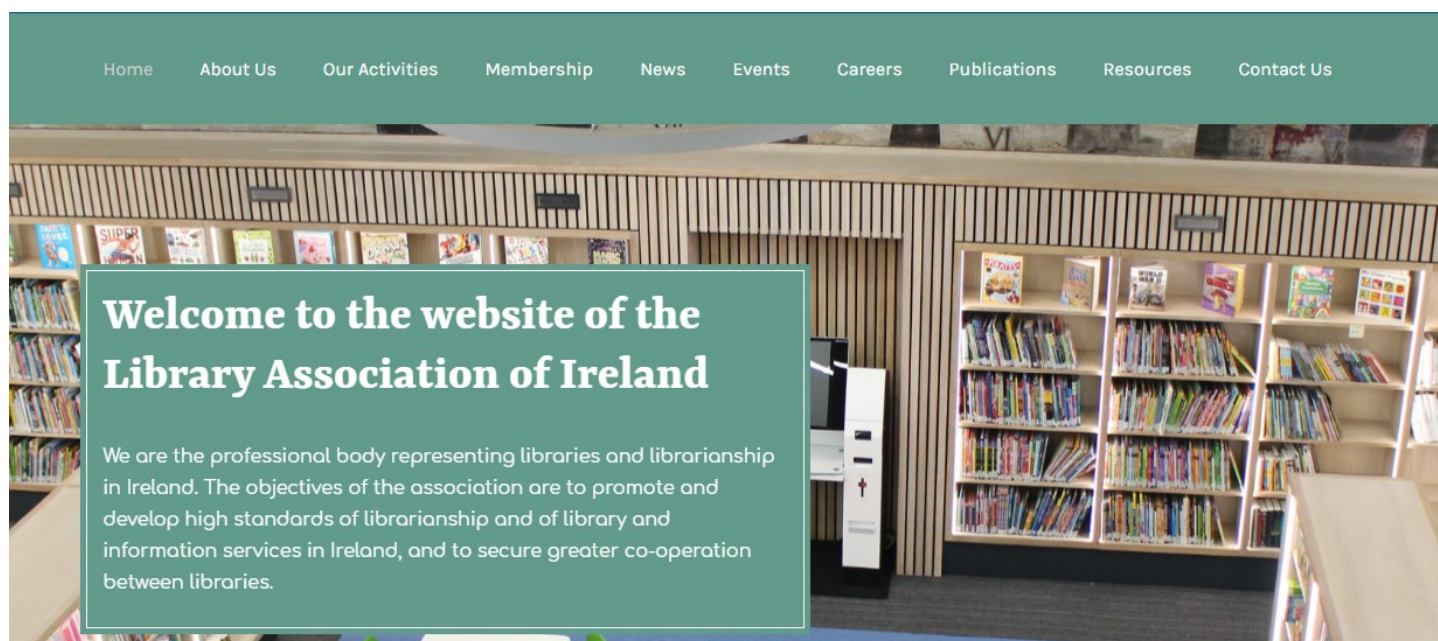
If you are interested in joining the Committee of a Group or Section, please contact its Chair or Secretary



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Annual Report 2019

presented to the

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 15 January 2020

BOI Workbench, Hamilton Building, Trinity College, Dublin 2



Committee Officers 2019

Chairperson: David Hughes (Education and Training Boards Ireland)

Hon. Secretary: Genevieve Larkin (Marino Institute of Education)

Hon. Treasurer: Gerard Connolly (TU Dublin – Tallaght Campus)

Communications Officer: Laura Rooney-Ferris (HSE)

Committee Members 2019

Máire Caffrey (Teagasc)

Jean Earley (McCann FitzGerald)

Dr. Eva Hornung (CDET B Curriculum Development Unit/TCD)

Lisa Lambert (CRANN)

Fiona Logan (Institute of Art, Design and Technology)

Susan Brodigan (Contemporary Centre for Music, Ireland)

Christina McGuckian (UCD)

Deirdre McGuinness (William Fry)

Overview

2019 saw the Academic & Special Libraries Section Committee bid farewell to some longstanding members and welcome new members from academic and special libraries. We organised several networking and CPD events which were very well received. The Annual Conference & Exhibition held in March 2019 was sold out and attained a high level of interest from companies and organisations sponsoring the conference. The entire Committee worked very hard on the conference and received overwhelmingly positive feedback in its wake.

Committee meetings and membership

The Committee met on 11 occasions in 2019. This included 9 Committee meetings, the Annual General Meeting in January and a strategic planning meeting in June to plan the year ahead.

Two new members joined the Committee in 2019, Fiona Logan (IADT) and Susan Brodigan (Contemporary Music Centre Ireland). This year also sees some turnover of membership. The Committee is deeply saddened to note the departure of Marie Cullen, Sarah Connolly and Marie O'Neill. Marie Cullen as outgoing chair (and one of the longest-standing committee members) has contributed much to the Committee over the course of her membership. All will be greatly missed. Replacing them on the Committee will be Johannah Duffy (Marino Institute of Education) and Sue Miller (DCU)

AGM 2019

The 2019 AGM was held in BOI Workbench, Hamilton Building, Trinity College, on Wednesday 23rd January, 2019. Our guest speaker for the event was Gemma Sexton from Dublin City Council Culture Company who gave a fascinating talk on the museum project at 14 Henrietta Street and its citizen-led 'Dublin Connects' initiatives.

A&SL Section events for 2019

A&SL Section's Annual Conference & Exhibition, March 2019

The A&SL 2019 Annual Conference & Exhibition, ***“Library - Space, Place, or State of Mind?”*** took place on Friday 29th March 2019, Wood Quay Venue, Dublin 8.

Addressing the theme were thought-provoking keynotes from Christian Lauersen, Director of libraries and citizen services in Roskilde Municipality, and Karen Latimer, from the IFLA Library Buildings & Equipment Standing Committee. We had lots of interesting case studies and a poster competition, which was won by Mícheál Ó hAodha & Michelle Breen (University of Limerick). This was followed by an engaging panel discussion with the audience and a drinks and nibbles reception in the Bull & Castle.

A&SL & HSLG Joint Informal Summer Event July 2019:

Visit to Henrietta St

In a follow-up event from the Section's AGM in January, the HSLG and A&SL co-organised a summer visit to 14 Henrietta Street on Friday the 25th July 2019. Set in a Georgian townhouse, 14 Henrietta Street tells the story of the buildings' shifting fortunes, from family home and powerbase to courthouse, from barracks to its final incarnation as a tenement house. The event was followed by networking in the Black Sheep pub.

WRS LAI & A&SL Joint CPD event: Skills and Professional Development (AIT)

On Friday the 11th October, the Western Region and Academic & Special Libraries Sections of the LAI along with A&SL held a networking event on skills and professional development, followed by a tour of the AIT library.

Our very special thanks to all members who attended 2019 events.

