

News

SCONUL Library Design Awards 2016 Winners Announced

Following the SCONUL Library Design Awards on 1 December, we are delighted to announce the overall winners. Our congratulations go to Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield, winners in the under 2,000 square meters category and The Hive, University of Worcester, winners in the over 2,000 square meters category. [Read more](#)

SCONUL member survey

SCONUL has issued a survey for library directors on your views and priorities with a closing date of Tuesday 20th December. We would be grateful if members were to take a few moments to fill this in. The survey is available here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SCONULmembersurveyNov16>.

Toolkit for Library Collaboration

Richard Parsons of the University of Dundee has authored a Toolkit for Library Collaboration. The Toolkit, which was produced under the guidance of SCONUL's Collaboration Strategy Group, is designed to aid the selection and development of efficient and effective services within and beyond the HE Library sector and provides a pragmatic and universal framework for joint working. Containing a key checklist for both testing the feasibility of potential partnerships and appraising, developing and enhancing established ones, it enables collaborators to develop and maintain a shared vocabulary throughout project delivery. The Toolkit has been developed with first-hand reference to the Scottish Higher Education Digital Library and WHELP LMS collaborative procurement and deployment. [Read more](#)

Elsevier referred to Competition and Markets Authority

Following the recent deal reached by Jisc Collections on behalf of the sector with Elsevier, Professor Martin Eve and others have referred Elsevier to the Competition and Markets Authority on the grounds of abuse of a dominant market position and problems in a market sector. [Read more](#)

House of Lords Library report on Brexit and HE

The House of Lords Library has published an authoritative report on the impact of BREXIT on HE. The report looks at the potential impact of BREXIT on both university funding and on science and research funding in general. It provides a source of authoritative facts and figures which members may find useful when considering these issues within their own institutions. [Read more](#)

Consultation on Jisc co-design challenges

Jisc are looking for help to identify the next big ideas in education and research. [A set of visions](#) for how technology will transform research and education by 2020-2030 has been published and Jisc are rationalising their research and development portfolio to focus on delivering them. As a result, the majority of Jisc's effort is concentrated on three big areas: digital capability, analytics and the research data shared service. They now need help to identify what the next big ideas are what they might be. [Read more](#)

Development of the Learning Space Toolkit – phase 2

This year saw the launch the UK HE [Learning Space Toolkit](#), produced by SCHOMS, AUDE and UCISA, to help members from all three professional bodies share best practice and work more effectively when creating learning spaces. This Toolkit serves both as a practical guide to meet the practical requirements as well as a source of inspiration in the design of spaces that delight and motivate students as well as they meet their functional needs. In conjunction with SCONUL, the [HEDQF](#) and other organisations are now embarking on Phase 2 of this project - reviewing current or planned spaces against the principles outlined in the Toolkit. The intention is that this will bring to life the work already undertaken with case studies and research projects to provide an evidence base to underpin good practice and demonstrate the lived experience of the range of professionals required to contribute to a successful learning space project. The project is now looking for input from its members and their institutions. [Read more](#)

Election: Jisc Collections Content Strategy Group

Following a call for nominations for members of the Jisc Collections Content Strategy Group Kate Price, Associate Director (Collections & Research Support) at King's College London has been elected to represent the Jisc Band 2 constituency. Joanne Dunham, Head of Collections & Information Systems at the University of Leicester; Bernadette Mellody, Library Services Manager (Finance & Acquisitions) at Manchester Metropolitan University; David Peacock, Content and Collections Manager at the University of Hertfordshire and Sarah Thompson, Head of Collections at the University of York, have all been nominated to represent Jisc Band 4 and Institutions from [Jisc Band 4](#) are invited to cast their vote for their preferred candidate [here](#). The election closes on Friday 13 January 2017.

