

News

Hear from Jisc's CEO at the SCONUL members meeting, 13 July

Heidi Fraser-Krauss, Chief Executive Officer, Jisc, will deliver a keynote presentation at SCONUL's members meeting on Wednesday 13 July, 14.00 – 16.00hrs, via Zoom. SCONUL is developing its strategy for the next three years (2023-2025) and the discussion will look ahead at challenges and opportunities for the sector. Attendees will have an opportunity to hear from Heidi on these issues from Jisc's perspective. The meeting includes our AGM which will provide the usual opportunities for members to engage with SCONUL's work and to review our programmes for last year, this year and next year. For further details please email sconul@sconul.ac.uk.

Libraries after Lockdown: Libraries as Creators of Content, 15 July

This next event in the Libraries after Lockdown project will be held on Friday 15 July, 10.00 -12.00hrs. Across our community, libraries increasingly participate in content creation activities. These include supporting and facilitating open access publishing and scholarly communication, and wider open education practices in a range of areas. Government and funders' agendas have been key to driving requirements for open access and knowledge exchange, and we have seen the creation and expansion of new open access university presses alongside established presses seeking new opportunities in open publishing and wider collaborations. This collaboration and cooperation reaches above our institutions to consortial, national and international levels. This event brings together speakers with insight into these collaborative approaches in content creation. The session will explore commonalities across different types of content such as articles, monographs and open educational resources (OERs), and aim to understand the opportunities of and success factors for working in these different collaborative contexts. The Libraries after Lockdown programmes are open to all staff at SCONUL member institutions. You can find out more and register [here](#).

SCONUL Ukraine Twinning Initiative

SCONUL is continuing to work with members on our response to the Ukraine crisis and is a member of the UUK Ukraine Crisis Response group. In particular, members involved in the UK-Ukraine twinning initiative are coming together to share knowledge and experience on developing these partnerships and a Jisc list has been established for this purpose. We are also gathering information on activity at individual libraries. This will inform discussions around access to content but also allow for information and resource sharing across the community. For more information, please contact Ann Rossiter, Executive Director (ann.rossiter@sconul.ac.uk).

SCONUL equality, diversity and inclusion benchmarking data project

SCONUL will shortly be publishing the findings of its research project on the feasibility of including EDI data for the library sector within the SCONUL Statistics. Understanding the make-up of our workforce is a prerequisite for effectively monitoring and promoting diversity and was a recommendation of the SCONUL report, *BAME Staff Experience of Academic and Research Libraries*. A set of questions around library and staff diversity will be included in the next SCONUL Annual Statistical Return.

SCONUL Small and Specialist Institutions' Forum

SCONUL is pleased to announce that David Archer, Director of Library, Archive & Open Research Services, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine has very kindly agreed to facilitate the SCONUL Small and Specialist Institutions' (SSI) Forum. The next meeting of the SSI Forum will take place on Thursday 13 October 13, 10.30 - 12.00hrs. Further details will be available in due course.

Leading change on race equality, 11 October and 1 November

As part of SCONUL's ongoing commitment to increasing Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the sector, we have partnered with [AdvanceHE](#) to bring members subsidised development workshops on '**Leading Change on Race Equality**'. The two linked workshops are designed to strengthen knowledge, skills and confidence to lead progress on race equality in college, national and university libraries. In partnering with AdvanceHE, we are able to offer a significantly discounted rate to support participation and

development across the membership. The workshops will be two interactive sessions and will be facilitated by AdvanceHE Senior Advisor [Dr Lindy-Ann Blaize](#), who is experienced in anti-racism training and working with and within universities. The course fee is £95pp. The first workshop will be held on Tuesday 11 October (AM), with the second session on Tuesday 1 November (AM). These workshops are being intended for library professionals currently in management roles. Places are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. Registration will open shortly.