Librarians Aloud

The A&SL 'Librarians Aloud' podcast series now consists of twenty seven episodes of librarians talking about their career paths, what they love about the profession and where the information profession is going.

Three new episodes came online in 2019

Episode 25: School Librarians Claire Ní Neachtain and Andrea Dillon

Episode 26: Christian Lauersen, Director of libraries and citizen services in Roskilde Municipality

Episode 27: Tim Lentz, Hastings Public Library

Special thanks to Laura Rooney-Ferris for this series. All episodes available at <https://soundcloud.com/librariansaloud/sets/librarians-aloud-episodes>

Bursaries

The Committee once again awarded two bursaries for full delegate attendance to the A&SL Section's Annual Conference & Exhibition 2019: Catherine Ahearne, Library Assistant, Maynooth University and Lisa Cradden, Assistant Librarian, Maynooth University.

We also awarded a bursary to Noreen McHugh to attend the 2019 joint LAI CILIP Conference. Both conference reports were published in *An Leabharlann*.

Attendance at LAI Executive Board Meetings and LAI Council Events

Dr. Eva Hornung attended the LAI 2019 AGM and is the Convenor of the Continuing Professional Development Committee.

Attendance and Presentations at Conferences and Training Events

February

Jean Earley attended a BIALL Irish Group meeting on 27th February 2019 in Trinity College Dublin.

David Hughes attended the IFLA Special Interest Group (SIG) on Library Publishing, 2019 Midterm Meeting from February 28th – 1st March in Dublin Business School.

April

Laura Rooney Ferris presented at the Athlone Institute of Technology research repository launch on the 5th April.

Laura Rooney Ferris delivered a workshop on Podcasting for research dissemination on the 5th April in Athlone Institute of Technology.

May

Deirdre McGuinness attended the BIALL (British and Irish Association of Law Librarians) Professional Development Committee's course on "Knowledge Management and Intranets" in May.

David Hughes was Co-chair of KohaCon 2019, held in Dublin Business School from 20th - May 23rd.

Laura Rooney Ferris presented at KohaCon 2019, May 20th - May 23rd in Dublin Business School.

June

Genevieve Larkin attended a workshop organised by The National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in higher education titled “Developing Enabling Policies for Digital and Open Teaching and Learning” on the 13th June in NUI Galway.

Genevieve Larkin attended a workshop organised by CONUL (the Consortium of National and University Libraries) titled “Planning & Developing Digital and Open Scholarship Services” in the RCSI on the 25th June.

July

Susan Brodigan presented a paper at the IAML (International Association of Music Librarians) International Congress held in Krakow from the 14th-19th July, titled “Digitally preserving an island’s musical identity.”

September

David Hughes attended “Digital Technologies and Education: Keeping up with the pace of change” on the 6th September in the UCD Humanities Institute.

October

Laura Rooney Ferris attended the 5 nations Health Library Leaders Seminar 2019 on the 2nd October in Birmingham.

David Hughes attended the Regulation of Irish Higher Education on the 8th October in RCSI.

Laura Rooney Ferris attended the WRS�AI and A&SL event “Skills and Professional Development in AIT Library” on the 11th October.

David Hughes facilitated a workshop at the WRS�AI and A&SL event “Skills and Professional Development” in AIT Library on the 11th October.

Communications

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Websites

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

<https://www.libraryassociation.ie/academic-and-special-libraries-section/>

Social media

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A photo of Committee members at the A&SL Section's Annual Conference & Exhibition, March 2019, with the LAI president Marian Higgins



Library Association of Ireland
Career Development Group

Annual Report 2019
Presented at the Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 21st November 2019



Committee Officers and Members 2017-2018

Officers:

Chairperson: Emma Doran, Maynooth University
(November 2017 – November 2019)

Secretary: Robert Alfis, Dublin Business School
(September 2018 - November 2019)

Treasurer: Amye Quigley, Kildare County Library Services
(November 2016 – November 2019)

Communications Officers: Daire O'Driscoll, IBAT, (September 2018 – November 2019) Aoife Williams, IBAT College – (November 2018-November 2019)

Committee Members:

Loretta Rose, Wicklow County Council

Maeve McCauley, Letterkenny Institute of Technology

Isabelle Courtney, Courtney Information Service

Clair Walton, Dublin City Libraries and Archive

Clare Murnane Conneally, University College Dublin

Lara Musto, IBAT College

Committee Meetings and Membership

The Committee met on 11 occasions in 2018-2019. This included 10 Committee meetings including Skype meetings, and the Annual General Meeting on 21st November 2019. Some committee members also attended LAI Council Meetings.

Goals for 2017-2018

1. More hands-on workshops on the various skills of librarianship
2. One or more workshops devoted to advice for job hunters, cover letter and CV writing, application form filling and interview skills etc.
3. A more advanced coding workshop
4. More events related to leadership in Irish libraries

Overview and Highlights

The Career Development Group organised three events that were well attended, helping to contribute to the professional goals of information professionals at all career levels. There was much demand for the return of a coding workshop. We organised an event for Health Librarians which was a first for the Career Development Group and we helped to make developing professionals heard in ALAI discussions that took place with the the LAI Council.

LAI CDG Events for 2019



Creative Content Marketing for Libraries

BOI Trinity Innovation Hub, the Hamilton Building Trinity College.

Ticket Prices
LAI Members: €35
Non LAI Members: €45
Students/Unwaged: €25

Friday 7th of December 10am-4pm

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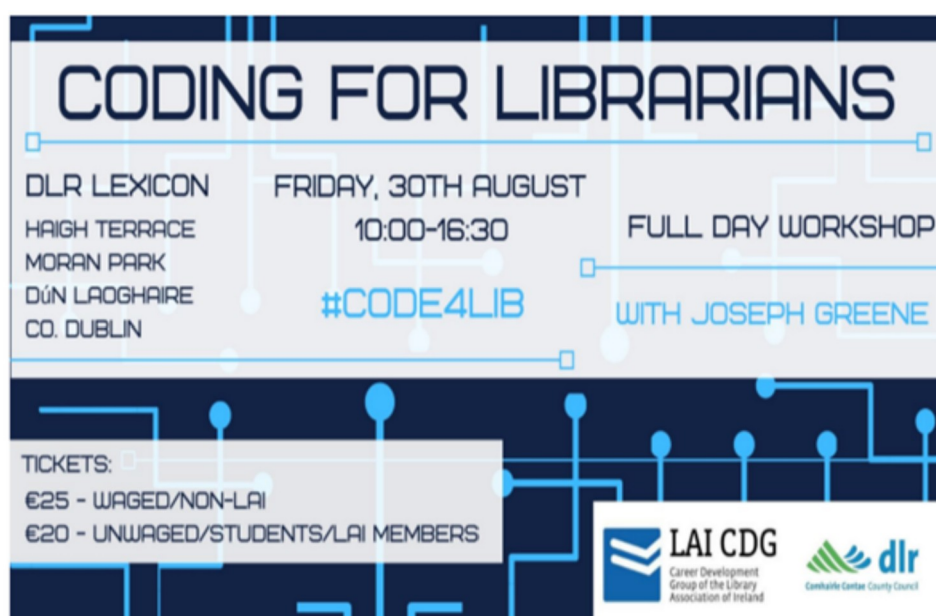
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Career Development Group of the Library Association of Ireland

