

Learning Sessions/Workshops: Abstracts

Thursday 14th April

1.45pm-2.30pm

Marjory Sliney: *How to Get Published*

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Deirdre Ellis-King and Luke Stevens-Burt: *CPD: ALAI/FLAI and MCLIP/FCLIP Awards*

The LAI and CILIP Awards are internationally-recognised levels of Professional Registration. They are the perfect way to demonstrate commitment to your own personal development and the profession. Thousands of library and information professionals have benefitted from availing of these awards, in terms of professional/personal development - as well as enhancing career prospects.

At the end of 2013, CILIP Professional Registration was enhanced further by introducing contemporary regulations and a new process of gaining recognition. Meanwhile, the LAI recently revised its routes to Fellowship and is to review criteria for Associateship. Attend this session to find out more about the value of becoming professionally registered and the processes involved.

Aoife Lawton: *Libraries and Librarians: Making a Visible Impact*

The times we live in, the 'Information Age', are characterised by connectivity, 24/7 online activity, information anywhere, anytime. Where are the information professionals? Why are they needed? In order for librarians and libraries to thrive, we must make our values, our skills and our impact visible.

Visibility and impact are themes which informed the research for *The Invisible Librarian: A Librarian's Guide to Increasing Visibility and Impact*. This session will outline some of the ways that librarians and libraries are making a visible impact together with tips for librarians and libraries to embark on a journey of total visibility.

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2.30pm-3.15pm

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Simon Berney-Edwards and Ross McDonald: *CPD: PKSB: Professional Knowledge and Skills Base*

CILIP's PKSB: Professional Knowledge and Skills Base outlines the skills base for the Library and Information profession. It has been licensed by the Library Association of Ireland recently, in order to make it available to LAI members as well.

This workshop will provide you with an introduction to the PKSB, how it is used as a self-assessment tool and how you can use it to develop your career. It will feature a case study of how one member has used it to develop their own skills. You will also have an opportunity to use the tool and to think about how you could use it for your continuing professional development.

Various Speakers: *Decade of Commemorations: Exchange of Experience*

This exchange of experience between delegates on exhibitions or events around the Decade of Commemorations can include any exhibition/event: large or small, planned or delivered already, in a library or in another venue using library materials. The possibilities are endless!

All delegates are invited to avail of this opportunity. So come prepared to talk informally to your peers about any such endeavour and to present examples of the work delivered. A PC will be provided to show PowerPoint slides and to access websites if required. It will be an occasion not only to showcase your own achievements but to learn from the successes of others and to offer fresh ideas for use in the future.

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Friday 15th April

11.45am-12.45pm

Deirdre Ellis-King: *Presidents of the Library Association of Ireland*

Thirty nine people served as President of the Library Association of Ireland from 1929-2014. The time-frame including that leading to the inaugural Presidency, encompasses a period of radical change in Irish society, as the country evolved from rebellion in 1916 to its progression thereafter in a context of independent economic and cultural responsibility and continuing reappraisal. The paper positions the Presidents of the Association within the context of their time and outlines how they steered development of policies and strategies which ensured the survival and progression of professionalism, while individually underpinning the cultural fabric of their respective library communities.

Mary Stuart and Brendan Teeling

Mary Stuart: *Open Library: Unlocking the Door: Utilising Innovative Technology to Strengthen the Position of Public Libraries in Local Communities*

This workshop will explore the pilot Open Library experience in Offaly Libraries and provide an analysis of critical success factors to assist librarians in developing a successful Open Library in their own community.

Brendan Teeling: *Shared Library Management System*

Following a public tender in 2014, Sierra (Innovative Interfaces Inc.) was selected as the new library management system for all public libraries in the Republic of Ireland. The project is being led by Dublin City Council under the auspices of the LGMA and the Libraries Development Committee and in co-operation with individual library authorities. Sierra is being implemented on a phased basis. This session will outline the background to the project, provide an update on the project to date and highlight some of the issues that can arise from a project of this nature.

Helen McMahon and Eileen Russell: *Carnegie Library Lab Projects*

Helen McMahon of South Dublin County Libraries will outline the aims and objectives of the Carnegie Library Lab. She will also speak about her project *The Library After Dark Writers' Café*, what she has learned through its development and what she gained from her experience of being a Carnegie Partner.

Eileen Russell of Libraries NI will share her experience as a Library Lab partner and then focus on her own *Rub-a-Dub Hub* project. This project has delivered a new digital platform for parents and carers of pre-school children which aims to raise awareness of the importance of early intervention and engagement, giving both adults and children a positive learning experience via a series of video tutorials, resources and social media engagement. *Rub-a-Dub Hub* has now become the early years brand for Libraries NI and showcases working in partnership with statutory and voluntary sectors. The project is an original idea which could be adapted for use elsewhere.