New learning gain project

Approximately 27,000 students will be invited to take part in a new longitudinal study, the National Mixed Methodology Learning Gain Project (NMMLGP), which involves 10 English universities. The project forms a key element of HEFCE's wider programme of work on learning gain, which aims to understand how students' knowledge and skills develop during the course of their degree. The NMMLGP will pilot a combination of methodological approaches to measuring learning gain, with the help of undergraduate students at 10 partner institutions: Anglia Ruskin University, Bishop Grosseteste University, the University of Greenwich, the University of Hertfordshire, the University of Hull, the University of Kent, the University of Leicester, the University of Liverpool, the University of St Mark and St John, and the University of Wolverhampton. [Read more](#)

WHELF annual report 2015-16

WHELF have published their annual report covering the academic year 2015-16. The report highlights the collective work of WHELF along with developments in the WHELF institutions. [Read more](#)

LIBER Journées, exclusively for Library Directors: 17-19 May 2017

The second LIBER Journées is designed for 20-25 Library Directors who are already in leadership positions in their institutions and who are looking ahead at delivering strategic change as libraries and institutions redefine themselves in an ever changing information and social environment. The event will be led and moderated by the Programme Chair, Prof. Dr. Norbert Lossau, former Director of [Göttingen State and University Library](#), and now Vice-President of the [University of Göttingen](#). Prof. Dr Lossau will be supported by Programme coordinator Dr. Andreas Brandtner, Director of [Mainz University Library](#), and members of the [LIBER Leadership and Workforce Development Working Group](#), chaired by John Tuck. [Read more](#)

Discover something new at your library, 9 – 14 October 2017

CILIP has announced plans for the first Libraries Week, a week-long celebration of Britain's much-loved libraries. Libraries will showcase the best they have to offer, encouraging people to discover what libraries can do for them on the week of October 9 to 14 2017. [Read more](#)

Appointments and job opportunities

If you have moved to a new role or institution or have any senior job opportunities that you would like us to include, please e-mail SitMui.Ng@sconul.ac.uk.

Appointment: University of Salford

David Clay has been appointed to the post of University Librarian at the University of Salford.

Appointment: Cambridge University

Dr Jessica Gardner has been elected to the post of University Librarian at Cambridge and will take up the role from mid-April 2017. Jess is currently Director of Library Services at the University of Bristol, and is a member of the RLUK Board with responsibility for championing Special Collections. She was previously Head of Library and Culture Services at Exeter University. Jess started her academic library career at Leeds University where she also studied and took her doctorate in modern literary manuscripts.

Vacancy: Head of Library Services, Queen Mary, University of London

Queen Mary, University of London is looking to appoint a Head of Library Services. As a member of the Senior Management Team, the post holder will contribute to the strategic leadership of the Student Services Directorate and will play a key role in implementing the Directorate's strategy, working collaboratively with colleagues across the Directorate. **Closing date 12 December** [Read more](#).

Vacancy: Deputy Director, Libraries, Museums and Galleries, University of Liverpool

University of Liverpool are seeking a Deputy Director to provide strategic leadership to the Heritage and Academic Liaison teams in Libraries, Museums and Galleries. The post holder will lead on the development, in the whole University, of approaches to scholarly communications and open access publishing, research support, research data management, and information literacy and skills teaching to students and staff. **Closing date 9 January 2017** [Read more](#).

Events

A calendar of events for HE library directors in the UK, Ireland, and abroad is published on the SCONUL website. The dates of important internal and external meetings are also captured on the calendar. If you would like SCONUL to include any events that may be of interest to directors, please email [skonul@skonul.ac.uk](mailto:sconul@skonul.ac.uk). [Read more](#)

Cilip: MmIT 2016 AGM and FREE Talks on Open Libraries, Research and Education, London, 9 January 2017

Promoting Excellent Research - Learning from REF2014 and Implementing the Stern Review, London, 14 February 2017

Engaging communities: AMOSSHE winter conference 2017, Manchester, 17 February 2017

Researcher to Reader Conference 2017, 20-21 February 2017

RLUK Conference 2017: The future of research, London, 8-10 March 2017

Annual UKSG Conference and Exhibition, Harrogate, 10-12 April 2017

LILAC 2017, Swansea, 10-12 April 2017

Jisc Digifest 2017, Birmingham, 14-15 March 2017

9th International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries, Limerick, 23-26 May 2017

UXLibs III, Glasgow, 6-7 June 2017

Next Library® Festival, Aarhus, Denmark, 11-14 June 2017

6th Information, Interactions and Impact (i3) conference, Aberdeen, 27-30 June 2017

LIBER Annual Conference, Greece, 5-7 July 2017

12th International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries, Oxford, 31 July-2 August 2017