NSS results show consistently high satisfaction with library services

The 2022 National Student Survey results showed that sector-wide, 83% of students agreed with NSS question 19 on library resources. This is a very similar sector-wide result as with previous years before the pandemic. Four SCONUL institutions had over 90% or more of their students agreeing that their "library resources (e.g. books, online services and learning spaces) have supported my learning well". [Read more](#)

Renewal: Unsub UK National Agreement 2022-2023

SCONUL and Jisc are pleased to confirm renewal of the Unsub UK National Agreement which is now available for purchase via [Licence Subscriptions Manager](#). This agreement offers all UK universities, research institutions and affiliate members access to both a local version of the Unsub product and national, consortium level analysis where Jisc is working with the sector to undertake national negotiations. During year 2 of the agreement, Unsub will continue to be used by Jisc to support engagement around priority national negotiations, such as for SpringerNature, the Nature Research Journals and the Springer Compact agreements, both of which end in December 2022. Unsub will be used to model scenarios, costs and title selection and to share outcomes with the Jisc consortium to support national negotiation strategies and communications. During 2022, Unsub will support access to data for an increasing number of publishers. [Read more](#)

Call for Nominations: CILIP Knowledge and Information Management Group Awards

The **K&IM Walford Award** is for information professionals who have made an outstanding contribution to knowledge and information management services. Nominations are welcome from anyone who knows and respects the work of the nominee. Previous winners include Richard Ovenden, Naomi Korn, Sue Lacey-Bryant, Paul Corney and David Gurteen. Nominations close on 15 August. Please submit nominations to secretary.kandim@cilip.org.uk. The **Information Resources Awards** is for outstanding information resources, whether in print or electronic format, that are available and relevant to the knowledge, information management, library and information sector. Electronic nominations can be in the form of a website, e-book, blog, training programme, etc. Closing date for nominations is 31 July. Please submit nominations to jdburntoak@virginmedia.com. [Read more](#)

Libraries after Lockdown recordings

Recordings of all previous Libraries after Lockdown events are available to view on the events platform. If you were unable to attend or to stay online or simply want to re-visit the various discussions, login to the event site with your existing credentials. You will also find materials referenced, including transcripts of the event chat with your comments and questions on the event page under 'resources'.

Available recordings:

From Adaptive Practice to Service Redesign

- Shaping the institutional discussion on the future of content, 6 June
- From research service provider to research partner, 24 May
- Choice and personalisation in blended learning, 1 March
- Blended Learning and the Shape and Design of Library Services, 29 September 2021
- Small and specialist institutions post-pandemic, 15 July 2021
- The campus experience post Covid: what does this mean for library spaces?, 5 July 2021
- Shared international perspectives on libraries' responses to the pandemic, 29 March 2021

The Dynamic Workforce

- Evolution of the working environment: An international perspective, 28 June
- The recruitment lifecycle – Part 2, 22 June
- The recruitment lifecycle – Part 1, 9 June
- Embracing new ways of working post-pandemic, 31 March

- Developing a resilient and agile workforce, 26 November 2021
- The library workforce post-pandemic: exchange of experience, 12 July 2021

Embracing Disruption

- AI for libraries: Part 2 – Libraries as AI generator, 27 May
- AI for libraries: Part 1 – Libraries as AI customer, 5 May
- Repositories and beyond – the evolving landscape, 29 April
- Alternative Approaches to Discovery, 22 March
- ILL and its strategic uses for academic and research libraries, 16 July 2021

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Updates from our peer organisations:

1. Academic Libraries North <https://www.academiclibrariesnorth.ac.uk/>
2. CONUL <https://conul.ie/news/>
3. LIBER <https://libereurope.eu/news/>
4. M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries <https://www.m25lib.ac.uk/about-the-consortium/newsletter-archive/>
5. Mercian Collaboration <https://merciancollaboration.org.uk/news>
6. RLUK <https://www.rluk.ac.uk/rluk-bulletin/>
7. SCURL <https://www.scurl.ac.uk/news>
8. ucisa <https://www.ucisa.ac.uk/News-and-Views>
9. WHELP <https://whelf.ac.uk/>

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.

