# LAI Library Publishing Group

## Strategic Plan 2020-21

**Definition:** The Library Publishing Group (LPG) defines library publishing as the set of activities that support the creation, curation and dissemination of scholarly, creative and other content carried out by librarians in academic, public, government and other libraries.

**Mission:** To support and expand the library publishing culture in Ireland. Activities include teaching, sharing best practice and fostering and developing networks and communities within Ireland and internationally

**Vision:** To create an active and inclusive community of practice for library publishing in Ireland.

**Scope:** The LAI Library Publishing Group supports all types of library publishing initiatives across the sector. The LPG supports the Irish Government's *National Principles for Open Access Policy Statement* and aligns to IFLA Special Interest Group (SIG) on Library Publishing's Action Plan 2019-20.

## Values:

- Openness
- Access
- Creativity and innovation
- Equality and inclusivity
- Leadership and professionalism
- Sustainability

### Aims:

- To raise awareness of the Library Publishing movement in Ireland
- To disseminate information on the latest developments within the Library publishing sector here and internationally
- To promote academic writing and publishing among library staff, and to provide a variety of supports (knowledge sharing events, workshops, mentoring etc.) to develop the growing culture of writing for academic publishing among library staff across all grades and sectors
- To mentor new library publishers and to showcase library publishing initiatives and successes in Ireland
- To forge links between Open Access and institutional publishing presses and libraries

## **Enablers and Inhibitors:**

Enablers

#### Expertise

Networks and communities Lifelong Learning Funding and Resourcing Champions Technology and infrastructure Librarians as researchers

#### Stereotyping Time Institutional Culture Fear of change Funding and Resourcing Academic standing

Inhibitors

## Goals

- Surveys: an audit of all library and other publishing activities in Ireland.
- Educational initiative: Roadshow to encourage membership of LAI Library Publishing Group
- Access and inclusivity: Growing our membership and a more diverse committee membership
- Launch an annual seminar
- Foster the development of a national mentoring network
- Promote membership of our affiliates: the IFLA SIG on Library Publishing and the Library Publishing Coalition
- Support the development of the Irish Open Access Journal Coalition (IOAJ)
- Communication: Twitter, WordPress and dedicated email