An Information Literacy Framework for Wales is launched

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Over the past year Cardiff University has been home to the Welsh Information Literacy Project, which aims to promote the understanding and development of information literacy in education, the workplace, and the wider community in Wales.

The project is funded by the Welsh Government and is led by a cross-sector, all-Wales steering group.

The project team are delighted to announce that the new Information Literacy Framework for Wales was officially launched in early July 2011 following an extensive public and professional consultation. The framework provides a cohesive vision of information literacy in incremental levels across all learning spheres and sectors. It ties together a number of existing information literacy models and integrates them with mainstream educational frameworks and curricula in order to deliver a joined-up approach to this vital subject. The framework can be found in full on the project website, which also contains analysis and a range of case studies illustrating information literacy in practice across all sectors and all geographic areas in Wales.

The project is now developing accredited information literacy units, which will be piloted in the autumn. Close partnership continues with a number of digital inclusion organisations including BBC First Click. Advocacy materials for schools and analysis of the importance of information literacy in employability are to be developed later this year.

For further details please see the project website at www.library.wales.org/information-literacy/