Vacancy: Study Adviser, University of Reading

University of Reading are seeking a Study Adviser to provide academic advice and support to their students. The post holder will deliver workshops on study skills including academic writing, time management etc. to both mixed and specific subject groups of students; provide one to one study advice to undergraduate and taught postgraduate students on an appointment basis; and develop learning and teaching resources, including video tutorials and online guides. There are two vacancies available, one full-time permanent and one full-time, fixed term for two years. **Closing date 7 July** [Read more](#)

Vacancy: Lead Curator - African Collections

The British Library is seeking to appoint a curator to lead on developing, managing, promoting and making accessible the Library's African collections. The Lead Curator, African Collections will specifically be acquiring and cataloguing publications from and in the languages of Africa south of the Sahara, as well as engaging with items in a number of formats. They will be responsible for projects and activities relating to this collection, and associated budget and staff, as well as taking a leading role in developing future major programs and partnerships, working collaboratively across the Library and with external partners. They will interpret, promote and make accessible the collection to diverse users and audiences through public engagement activities, documentation and digitisation projects, research, exhibitions, and cultural events. **Closing date 16 July** [Read more](#)

Vacancy: Assistant Director Engagement and Cultural Services, University of Essex

University of Essex are seeking an Assistant Director Engagement and Cultural Services. Reporting to the Director of Library and Cultural Services, the post holder will provide leadership, direction, development and coordination for the full range of Engagement and Cultural Services functions. This includes Library user engagement and frontline services, the Lakeside Theatre and the Art Exchange Gallery. As a member of the L&CS Leadership Team, the Assistant Director will play a key role in strategic planning and development of the whole service, they will be an innovative practitioner and will have a collegiate and collaborative approach. **Closing date 17 July** [Read more](#)

Vacancy: Content & Business Team Leader, University of Salford

University of Salford is seeking to appoint a Content & Business Team Leader. As Team Leader, the post holder will be working in a diverse and changeable environment. They will work closely with the other Officers and Managers, ensuring that there is effective practice with the Content & Business service, and promoting cross team working, building effective working relationships, and leading and enabling effective practices that enhance the experience for students and academic colleagues. **Closing date 17 July** [Read more](#)

Vacancy: University Librarian, University College Cork

University College Cork is seeking to appoint a visionary and experienced leader who will be at the forefront of the evolving nature and role of academic libraries within the wider context of changing technologies and learning support, at a time of change for the whole of the higher education sector. The University Librarian must be dynamic, innovative and adaptable, and be prepared to come to the role with a keen sense of this evolving landscape and how the University can best respond to, and anticipate, these changes. **Closing date 21 July** [Read more](#)

Vacancy: Library and Academic Advisor, University of Cumbria

The University of Cumbria is seeking a Library and Academic Advisor to join the skills@cumbria team within the Library Services area of the Student Services directorate. This is a key role supporting the development of learning, teaching and research through: development of students' research and academic and information literacies; close liaison with linked academic teams; the provision of subject library resource services to academic staff including library collection development and electronic reading list creation. The post is 0.6 FTE. **Closing date 26 July** [Read more](#)

Events

If you would like SCONUL to include any events that may be of interest to directors, please e-mail sconul@sconul.ac.uk.

Academic Libraries North Conference 2022, 6-7 July

SCONUL AGM and members meeting, 13 July

Libraries after Lockdown: Libraries as Creators of Content, 15 July

IFLA World Library & Information Congress, 26-29 July, Dublin

Call for Speakers: Mercian Collaboration - Redefining Engagement Conference 2022, 6 and 7 September

Kuopio Conference 2022, 7-9 September, Vienna

SCONUL Small and Specialist Institutions' Forum, 13 October

Call for papers: CSGUK Annual Conference, 21 November, London