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Meet your Keynote



Anne-Lise Harding (She/Elle)

Strategic Training Lead

House of Commons Library

Anne-Lise Harding is a highly experienced, chartered library leader and the Strategic Training Lead at the House of Commons Library. In her role, she oversees the quality and impact of training provided to Members of Parliament, their staff and the wider parliamentary workforce. Her work focuses on information literacy, democratic engagement and strengthening Parliament's resilience to misinformation and disinformation. She is the creator and lead on the House of Commons Library's Good Information Toolkit.

She is Co-Chair of the CILIP Information Literacy Group, a committee providing national leadership, advocacy and expertise in this field. She is also a non-executive director at Full Fact, contributing her expertise to the UK's independent fact-checking charity and advising on training strategy.

Her professional interests include information literacy, education to information, advocacy and leadership. She recently co-authored a chapter on informed society and representative democracy in *The Ideas-Informed Society* (Emerald Publishing).



Sessions

Beg, Steal or Borrow? Finding Ways and Means to Transform the University of Buckingham's Library Service

Malcolm Meaden-Pratt & Rachel Pollard
University of Buckingham

Beyond the Digital Walls: Enhancing Library Services and Presence through Institutional Ambassadorship

Agnieszka Wolańska
Coventry University

Changing Institutional Amnesia: How Reshaping Special Collections Can Foster Collaboration, Increase Engagement, and Spearhead Research

Angus Harker & Natalie Bevan
University of Warwick





Sessions

Data Analytics in Collections Management

Cristiana Ilie

University of Warwick

Diversifying Children's Literature then and now: progress toward a more inclusive School Experience Collection at Birmingham Newman University Library

Adele Champken

Birmingham Neumann University

Impactful Intervention: Transitioning from 1-to-1 Support to Group Support

Selina Lock & Merinne Whitton

University of Leicester





Sessions

Knowing me, Knowing you: Examining the Library Induction Process for Academic Staff

Beth Gomm
University of Worcester

Reflections One Year into Piloting Peer Study Groups: Is This a Model of Engaging and Providing Peer Support to Masters and Distance Learners?

Han-Na Cha & Helen Hawksworth
University of Birmingham

Step into the Spotlight: Illuminating Every Team

Sarah Coulbeck & Georgina Young
University of Nottingham





Sessions

Students' Perceptions of Information Literacy: Insights from the Development of a Student-Informed Framework

Andy Calvert
University of Warwick

Sustainable and Collaborative Solutions to Showcasing Your Resources

Nicola Dennis
Aston University

Sustainable Service Growth Through Workforce Development

Deborah Munro & Kerry Bonehill
Aston University





Sessions

‘Now’s Not the Moment for a Press’: Relaunching (Maybe) a University Press Amidst Financial Tensions

Dr Gaz J Johnson
University of Warwick

When Less Forces Change: A Phoenix Approach to Rebuilding Research Support from Restructure Ashes

Joanne Marsh & Michelle Mayer
Coventry University

From What is To What If - What would you do on Monday if...

Lux Gagos
University of Nottingham





Workshops

Encouraging Engagement with Reading Lists - A Roundtable Discussion

Brittany Moster Bergonzi
University College Birmingham

Do More... or Do What Matters? Designing Library Support for Partnerships

Chantelle Wilcox and Jane Faux
Birmingham Neumann University

User Experience Workshop

Claire Browne & Emma Hibbert
University of Birmingham & Loughborough University





Poster Displays

#Mercian26 will again be hosting posters submitted by Mercian members as part of the day's activities and knowledge sharing.

The posters will show off a range of innovative projects from across the member institutions in an exciting visual way.



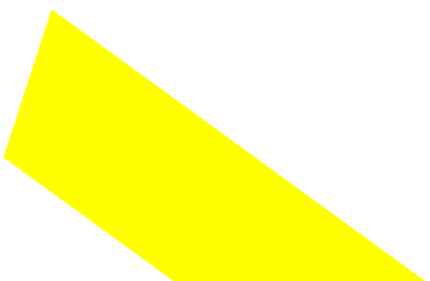
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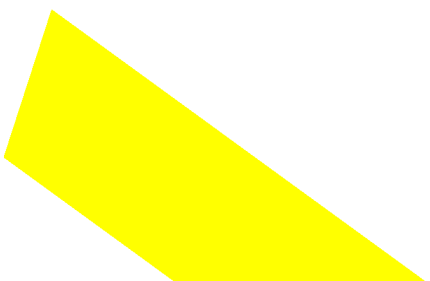




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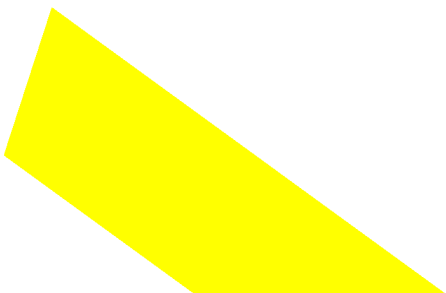
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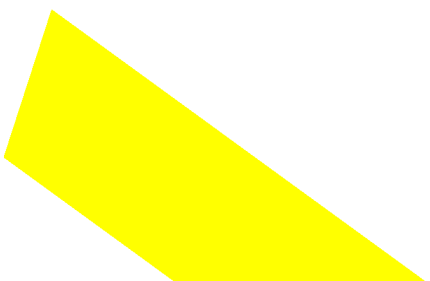
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