Far From Avocados
Creative Content Agency 

Creative Content Marketing For Libraries

The Creative Content Marketing event was held on the 7th of December 2018 in the BOI Innovation hub in Trinity College. Speakers included Martina Chapman from the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland Media Literacy Group and Aidan Coughlan from Far From Avocados. The day provided a huge range of advice, demonstrations and insights on how to effectively market your library and its services. Throughout the workshop attendees were given opportunities to examine and discuss their audiences, such as examining their drivers, barriers and opportunities available to remove those barriers or enhance the drivers. Other topics that were discussed were creating content pillars which are the categories in which our content can be fuelled to help us keep hitting the key points with consistency. The event was fully attended with a large waiting list.



Coding Workshop

The annual coding workshop was held on Friday the 30th of August 2019 in the DLR LexIcon. The event was a basic introduction to coding and was facilitated by Joseph Greene, Systems Librarian at University College Dublin. There was full attendance and Mr. Greene used practical exercises to demonstrate the use of coding for librarians, helping attendees gain the knowledge and confidence to work with technical services. The first part of the workshop introduced the context and the particular lexicon and syntax of coding; also explaining what coding is and why it is important, specifically within the context of libraries. The second half concentrated on practical exercises, by creating MARC records using VBA-Excel Visual Basic for Applications and attendees put their knowledge to use by creating a new function in Microsoft Excel. There was a high response rate to the survey and many people thanked the Career Development Group for the event, particularly citing how well it was organized and how

knowledgeable and helpful Mr. Greene was. Comments included "excellent presenter" and "tutor created a warm and friendly atmosphere, with a relaxed approach". Respondents also commented on the skills-based nature of the workshop and how relevant it was to libraries. Going forward, results also indicated a need for more events of this type, especially to build on proficiencies gained on the day. The committee would like to thank Mr. Joseph Greene, the attendees, and the staff at the DLR LexIcon for the use of the space and laptops, as well as for all their help and assistance.



Graphic Medicine – Using Comics to Understand Health

The Graphic Medicine event was held on the 12th of September 2019 in the James Joyce Library UCD. Speakers included Dana Walrath, MK Czerwiec, Maria Boyle & Debbie Jenkinson all graphic artists and authors in the field of medicine and science. The day provided a huge range of advice and insights on how to use graphics in medicine to help patients and medical professionals alike and was fully attended with a large waiting list.

AGM

The 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the LAI Career Development Group took place on 21st of November 2019 in the Dublin Business School Castle House Building. The committee did not hold an event for the AGM but publicly advertised the meeting and welcomed all members to attend. The committee had also put out a call for new members as a number of the current committee were stepping down having spent 2-3 years in their current positions. During the AGM the Secretary Robert Alfis presented his report followed by the Treasurer, Amye Quigley and the Chairperson, Emma Doran. New committee members were welcomed to the group and new officers were elected to replace the outgoing, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Clare Conneally was elected new Chairperson. Aoife Williams was elected new Secretary. Daire O'Driscoll was elected new Treasurer.

Financial overview for the coming year 2019-2020

- 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 2019-2020

1. One or more workshops devoted to filling in job application forms ;
2. A more advanced coding workshop;
3. Possibility of moving to one large conference type event annually;
4. Dublin Core cataloguing workshop, possibly in collaboration with another LAI Group.

Communications

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LAI Cataloguing and Metadata Group: Annual Report 2019

Chair: Christoph Schmidt-Supprian (Trinity College Dublin)

Treasurer: Máire Ní Chonalláin (National Library of Ireland)

Secretary: Joe Peakin (Tallaght Hospital)

Committee Members:

Yvette Campbell (Maynooth University)

Caroline Philpott (University College Cork)

Clare Thornley (Maynooth University)

Patricia Moloney (University of Limerick)

Dean Watters (Griffith College)

Mary Kiely (Dublin City University)

Committee Administrative Work

In 2019, the Committee increased its capacity for activities again, which will hopefully come to fruition in the coming years. All three mandatory officer positions were filled, and overall membership was a robust nine people. Yvette Campbell again took on the role of social media officer. We welcomed Mary Kiely from DCU and Dean Watters from Griffith College as new Committee members. The Group's membership remained stable; our email distribution list (a Gmail account) stood at 210 addresses at the end of the year.

The Committee met five times during 2019, usually in Trinity: 5th February, 26th March, 16th May, 24th September, and 21st November. As usual, our work focused on the following areas:

- Events and training, including summer visits
- Standards
- Bursary
- Communications, including social media

The next sections of this report detail the activities in these areas

Events – Training and Social

Our AGM for 2018 took place in the National Library of Ireland on 5th March 2019. It was preceded by a keynote speech by Professor Richard Sharpe on the Clóliosta, a new, annotated bibliography of Irish-language publications to 1871. The turnout was relatively small, but the about twenty-strong audience proved very engaged and, in addition to questions, had several suggestions for further collections which could be investigated for potential enrichments of the bibliography. The evening was rounded off by some light refreshments and lively networking.



AGM with Keynote by Professor Sharpe, 5 March 2019. (Staff photograph)

On 18th July, the CMG organised an outing to the Botanical Gardens in Dublin. Sixteen people joined in, and were treated to a delightful tour of the gardens and library by Alexandra Caccamo.

Concerning training, while the Committee did not organise any events in 2019, it has finally addressed the challenge of available trainers. Several potential trainers have provisionally agreed to come to Ireland to give training on a range of topics in the field cataloguing and metadata.

Standards

The CMG's biggest news story in 2019 was the addition of classification numbers for Gaelic Games to the Dewey Decimal Classification system. Approved by the Dewey Editorial Policy Committee in September, it followed months of hard work by Committee members, collating lists of publications to establish sound 'literary warranty' and putting together a solid proposal. Dewey already had placeholders for Gaelic Games and its sports, but full, specific numbers had not yet been assigned. So the proposal was rather complex, but in short, the new numbers are:

- 796.337 Gaelic football
- 796.3592 Hurling and camogie

Details about the changes, as well as the process of making the proposal, can be found on the Dewey blog. . The new numbers are particularly timely, given that IFLA's World Congress was scheduled to take place in Dublin in August 2020.

On a smaller note, the CMG engaged in some low-key consultation with some libraries on addressing inconsistencies in their bibliographic database, and related training needs of staff. These conversations will be a factor in the Committee's training plans for 2020.

Communications, Social Media

The CMG-specific page on the new website of the LAI was hidden during 2019. The necessary information, however, was collated, so the page will become live in early 2020.

