

Current Themes

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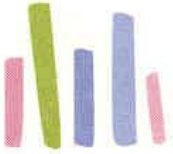


Outline



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Who we are

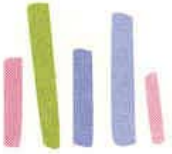


Countries represented here today:

- Croatia
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Ireland
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Portugal
- Slovenia
- Spain
- UK

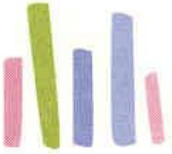


Objectives



- to inform on the present state of the art of public libraries in Europe
- to inspire to further national development of library services
- to identify areas suitable for co-operation in the new Europe
- to identify topics and areas for mutual future investigation and research
- to support coherent European library policy development.

Common values



‘The public library is the local centre of information, making all kinds of knowledge and information readily available to its users’.

‘Collections and services should not be subject to any form of ideological, political or religious censorship, nor commercial pressures’

IFLA Public Library Manifesto.

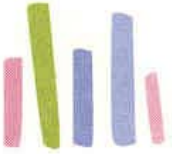
- Access for all citizens
- A Community resource
- A trusted and independent source of information, learning, and works of the imagination
- Global reach, local service
- A service to the individual
- A forward-looking public library service in Europe which will be widely used and well appreciated.

Common concerns (I)



- The promotion of literacy and learning - Books, reading and learning
 - Providing access to the works of the imagination
- The Knowledge /Information Society - access to the information society, digital media and electronic services in Europe
- Lifelong learning – access to lifelong learning opportunities for all citizens; co-operation with formal education sector
- Unity and Diversity – promoting local and regional cultures in the national and Europe-wide context
- Providing ‘A Space for All’ through policies, infrastructure and services
- Contributing to the development of an active European citizenship

Common concerns (II)



- Creating awareness at EU, National, regional and local level - Making the case for the public library service to decision makers and the general public
- Ensuring the continuity of the public library service
- Co-operation between our members with other cultural bodies at various levels (archives, museums, etc.)
- Meeting needs of specific target groups while providing for all
- Research – user/non-user surveys
- Enhancing and reflecting identities
- Ensuring the library work environment will attract and retain quality staff
 - Leadership training and mentoring
- Funding of projects does not guarantee that the aims of promoting an information society will be met – expert role for NAPLE members



Issues for the future

- How do we share our knowledge and add value to existing activities?
 - Newsletter, website, e-list?
 - Reports?
 - Seminars?
- What are the areas of co-operation?
- What are the areas for joint research?