Developing a sector-wide Research and Evidence Base Portal

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Our Charter

CILIP operates under Royal Charter to unite, develop and promote the interests of all Information Professionals

• Unite, support and develop information professionals
• Advance information science
• Advocate on behalf of the profession
• Ensure the adequate provision of services
• Scrutinise legislation
• Provide professional recognition and Chartership
Securing the Future

Our Strategic Plan, *Securing the Future*, has 4 priorities:

• Advocating for the profession

• Developing a ‘future-ready’ workforce

• Driving standards and innovation

• Helping our members to succeed
Securing the Future

We see quality, up-to-date research and evidence as essential for advocacy, sector development, for workforce development and diversity and for our own development as a professional association.
Getting us there...

• Phase 1 (2016-2018): Building a CILIP-focused evidence base, created within existing resources – www.cilip.org.uk/research

Preparation for Phase 2

• Consortium of CILIP Special Interest Groups formed:
  • Academic and Research Libraries Group
  • Cataloguing and Indexing Group
  • Health Libraries Group
  • Information Literacy Group
  • Knowledge and Information Management Group
  • Library and Information Research Group
  • UK eInformation Group

• Specification for a small-scale research project to:
  • Produce a model for a portal that will provide access to a LIS research/evidence-base
  • Provide recommendations for possible funding sources
A Report on Research to Support the Development of a Sector-wide Research Portal/Evidence-Base

Peter Dalton (BCU)
Sarah McNicol (MMU)
Methods:

• Desk based research to identify other research portals/evidence bases via literature databases, internet, suggestions from respondents etc (48)
• Stakeholder survey (1,150 responses)
• Stakeholder interviews (13) with CILIP representatives, other potential stakeholders and other portals
Findings:

• Evidence and research perceived as important across the sector
• Differences between sectors in the use of research & demand for different types of evidence sources
• Most common ways of using research were to improve existing services, professional development, and to create new services.
• Most common challenges experienced in accessing research included lack of time, lack of awareness of where to find research, and inability to access certain resources.
• Wide range of potential users for a research portal
• Case studies the most requested type of resource for a research/evidence portal. Data sets, academic articles & research reports also considered important.
Essential features:

• Case studies
• Data sets/statistics
• OA search engines & repositories
• Research reports
• Regular updating

And some recommended & additional features, as well as options for future consideration...


Or from www.cilip.org.uk/research
Round Table (June 19th 2018)

Round Table convened with key stakeholders to:

• Discuss the report and its recommendations
• Look at research portals/evidence bases currently in existence/under development in the sector
• Consider how to take the project forward
Policy/Advocacy vs Evidence Based Practice
Clap-o-meter!
Next steps...

• Establish a “Community of Interest”
• Look at the “evidence-base environment”
• Develop a prototype
Thanks!

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