Twitter has continued to be the CMG's primary social media channel. Our account has kept the CMG connected with metadata-related developments and organisations, and has informed and engaged many librarians in Ireland.

CMG Bursary

The Committee did not finalise and publicise the re-jigged Bursary (no longer focused on original research, but primarily linked to conference attendance) during 2019. The necessary background work was, however, completed so that a re-launch can happen during 2020.

Christoph Schmidt-Supprian, CMG Chair

County and City Librarians' Section

Report County and City Librarians' Section 2019

The following Officers were elected at the 2019 AGM in Portlaoise, 4th October 2019:

Chairperson: Catherine Gallagher, (County Librarian, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown)

Vice-Chairperson: Catherine Elliott, (Monaghan County Librarian)

Hon-Secretary: Emma Clancy, (Cavan County Librarian)

Hon Treasurer: Brendan Martin, (Wicklow County Librarian)

Since the 2018 AGM, the Section has met on six occasions as follows:

- 6th December 2018 - Council Chamber, South Dublin County Council
This meeting included a discussion with Deirdre Maloney, Department of Rural and Community Development and attended by Mary Stuart, Head, Libraries Development Unit, LGMA.
- 14th February 2019 - Thurles Municipal District Offices / Library HQ
- 20th April 2019 – Killashee House, Naas, Co. Kildare (CILIP / LAI Joint Library Conference)
- 13th June 2019 – Arklow Library, Arklow, Co. Wicklow
- 4th October 2019 – Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise, Co. Laois
- 5th December 2019 – dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire.

Members of the Section were active on Steering Groups and Committees covering a number of areas in 2019 including:

Library Development Committee

Chaired by Mr Tom Enright, this high-level committee considers and oversees the development of public library strategy, the work of Libraries Development, LGMA and for oversight of the implementation of the current public library strategy.

National Steering Groups:

National Steering Groups provide a formal mechanism for coordinated, collaborative implementation. They ensure the ongoing sustainability of the library service strategic development programmes and provide a mechanism for systematic engagement with key stakeholders to facilitate co-operation and implementation at local level. The national steering groups are chaired by DRCD and with representation from other stakeholder Departments, the CCMA, national agencies, LGMA National Strategy Committees and LGMA.

Libraries Development National Strategy Committees:

Three committees with representation from City and County Librarians and Libraries Development, LGMA have been established to co-ordinate the implementation of the Strategy Programmes and Enablers. The Committees work with Libraries Development, LGMA in the implementation of the Strategic Programmes and Enablers and will report to the Libraries Development Committee. Where a National Steering Group is also in place, the National Strategy Committee will have representation on the Steering Group and will support the work of the Steering Group.

Committee Remit Areas:

Libraries Development National Strategy Committee Strategic Programmes:

Representation on this committee includes Bernie Fennell (Chair), Sandra Turner, Emer O'Brien, Bernie Foran, Eimear McGinn, Catherine Elliott and Bernie Kelly.

This committee looks at the delivery of strategic programmes including Right to Read, Work Matters, Healthy Ireland at the Library Programme. The committee also looks at the community and culture strand.

Libraries Development National Strategy Committee: Infrastructure

Representation on this committee includes Mairead Owens (Chair), Mary Stuart, John Shortall, Eileen Morrissey, Betty Boardman and Marian Higgins.

This committee looks at online resources, the LMS and the distribution service

Libraries Development National Strategy Committee: Service Delivery

Representation on this committee includes Yvonne O'Brien (Chair), Brendan Martin, Josephine Coyne, Donal Tinney, Catherine Gallagher, Emma Clancy and Pauline Brennan. The committee has a remit including opening hours, My Open Library, promotion and marketing of the library, capital projects, networks and collaborations, statistics and the workforce development.

2019 Main Developments

Work Matters programme delivered nationwide.

Right to Read – A national rollout of Spring into Story time; Summer Reading Adventure Summer Stars; Children's Book Festival. *Right to Read* Champion

Awards – October 2019.

My Open Library – further advancement of the programme took place in 2019.

2019 Main Developments continued

New procurement process undertaken September 2019 for the provision of e-resources.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library continued in 2019.

Creative Ireland programme including *Cruinniú na nÓg* was delivered across local authorities with many members of the section playing a key role in the coordination of the programme as Creative Coordinators.

Section welcomed Stuart Hamilton as Head of Libraries Development Unit, LGMA

Five members of County and City Librarians' Section took part in a study trip to Finland from 18th to 20th June 2019. They were joined by representation from the Department of Rural and Community Development and LGMA Libraries Development. The purpose of the trip was:

- To view the Finnish Public Library System in the context of developing Irish Public Library Services, in particular digital strategies.
- To visit a number of recently opened high quality public library buildings and museums, including the new central library for Helsinki, which opened to the public on 5th December 2018.
- To examine other innovative systems and services that have been implemented in the Finnish Library System.
- To hear how the Finnish Library System has contributed to the achievement of high levels of reading and literacy in Finland.
- To study at first hand programmes to integrate immigrants in Finland, through the public library network.

The trip included visits to a total of five public libraries and one university library and gave a valuable insight into the operation of one of the most developed library services in Europe.



Autumn Seminar 2019

The County and City Librarians' Autumn Seminar was held in Portlaoise, on 3rd and 4th of October 2019.

Thursday 3rd October:

The seminar was officially opened by **John Mulholland, Chief Executive of Laois County Council**, who spoke highly of recent developments of public library services in Ireland, and particularly in the Laois context.

Stuart Hamilton, Head of Libraries Development, LGMA, gave his first presentation to the Section, and spoke of his aspirations for the progression of the public library sector in Ireland.

Martina Chapman, Media Literacy Ireland, and **Philip Russell, Deputy Librarian, Technological University Dublin**, provided a comprehensive overview on Media Literacy Ireland.

Amanda Richards, Health and Safety Officer, Wexford County Council, gave a thought-provoking insight into Event Management from a Health and Safety perspective.

Kate O'Donnell, Governance Specialist with the IPA, delivered a paper outlining GDPR and Public Libraries in Ireland.

Creative Challenge All present engaged in a very enjoyable team-building exercise.

A formal reception was hosted by Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council Cllr. Willie Aird that evening in the Midlands Park Hotel.

Friday 4th October:

Damien Brady, Limerick City and County Librarian, delivered a fascinating report on the Study Trip to Helsinki, which took place in June 2019.

Marian Higgins, President, LAI, provided a very interesting update on the upcoming IFLA World Library and Information Congress, which was scheduled to take place in Dublin 2020.

The AGM of the County and City Librarians' section followed.

Retirement:

Tom Sullivan, Acting County Librarian with Cavan retired in May 2019. The Section would like to formally thank Tom for his many years of dedicated service to libraries and the library profession in Ireland.



