

REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

LINK TO WORK PROGRAMME – AWARENESS RAISING

Report of the City Solicitor

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP2: Extending Cultural Opportunities, SP8: Creating Inclusive Communities.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 For the Committee to consider sending delegates to the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals Conference entitled Culture Connects.

2. Background

- 2.1 An invitation has been received from the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals for a Conference entitled “Culture Connects”. The Conference will take place 8-10 October 2008 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Liverpool. A full itinerary for the conference is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 Culture connects individuals and communities and provides inspiration and a sense of place for everyone. Libraries are at the heart of cultural life. Through debate and discussion the conference will explore themes of inspiring creativity, changing lives and connecting people.
- 2.3 The cost of the conference is £540.00 per delegate including conference attendance, 2 nights accommodation and all meals from Wednesday lunch through to Friday lunch.
- 2.4 It is suggested that the Committee nominate two Members to attend the Conference.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Review Committee is asked to consider the attendance of members to the above conference to be funded from the budget of the Review Committee.

4. **Background Papers**

- Conference invitations issued by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals.
- Itinerary issued by Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals.

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APPENDIX 1

PLA CONFERENCE 2008 PROGRAMME

Wednesday 8 October

Inspiring Creativity – chaired by Alison Wheeler, Public Libraries Group

- 08.30 Registration opens
- 10.00 **Welcome and introduction to the Conference**
Pamela Tulloch, Chair, Public Libraries Group
Joyce Little, Programme Director
Welcome to Liverpool
Cllr Warren Bradley, Leader, Liverpool City Council
Colin Hilton CBE, Chief Executive, Liverpool City Council
- 10.15 **Keynote Address – Culture Me: Culture You**
Professor Phil Redmond CBE, Deputy Chair and Creative Director, Liverpool Culture Company
- 10.50 Refreshments and exhibition viewing
- 11.20 **The Local Authority Cultural Offer**
Mike More, Chief Executive, Westminster City Council
- 12.00 **The Youth Libraries Offer – Fulfilling their Potential**
Angela Sheehan, Youth Facilities Team, Department of Children, Schools and Families
- 12.30 **Showcase: Manchester Powerhouse/Liverpool Toxteth Young People**
Facilitated by *Nicky Parker, Head of Manchester LIS* & *John Keane, Learning & Social Inclusion Manager, Liverpool LIS*
- 12.45 Lunch
- 12.45 – 13.05 **The Reading Agency and Life Long Learning UK (LLUK) briefings**
- 13.30 – 13.50 **Society of Chief Librarians Briefing**
- 14.00 **Elected Members' Session – Library Development from Scrutiny**
Cllr Kevin Ellard, Cllr Chris Cheetham, Lancashire County Council, Cllr Tim Stoddard, Cumbria County Council & Cllr Keith Turner, Liverpool City Council
Workshops will last one hour and will be repeated at 15.30.
1. **Reaching out – diversity “ Welcome to Your Library”**
Simon Parker, Senior Community Librarian, Leicester LIS
 2. **Reading and performance management**
Liz Dubber, Head of Programmes & Janene Cox Trustee, The Reading Agency
 3. **Models of Community Engagement – Big Lottery Fund**
Joan Bray, Service Delivery Manager, Nottingham City LIS

Focus Sessions will last 30/40 minutes and will be repeated at 15.30

1. The Library of Birmingham

Brian Gambles, Asst. Director Culture, Birmingham City Council

2. Making the best of library refurbishments – the opportunities and pitfalls

Roger McMaster, Head of Service Delivery, Suffolk County Council

- 15.00 Refreshments and exhibition viewing
- 15.30 **Workshops and Focus Sessions repeated**
- 19.15 Pre dinner reception hosted by MLA
- 19.45 Dinner
- 21.15 **Historic Liverpool Pub Tours** (choice of 3 tours)
1. Hope Street; Philharmonic, Ye Cracke, Pilgrim
 2. Dale Street; Ma Boyles, Pig & Whistle, Lion Tavern
 3. Matthew Street; Grapes, White Star, Dr Duncan's

Thursday 9 October

Changing Lives – chaired by David Lightfoot, Society of Chief Librarians

- 09.00 **Reading Partnerships**
Penny Shapland, The Reading Agency
Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction Readers' Day – the Leeds Experience 2007
Britta Heyworth, Leeds LIS
- 09.40 **National Poetry Day Interlude**
Rosie Lugosi starts the Liverpool Poetry Marathon
- 09.55 **The Reading Cure**
Dr Jane Davis, Founder & Director of the Reader Organisation
- 10.35 **Showcase: The Reading Group Experience**
Asylum Seeker Group
Hamida Yusufzai, The Reader
Getting into Reading
Julie Barkway, Wirral LIS
Norris Green Library Reading Group
Andy Johnson, Liverpool LIS
- 10.50 Refreshments and exhibition viewing
- 11.20 **Ministerial Address**
The Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport
- 11.40 **Mass Reading Events – The Bristol Experience**
Andrew Kelly, Director, Bristol Great Reading Adventure
- 12.15 **Reading on the Move – The E-books Revolution**
Stephen Page, Chief Executive, Faber Books
- 12.45 Lunch

- 12.45 – **MLA Briefing – Libraries at the heart of local ‘best practice’**
 1.05 Roy Clare, Chief Executive, *Museums, Libraries & Archives Council (MLA)*
- 1.30 – 1.50 **CILIP Briefing – The Professionalism Agenda**
 Bob McKee, Chief Executive, CILIP
- 13.30 – **Library Visits**
 17.00 All the coaches will travel along the waterfront to see the Three Graces
 14.00 – and Albert Dock plus the Anglican and Metropolitan Cathedrals
 16.15 1. Two joint use libraries in Manchester - East City Library & North City Library
2. Liverpool Central Library
3. Liverpool Parklands & Sefton Park Community Libraries
4. Liverpool John Moores University Learning Resource Centre & the University of Liverpool Sydney Jones University Library
- 19.15 **Civic Reception** at the Crowne Plaza with the **Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Cllr Steve Rotherham**
- 20.00 **Conference Dinner**

Friday 10 October

Connecting People – chaired by Martin Gaw, Merseyside Public Libraries Partnership

- 09.15 **Into the Looking Glass – what the digital future holds**
 BT Futurologist
- 09.45 **Digital Futures; Learning environment**
Steve Clayton, Senior Technology Strategist, Microsoft
- 10.15 **Showcase: So how do young people connect?**
Beth Renshaw (aged 16 years), Liverpool Blue Coat School
 Facilitated by **Kenny Kay**, Operations Manager, Liverpool LIS
- 10.30 Refreshments and exhibition viewing
- 11.00 **Social Networking – are libraries engaged?**
Mary Moss, Development Officer, National Institute for Adult Continuing Education (Niace)
Clare Scott, East Renfrewshire LIS
- 11.30 **Digital Change**
David Potts, Museums, Libraries & Archives Council (MLA)
- 11.55 **Goodbyes and thanks**
Joyce Little, Programme Director
Pamela Tulloch, Chair of PLG
- 12.00 Lunch and depart