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A Look Back at 2024

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Membership

We awarded seven bursaries for LILAC, five for CILIP Conference and four for HLG conference. 30 FEDIP-funded bursaries were awarded in 2024, and the Cyril Barnard Memorial Prize was awarded to Sue Lacey Bryant and Meg Gorman.

In 2024 the total membership was 1107. The healthcare sector, higher education sector and public sector returned the highest number of members.



Awards

Five learning and development events were hosted in 2024 including 'Wikipedia and evidence for health and care'. Learning and development was delivered to almost 200 people over 2024, with YouTube sessions being viewed 170 times. Feedback on the 2024 sessions has been positive. HLG Conference was held in June 2024 with great keynotes and surprise guest! 95% of the 107 delegates responding to the post-conference survey indicated that it met their expectations.



Continuing Professional Development

HLG have formal agreements in place with MLA (United States), CHLA (Canada) and ALIA (Australia). Conferences and events are promoted across the organisations, and a complimentary conference ticket for each organisation's main conference was offered to members of HLG Committee, and vice versa. We have an agreement in principle for AHILA (Africa). HLG has a representative with MLA who continues to update each committee.



International



Publications

Carbon Literacy training was offered in 2024, alongside two 'Lunch 'n' Learn' sessions in September and October 2024. In terms of the 2024 HLG Conference and sustainability, we asked suppliers about their sustainability credentials, pushed for less paper and located sustainable providers for HLG merchandise.

HLG Newsletter published editions in Spring 2024, Summer 2024 and a combined Autumn/Winter edition. It covered conference reports, health literacy, the creation of an evidence repository, digital tools and staff wellbeing. HLISD continues to aim to be the most comprehensive database of its kind, listing health and care libraries from across the UK in one place. By December 2024, the directory listed 518 libraries and 1719 contacts.



Sustainability



Policy

HLG account remains robust and in good order. Business planning for HLG has to work on a 2-year cycle, centred around the biennial Conference. The non-conference year is used for maximising income and saving for the potential outlay.

During 2024, we contributed to discussions on NICE prioritisation process, NHS Education Funding Agreement in England, NHS Constitution, Change NHS consultation and the Unlocking eBooks Project consultation.



Finances