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 Government Libraries Section held meetings on the 11th of February & the 11th of July. The annual AGM was held on the 18th of September 2019 in Bord Bia, Clanwilliam Court, Lower Mount St, Dublin 2. The AGM was preceded by a talk given by Marian Higgins, President of the Library Association of Ireland. Following this talk the officers for 2019 were elected, they are:

Chair: Paula Murphy (DPP)

Secretary: Leona Burgess (Office of the Revenue Commissioners)

Treasurer: Máire Caffrey (Teagasc)

The Government Libraries Section held two visits during 2019, to The National Archives and The National Library.



Health Science Libraries Group (HSLG)

Annual Report for 2019

Chair's Report by Niamh Lucey



The work of the Health Sciences Libraries Group continued apace in 2019, ably led by Louise Farragher for most of the year.

As you will see from our CPD and Events report, it was another busy but successful year for us with several training and networking opportunities on offer. It is heartening to see continuing good attendance at these events by members and non-members. We were very pleased to be able to offer bursaries and reduced rates to HSLG and LAI members to allow them to attend these and other events.

In October, Mary Dunne and I attended the LAI Council meeting as observers. This was a great opportunity for us to see the scope of the work carried out by the Executive and to promote the work carried out by our Committee and I would encourage any LAI committee members to consider attending a Council meeting in the future.



(L-R) Mairea Nelson (new member), Niamh Lucey (new Chair), Louise Farragher (outgoing Chair)

Our AGM was held on 4th September in the Ashling Hotel, Dublin, with good attendance from our members. The draft minutes can be found on our website. Following the meeting, Louise Farragher stepped down from the Committee and her position as Chair. During her long tenure on our Committee, Louise held the offices of Chair and Treasurer at various times and also led the organisation of two international medical librarian conferences in Dublin – the EAHIL Workshop in 2009 and the ICML+EAHIL Conference in 2017. On behalf of the Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank Louise most sincerely for her long service to our Group. Her dedication, enthusiasm and energy are an inspiration to us all and her leadership skills will be greatly missed.

I would also like to thank the other Committee members – Marie Carrigan, Michael Doheny, Mary Dunne and Noreen McHugh – for their hard work and commitment over the year and to welcome our new members, Mairea Nelson and Manon van Alphen. I encourage anyone working in health science libraries and information services to consider joining our Committee. If you are interested, please see contact details at the end of this report.

Treasurer's Report HSLG 2019

By Noreen McHugh.

Income for 2019 was primarily generated from sponsorship for the 2019 Annual Conference and from fees for CPD events.

The HSLG committee continued to support members by way of provision of CPD events. The Annual Conference, CPD events and bursaries constituted the main expenditure. Other expenditure includes ongoing costs for Administration and Bank fees.

HSLG committee continues to use online banking to make and receive payments by Electronic Funds Transfer, which increases efficiency and makes it generally easier for our members to conduct transactions with us.

Current HSLG Committee

Chair: Niamh Lucey

Vice Chair & Research and Evidence & Communication Officer: Mary Dunne

HSLG Events & CPD Officer: Mairea Nelson

Treasurer: Noreen McHugh

Secretary: Michael Doheny

Communications Officer: Marie Corrigan

Committee Member: Manon van Alphen

There were 5 HSLG committee meeting in 2019 (30th April, 11th June, 13th August 25th October & 3rd December 2019) There were also numerous committee mini-meetings and planning via basecamp and phone.

HSLG Annual Conference: 28th February 2019

HSLG AGM: 4th September 2019

HSLG Events and Continuing Professional Development report

by **Mairea Nelson and Mary Dunne**

Mairea Nelson joined the HSLG Committee in 2019 and became Events officer, with responsibility for CPD and other events organised by the HSLG.

In February 2019 we held our annual conference in the Ashling Hotel Dublin. Our theme, *'The future is now,'* attracted great speakers, poster presenters and delegates for a lively exchange of ideas. Our keynote speakers, Mairead Owens, County Librarian Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, and John Cox, NUI Galway Librarian, represented the common themes found across library sectors. And speakers from the HSLG provided a fascinating insight into health-related library work and innovation. As always, we would like to thank everyone who helped to make the conference possible.

Presentations from the conference can be viewed on our website:

<https://hslgblog.wpcomstaging.com/2019/03/26/view-presentations-from-hslg-2019/>

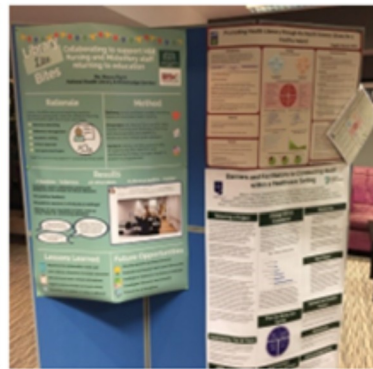
Some images from the HSLG Conference 2019



Caitriona Lee, Health Research Board



John Cox, Librarian, NUI Galway



Poster session at HSLG 2019

In July the HSLG and A&SL groups held our joint networking event, a summer outing to the historic 14 Henrietta Street, Dublin 1. Health, academic and special libraries group members enjoy a close professional relationship, so it's always a pleasure to meet socially. Adding a great historical venue and tour made it a thoroughly enjoyable evening.



Photos from the joint HSLG, A&SL summer outing to 14 Henrietta Street

We held a *Writing & Publishing for Librarians* study day on 4th September 2019 in the Ashling Hotel, which was very well attended. Speakers included Mike Gogan, Head of Customer Language, AIB; Grainne McCabe, Scholarly Communications & Research Support Librarian, RCSI; Tania Marsh, Scholarly Communications Librarian, AIT; Niamh Lucey, St. Vincent's University Hospital Library; and, Louise Farragher, Health Research Board. Presentations included a wide range of topics from *Creative writing for health service librarians* to *What is plan S?*

All of the presentations are available on our website
<https://hslgblog.wpcomstaging.com/category/events/>

The HSLG AGM and drinks reception took place following the study day.

In 2019 we updated our bursary policy and encouraged members to apply for grants to attend suitable events. We are delighted to enable librarians to engage in courses, seminars and conferences that support their CPD, and through sharing their knowledge, enhances our collective learning.

Communication Officer report

by Mary Dunne and Marie Carrigan

Mary Dunne and Marie Carrigan are Communication Officers for the HSLG committee. In 2019 we produced three issues of the HSLG e-newsletter HINT which is sent to all members and is available through our website. We have regular sections, such as 'Handy Hints' by Niamh O'Sullivan, upcoming library events, event reports, and 'Some LITE reading (library, information, technology and evidence)' to introduce new evidence.

We helped to organise our conference, which was held in February, and all other CPD events. We promoted HSLG and LAI events through our email list, blog and twitter account: [@healthlibraries](https://twitter.com/healthlibraries), with 897 followers.

The HSLG blog <https://hslgblog.wordpress.com/> is regularly updated with issues of HINT, news and events. In the last 12 months the blog had over 1,200 visitors and 2,827 views.

