

CILIP Ireland

Annual Review 2017



ADVOCACY, NETWORKING, EXCELLENCE.



For library
and information
professionals



For library
and information
professionals



An Open Day for Library and Information Workers Programme

Thursday 7th December 2017
McClay Library, Queen's University Belfast

Time	Programme	
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Registration and Networking</i>	Refreshments
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and Outline of the Day's Events	Samantha McCombe, Chair CILIP Ireland, Librarian, Linen Hall Library
10:05 – 10:30	Opening Address	Nick Poole, CILIP CEO
10:30 – 11:15	Ethics: the Big Conversation...have your say An interactive workshop giving you the opportunity to contribute towards CILIP's Ethical Review	Guy Daines, Head of Policy CILIP Yvonne Morris, CILIP Policy Officer
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Refreshments and Networking</i>	
11:30 – 12:15	CILIP Ethics Review continued	
12:15 – 12:45	CILIP Ireland AGM	Samantha McCombe, Chair CILIP Ireland, Librarian, Linen Hall Library
12:45 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
Master Class		
13:30 – 15:30	Are you ready for GDPR? The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force in the UK in May 2018 increasing fines for breaches to €20 million. This will affect all libraries, who will need a nominated Data Protection Officer. This practical workshop will provide a brief overview of GDPR alongside how libraries can get ready for its introduction and key points to consider.	Gwenan Hines, Head of Compliance, Bangor University
15:30	Optional tour of the McClay Library	

CILIP IRELAND ANNUAL REVIEW

1 DECEMBER 2016 – 30 NOVEMBER 2017

COMMITTEE 2016 - 2017

Chair

Samantha McCombe, Linen Hall Library

Vice-Chair

Alex McIlroy, Queen's University Belfast

Honorary Secretary

Claire Milliken (maternity leave), NI Assembly
Joy Conkey, Union Theological College

Honorary Treasurer

Heather Anderson, Ulster University

CILIP UK

Mandy Powell

CILIP Ireland Development Manager

Gerardine Blee

Candidate Support Officer

Louisa Costelloe, Queen's University Belfast

Activities Officer

Tatyana Malinova, Queen's University Belfast

Social Media Officer

Leona Burgess, Department of Health

North/South Liaison Officer

Mary Farrell, Highwire Press

New Professionals and Student Liaison Officer

Jayne Finlay, Ulster University

Ordinary Committee Members

Claire Killen, Voice of Young People in Care

Seána McAuley, Allen and Overy

Ross McDonald, Belfast Metropolitan College

Elaine Mullholland, St Mary's College, Belfast

Julie Reid, Libraries NI

Cath Skipper, Campbell College Belfast

Colleen Tierney, Queen's University Belfast



COMMITTEE AND PLANNING MEETINGS

JANUARY 2016 – DECEMBER 2017

1 st February 2017	Linen Hall Library	Committee meeting
6 th April 2017	Belfast Metropolitan College	Committee meeting
23 rd May 2017	Queen's University Belfast	Conference planning sub-committee
14 th June 2017	Union Theological College	Committee meeting
8 th August 2017	Queen's University Belfast	Conference planning sub-committee
21 st September 2017	Queen's University Belfast	Committee meeting
24 th October 2017	Queen's University Belfast	Conference planning sub-committee
8 th November 2017	Allen and Overy	Committee meeting

CILIP Ireland in 2017

CILIP Ireland supports over 200 CILIP members by creating a sense of community within our profession, advocating and building influence among key decision makers, and supporting our members to develop their professional skills and standards.

In 2017, the CILIP Ireland Committee had a busy year working to the objectives of:

- Fully delivering CILIP's membership offering to CILIP Ireland members
- Supporting CILIP Ireland members to develop professionally and enhance their skill set
- Celebrating and communicating the value of the library and information profession

Working with CILIP in support of the 'Securing the Future' Action Plan, and supported by our Development Manager, here are some of the highlights of our work with and for you in 2017.

Advocacy: evidence; campaigns; influence; communications

Government and stakeholders

CILIP Ireland submitted a formal response to the Draft Programme for Government; this submission mapped the contribution our profession makes to the achievement of the Programme for Government outcomes using examples from a number of library and information sectors; this submission gave us a voice in this important process, and raised the profile of the profession; CILIP Ireland was also represented at Department for Communities stakeholder engagement events which allowed for direct advocacy on behalf of our members; meetings also took place with JISC NI, Ulster University, and the Information Professional Network.

CILIP campaigns

CILIP Ireland supported the *A Million Decisions* and *Facts Matter* campaigns; these campaigns gained a lot of traction and were very successful in raising awareness of the multi-faceted nature and significance of our work, and the ethical issues which underpin our professional values; as part of the *Facts Matter* campaign, CILIP Ireland lobbied the main Northern Ireland political parties to gain support for the *Facts Matter* pledge to commit to running an evidence based election campaign; this opened up very productive conversations with key press and policy officers and resulted in the Alliance, SDLP and UUP publicly pledging their support for the campaign.

NI Assembly election

CILIP Ireland tweeted an open letter to all candidates who stood in the Northern Ireland Assembly election in March; this letter highlighted the positive and extremely valuable contribution libraries make to our society, the level of trust libraries have as sources of knowledge, offering equal access in neutral and shared spaces, and how they foster and encourage a sense of community and open up new possibilities for engagement and the sustainment of a vibrant society.

Consultations

CILIP Ireland contributed to a number of consultations, including the CILIP response to the UK government's consultation on an industrial strategy, setting out how library and information skills support economic growth; CILIP Ireland is currently represented on a CILIP Working Party on school libraries, ensuring local input and insights.