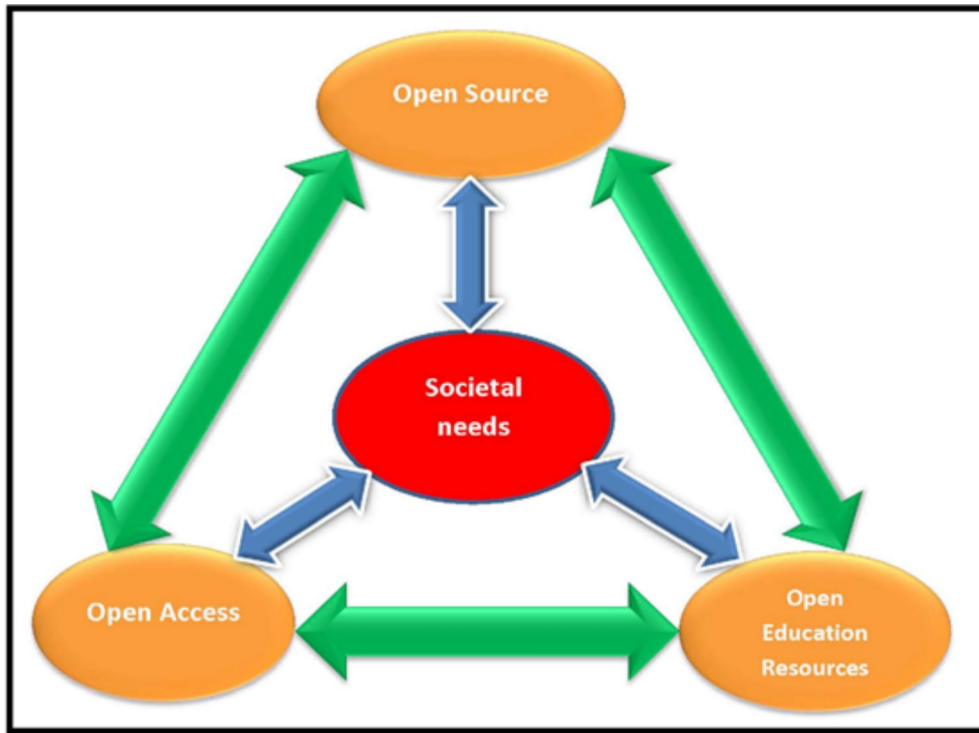
Further Information

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 contact hslg@gmail.com

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

Open Scholarship Group



Open Scholarship [OS] is also referred to as Open Science or Open Research. OS aims to make research data and publications - in science and engineering, arts, humanities and social sciences - freely accessible to all members of society in ways that facilitate their reuse. It is a global movement, often led by libraries and library staff.

The Library Association of Ireland supports OS principles. It recently established an OS Group to promote the concept and to share best practice. The Group is actively seeking members from anyone interested in OS.

Contact Philip Cohen at pcohen52@outlook.com for further information.

Open Scholarship/Open Science [OS] and the Library Association of Ireland

Dr Philip Cohen - pcohen52@outlook.com



<https://www.openaire.eu/blogs/open-science-conference-ljubljana-22-may-2019>

WHAT

- Open Scholarship or Open Science [OS] is the movement to make humanities and sciences research data and publications accessible to all.
- It is knowledge that is freely shared and developed through collaborative networks for the common good.

WHY

- Because all publicly funded research should be freely available to the public who fund it – so all can benefit.
- And because OS publication enhances researchers' reputations.

HOW

- Researchers and librarians need to take a stand with their publishers.
- See the 'Training Handbook' at <https://book.fosteropenscience.eu/en/> and <http://osiglobal.org/2020/01/07/unesco-to-lead-un-wide-open-science-effort/>

WHERE

- Libraries - public, academic and special - have long been recognised as the 'go to' providers for trusted information.
- So users will trust the OS providers that libraries support.

WHEN

- The time is now! There is an urgent need for OS to help raise public awareness, inform and educate about current critical issues such as COVID-19 and Climate Change.

WHO

- Everyone can benefit from OS. Everyone can contribute.
- The Library Association of Ireland supports OS principles. It has an OS Group to promote the concept and to share best practice.
- Contact pcohen52@outlook.com for further information about the Group.

Public Libraries Section

Officers;

Chair: John Shortall

Vice Chair: Josephine Vahey

Secretary: Melanie Cunningham

Treasurer: Pat Lonergan

Vice Treasurer: Jackie McIntyre

Committee Members:

Mary Murphy, Brendan Teeling, Emer Donoghue

The committee met formally twice during the year. Much work was undertaken at these meetings and via online communications to prepare for the Public Libraries Annual Conference

LAI Public Libraries Conference Report 2019

The 2019 Public Libraries conference was held in the Woodlands House Hotel & Spa, Adare. Co. Limerick from 12th to 14th November.

Delegates registered on the evening of Tuesday 12th November and after dinner enjoyed a fun and relaxed table quiz with our quiz master Pat Lonergan.

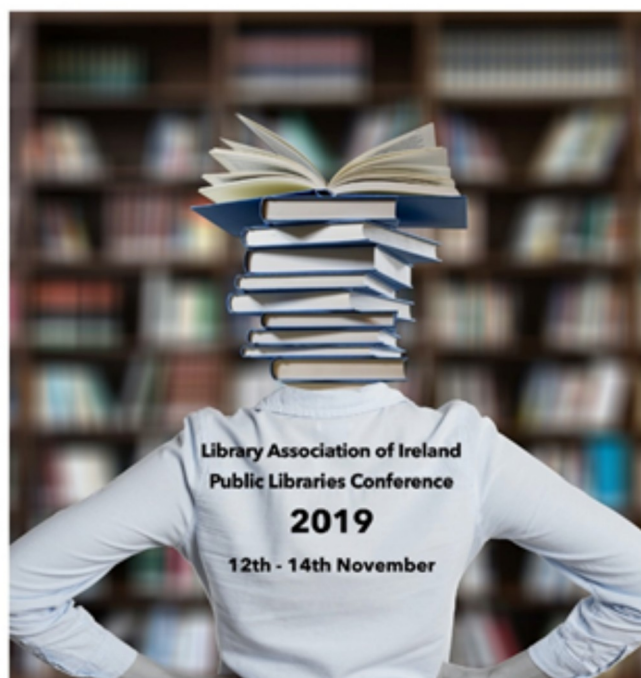
On Wednesday 13th November, the day began with the official opening of the Trade Exhibition by President of the LAI, Kildare County Librarian Marian Higgins. The exhibition featured many new and innovative products and services including several new exhibitors to the public libraries conference giving delegates an opportunity to discover innovative products which could enhance their library services.

The President also launched the new Senior Associateship award of the Association (SALAI) and Kate Kelly, Convenor of the Professional Standards Committee, explained the reasoning behind it. Kate encouraged all LAI members to apply for an award, in order to gain peer and employer recognition of a personal commitment to continuing professional development. Details of the SALAI and the other Association awards are available at

<https://www.libraryassociation.ie/lai-awards/>

Keynote speaker Dr Stuart Hamilton inspired and captivated the audience with his talk entitled (Not Quite the) First Time Around – Rebooting Libraries in Qatar and Ireland. His talk was motivational and educational and enjoyed by delegates who felt a surge of positivity after listening to it.

The second presentation entitled “Applied Change Management for Digital Transformation of Libraries” by Dr Mihai Bilauca who outlined the digital strategy for Limerick and the value of same.



THE LIBRARY TEAM:
LEADERS, ENABLERS AND SUPPORTERS
Woodlands House Hotel & Spa,
Adare, Co. Limerick



The morning's talks were complemented with presentations from the three shortlisted entries for the LAI Project Prize. DLR Libraries project was *Tell Me Your Story: Library letters*; Limerick City and County introduced their idea of *Socially Conscious Book Club for Teenagers* and finally Offaly who were voted the winners spoke about their *Library ComicCon*.

The afternoon of the first day was an opportunity for delegates to visit the University of Limerick where they were given a tour of the amazing new library hosted by Michelle Breen. Last year's LAI project prize winner Keith McKeag gave an update on his sensory garden project.

Day one of the conference ended with the gala dinner and with humorous and poignant words from after dinner speaker Joe Connolly. Joe Connolly has played inter-county hurling at all levels for Galway and also captained Galway to senior All Ireland success in 1980.

The final day of the conference began with a presentation, by Rachel Walsh on creating stories on social media. Rachel is a digital marketing lecturer with more than 10 years' experience working with international brands and gave thought provoking insight to how libraries should best utilise social media.

Next an LMS workshop led by Brendan Teeling, Paul Daly and Eoin Dardis gave an opportunity for library staff to discuss what they would like to see in the next LMS. This session was very valuable as it allowed staff on the frontline in libraries to give their views on what they need.

The conference ended with the popular segment of My Life in Books chaired by Pat Lonergan. Former County Librarian Pat McMahon, Senior Librarian with JCSP Kathleen Moran and author Judi Curtin discussed books which influenced their lives over the years.

LAI conference 2019 was extremely successful with delegates engaging with the speakers and networking. Feedback from the conference was positive and delegates felt that they had been inspired by the wonderful speakers, had an opportunity to engage with the trade exhibitors and network with colleague making the conference a very worthwhile experience.

Rare Books Group

Officers.

Chair: David Meehan (Dublin City University)

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Alexandra Caccamo (National Botanic Gardens)



Committee Members.

Barbara McCormack (Maynooth University); Celine Ward (Chester Beatty); 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); Maria O'Shea (Marsh's Library); Marie Boran (NUI Galway); Sophie Evans (Royal Irish Academy); Stephanie Breen (Trinity College Dublin)

The committee met five times during the year: 7 February, 8 April, 8 July, 23 September and 9 December.

The AGM took place on 7 February at the Royal Irish Academy. Following the AGM, Dr David Brown of the Department of History, TCD, gave a lecture on 'Accidental Damage, Fire and Theft: Irish Public Records before 1922', including the rebuilding of the public record from extensive duplicate and digital materials available elsewhere.

This year our annual summer visit, on 22 July, was to the Chester Beatty in Dublin Castle where its East Asian Researcher, Laura Muldowney, gave members a fascinating personal tour of the 'Thai Buddhist Tales: Stories along the path to enlightenment' exhibition. The highlights were the brightly illustrated manuscripts themselves portraying birth tales of the Buddha, and depicting monks and their behaviours.

David Meehan, RBG Chair and Laura Muldowney, Chester Beatty at RBG visit to Thai Buddhist Tales



The 2019 Annual Seminar, 'Teaching & learning through special collections', was held at the Chester Beatty on 22 November, and was attended by 48 people. The keynote was delivered by Alan Vaughan Hughes of Cardiff University on building extensive academic and student connections using special collections. The seminar focussed on collaboration between librarians and academic and support staff, with the following presentations on the day:

- 'Special collections and research: A core BA humanities module for 2nd years' – Evelyn Flanagan (UCD Library) & Dr. Naomi McAreavy (School of English, Drama & Film, UCD)
- 'An advancement of learning, Seamus Heaney: Listen Now Again' – Sara Smyth, Assistant Keeper, Outreach, NLI
- 'Recruiting from the archives: Eóin Mac Néill, information literacy champion' – Liam O Dwyer & Victoria Smyth (DCU Library)
- 'From Paper to WAV & JPEG to MKV: The Sonic Histories of Cork City Project' – Elaine Harrington (UCC Library)
- 'Building connections through activity based learning: engaging students with medieval manuscripts at MU' – Barbara McCormack (MU Library) & Dr Mary Boyle (MU)



Alan Vaughan Hughes, Cardiff University
presenting his keynote at the RBG Annual
Seminar

Western Regional Section of the Library Association of Ireland

Annual Report 2019

Officers

Chair: Michelle Breen, (University of Limerick)

Treasurer: Ailish Larkin, Shannon College of Hotel Management, NUIG)

Secretary: Tara Considine, (Clare County Libraries)

Committee

Stephanie Ronan (Marine Institute, Oranmore, Galway)

Emmet Keoghan, (AIT)

Kris Meen, (NUIG)

Celine Peignen, (AIT)

Michael Doheny, (AIT)

Sinead Hanrahan, (CIT)

Carolyn Tunney, (Roscommon County Libraries)

AGM, 11th February 2019

The committee used the online management system, Freedcamp to collaborate and plan events in 2019. They met one time during the year and also met virtually using Google Hangouts. The AGM was held at the Marine Institute in Oranmore, Co. Galway on Monday, 11th February and was hosted by Stephanie Ronan. Five members of the committee attended in person while five others were facilitated online. Michelle Breen, Treasurer gave the committee a summary of the accounts for the year, which are in good order. Stephanie Ronan, Chair gave a summary of the year's events.

Long-standing executive member Niamh O'Donovan, Secretary, communicated that she would not be standing again. Niamh O'Donovan and Anne Callanan stepped down as committee members. Both members have been vital to the group these last few years and they were sincerely thanked for their commitment and hard work. All remaining committee members and positions were decided and elected as listed above.

Annual Seminar, 27th May 2019

It was decided to hold our summer seminar on the theme of “sustainability” at the Shannon College of Hotel Management in May 2019.



Exploring the theme of libraries and sustainability we included talks on environmental initiatives in libraries as well as developments in open scholarship in libraries and the development of sustainable publishing models.

The seminar was attended by 60 people from academic, special and public libraries. Food was supplied by students of the Shannon College of Hotel Management.