National Libraries Week

A coordinated approach was taken to supporting this week long initiative, with locally branded events happening in libraries all over Northern Ireland, and we have a good foundation on which to build for next year.

Communications

Working towards a communications strategy to develop and deliver structured communication to members, CILIP Ireland introduced a new members communication, welcoming new CILIP Ireland members and setting out important information and sign posts to ensure new CILIP Ireland members get the most from membership.

Social media

CILIP Ireland continued to use Twitter as a strategic engagement tool, and passed the 3000 tweet mark in 2017! Watch this space for enhanced social media engagement next year.

Workforce development: skills; workforce; recognition

Open Day

2016 Open Day saw a packed room at the Linen Hall Library with colleagues knowledge sharing and networking; presentations from Nick Poole (CILIP), Helen Osborn (Libraries NI), Dr Jessica Bates (UU), and a master class in advocacy through impact from David McMenemy (University of Strathclyde), were thought provoking and inspiring; minutes of the 2016 AGM can be found on the CILIP Ireland Committee pages of the CILIP website; 2017 Open Day, kindly sponsored by Interleaf, will allow CILIP Ireland members to join the Big Conversation around ethics,

and get to grips with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in a practical and applicable workshop led by Gwenan Hines, Head of Compliance, Bangor University.

Conferences

CILIP Ireland participated in the conference planning and delivery of the CILIP/LAI Joint Conference in March, a national two day conference for CILIP Ireland and LAI members to gather and grow their knowledge and skills through a programme of plenary and workshop sessions; CILIP Ireland Chair Samantha McCombe presented at Tullamore, and represented CILIP Ireland at the conferences of our sister organisations, CILIP Cymru Wales, CILIP, and also spoke at CILIPS conference in Dundee; relationships were built and valuable insights gained for conference planning for 2018.

Professional registration

In addition to ongoing guidance and support to potential and registered candidates, CILIP Ireland presented to a number of groups to raise awareness, including the library team at Belfast Met, and also held a very successful professional registration event in October at the McClay Library, QUB; facilitated by CILIP Ireland Candidate Support Officer Louisa Costelloe, Helen Berry from CILIP guided participants through the professional registration process; it was particularly pleasing that participants at the event represented all levels of registration, from Certification up to Fellowship; while CILIP Ireland struggled to grow our mentor network in 2017, with the introduction of online mentor training, the Committee are hopeful of growing this network going forward and encourage our members to consider supporting fellow professionals through mentoring.

Student/New Professionals

While financial constraints precluded bursaries being available, CILIP Ireland continued to actively support students and new professionals, and promote the PKSB/VLE as essential learning and development tools; representatives from CILIP Ireland presented to both Ulster University and University College Dublin library and information students during 2017, and had a presence at a careers expo at Dublin Business School in May; we also engaged with the Information Professionals Network (IPN) comprising representatives from UU, DBS, and UCD to further support those entering our profession; partnership training opportunities were explored, and in November CILIP Ireland held its inaugural Student/New Professionals event at the Belfast Campus of UU, with members of the Committee and guest speakers sharing insights from their careers, discussing

transferable skills, encouraging CPD, and a leading NI recruitment agency gave practical advice and tips on CVs, job applications and interviews.

Member services: recruitment; employers; renewals; networks

Membership

In preparation for the revised CILIP membership offering, a CILIP Ireland membership report was produced giving a detailed overview of membership, demographics, and trends; knowledge gleaned from this report will be used to plan events, grow membership, and aid advocacy.

Employers

CILIP Ireland has continued to look for opportunities to highlight to employers the benefits of membership of a professional association; we are committed to running an employer engagement event in 2018 and are in the initial stages of planning with CILIP.

Networks

CILIP Ireland has continued to have a beneficial and productive relationship with the Library Association of Ireland with regular North/South meetings facilitating progress in areas of mutual interest; CILIP Ireland is working towards having more events outside of Belfast and to this end looks forward to welcoming you to the next CILIP/LAI Joint Conference in Newry on 19th and 20th of April 2018.



Operations & governance: *ICT & Digital; governance*

Website and digital platforms

CILIP Ireland welcomed the new CILIP website and are working towards more dynamic content for the CILIP Ireland pages; in addition to our regular news and events emails sent in 2017, we are excited about the opportunity for more impactful social media and communications with members. Our follower numbers and engagement levels continue to grow. In 2017 we sent over 1,200 tweets and gained 1,354 followers on Twitter. Our Facebook likes have increased to 200.

Governance

2017 has been a year of change for the CILIP Ireland Committee and much has been achieved; we have inculcated the constitution, ensured sectoral representation across the Committee, and have engaged and committed Committee members who give of their time and knowledge generously; the Committee work to good practice and transparent and careful financial management; we have taken an approach appropriate to the austerity of the times in which we operate and all expenses incurred have been as economical as possible to ensure we prioritise available funds for the benefit of our members; gathering and responding to feedback from our members has informed our thinking and we will continue to be guided by you.

CILIP Ireland Honorary Treasurer's Report Summary Report for the year to November 2017 for CILIP Ireland

**Total balance brought forward as at
1 December 2016** **£8,702.25**

Receipts/Income

Conference, seminar & meetings income	£0.00
Interest received	£0.00
Other income	£0.00

Total Receipts/income **£0.00**

Payments/Expenditure

Other travel & subsistence	£894.24
Conference, seminar & meetings expenses	£1,339.59
Postage	£25.87
Stationery and printing	£697.00
VAT	
Other expenses	
VAT to CILIP	

Total Payments/Expenditure **£2,956.70**

**Total balance carried forward as at
30 November 2017** **£5,745.55**





For library
and information
professionals