Youth Libraries Group

Officers:

Chair: Aisling Donnelly (DLR Libraries)

Vice Chair: Maedhbh Rogan-McGann (Meath Libraries)

Secretary: Catherine Duffy (Dublin City Libraries)

Treasurer: Helen O' Donnell (Fingal Libraries)

Committee Members:

Louise Curran (DLR Libraries), Katie Dickson (St Dominic's Library), Catherine Gallagher (DLR Libraries), Deirdriu McQuaid (Monaghan County Libraries), Kathleen Moran (JCSP), Noelle Sandilands (Donegal Libraries), Martina Needham (Offaly Libraries), Michelle Larkin (Offaly Libraries)

The Youth Libraries Group AGM took place on 18th February in Blackrock library. The meeting was followed by a 'think in' to discuss and plan the Annual Seminar to be held in May. The group held its Annual Seminar 'Recommending with Confidence' in the Source Arts Centre, Thurles on 4th September. One hundred and two people attended the day. The popular daylong event comprised the following contributions:

- Fiona Ferris – Difference as a Strength
- Aisling Foran – Autism Friendly Communities
- Elaine McGoldrick – Clonakilty, an Autism Friendly Town
- Lou-Ellen Kiely – Autism Friendly Programmes in Irish Public Libraries: Considerations, Benefits and Challenges
- Lorraine Levis- "How do I switch it on?" The teen market and how you can help promote a love of reading in teens
- Katie Dickson – Teen Library Team- "How teenage library volunteers have made a huge difference in one Dublin school library"



Fiona Ferris,
Deputy CEO AsIAM

Acknowledgements

The LAI acknowledges with thanks the support of the many organisations, institutions and individuals without whose cooperation and support the Association could not have functioned this year and every year. Particular thanks are due to the following:

- Dublin City Public Libraries for providing a correspondence address and for making available facilities for meetings on numerous occasions
- The very many other library organisations that accommodated committee meetings, CPD events and visits throughout the year.
- The Heads of Library Services and other leaders who have facilitated staff to act as Officers of the Association, its Council and its Committees, Groups and Sections
- The Royal Irish Academy, Dublin City Public Libraries, Fingal County Libraries, South Dublin County Libraries and Waterford City and County Council Libraries for providing storage for Association records.
- The library business sector and other friends of the Association that support its work through sponsorship of meetings, seminars and other activities.

Appendix 1

Organisation of the Association

The Library Association of Ireland (LAI) is a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the Association is a shareholder. The Council acts as the company 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.

Membership of the Association is open to individuals and institutions. Participative membership is encouraged in order to benefit both the profession and the individual.

The 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, training, further education, advocacy or contributing a specialist expertise. Group work can include all of the above in community with others.

Membership of Groups and Sections is a benefit of LAI membership. In particular, participation at Committee level in a Group or Section can be a valuable learning and networking experience.

Committees are elected at the Annual General Meetings of each Group and Section. 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 of the Association, sometimes with refinements to suit local circumstances. For example, Groups and Sections can create time-specific, focused Sub-Committees or Working Groups in response to their own priorities.

If you wish to join a Group or Section, select it when joining or renewing your Association membership.

If you are interested in joining the Committee of a Group or Section, please contact its Chair or Secretary.

Membership of the LAI Council and election to the Offices of President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer is open to all personal members in good standing. The procedures are outlined in the Memorandum and Articles.

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The Council has a range of Committees and may form Panels or Taskforces to address topical issues. In general, Panels and Taskforces are of a temporary nature and their membership may include individuals who are not members of Council.

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

Appendix 2

Committees

Management and Administration

- Council
- Management Committee

Developing the Profession

- Education Committee: Professional Standards
- Education Committee: Continuing Professional Development
- Library Ireland Week Taskforce
- Literacies Committee

Communications

- Website Developments
- Editorial Board of *An Leabharlann: The Irish Library*

Supporting Co-operation Between Libraries and Library Organisations

- North/South Liaison [with CILIP Ireland]
- Annual Joint Conference Committee [with CILIP Ireland]

Groups and Sections

Sectoral

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

Regional

- Western Regional Section
- Munster Regional Section

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Special Interest [Cross-Sectoral]

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

LAI Council is responsible for the correct and effective running of the Association. Consequently, all Committees, Groups and Sections submit regular reports to the Honorary Secretary for consideration at Council meetings.

Appendix 3

List of Abbreviations

The following abbreviations may be found within the text of the report.

General

AGM – Annual General Meeting

ALAI – Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland

CPD – Continuing Professional Development

FLAI – Fellowship of the Library Association of Ireland

G&S – Groups and Sections

GDPR – General Data Protection Regulations

ILI – Internet anbrarian International Conference

LIS – Library and Information Studies

MLIS – Master of Library and Information Studies

SIG – Special Interest Group

Library Association of Ireland Groups and Sections

A&SL – Academic and Special Libraries Section

CCLS – County and City Librarians' Section

CDG – Career Development Group

CMG – Cataloguing and Metadata Group

GenLoc – Genealogy and Local Studies Group

GLS – Government Libraries Section

HSLG – Health Sciences Libraries Group

MRS – Munster Regional Section

PLS – Public Libraries Section

RBG – Rare Books Group

WRSLAI – Western Regional Section

YLG – Youth Libraries Group

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Organisations

AMNCH – Adelaide, Meath, and National Children’s Hospital

ANLTC – Academic and National Library Training Co-operative

ARLIS – Art Libraries Society

Athlone IT – Athlone Institute of Technology

BIALL – The British and Irish Association of Law Librarians

CCT – CCT College, Dublin

CDETB – City of Dublin Education and Training Board

CILIP – Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals

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

DCU – Dublin City University

DIAS – Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies

DIT – Dublin Institute of Technology

DLR – Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown

DPP – Director of Public Prosecutions

EBLIDA – European Bureau of Library Information and Documentation Associations

HRB – Health Research Board

HSE – Health Services Executive

IBAT – IBAT College, Dublin

IFLA – International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

IMI – Irish Management Institute

IT Carlow – Institute of Technology Carlow

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Organisations

IT Carlow – Institute of Technology Carlow

ITT – Institute of Technology Tallaght

L2L – Library Staff Learning to Support Learners Learning (NF Project)

LAI – Library Association of Ireland

LISC – Library and Information Services Council

LGMA – Local Government Management Agency

LIR – HEANet User Group for Libraries

LYIT – Letterkenny Institute of Technology

MLI – Media Literacy Ireland

MU – Maynooth University

NCAD – National College of Art and Design

NCEC – National Clinical Effectiveness Committee

NCI – National College of Ireland

NF – National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

NLI – National Library of Ireland

NUI – National University of Ireland

PKSB – Professional Knowledge and Skills Base (CILIP UK)

QQI – Quality and Qualifications Ireland

RCSI – Royal College of Surgeons Ireland

RDS – Royal Dublin Society

RIA – Royal Irish Academy

TCD – Trinity College Dublin

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Organisations

TU Dublin – Technological University 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

WLIC – World Library and Information Congress

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The 2019 LAI Council

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