

**Libraries
Deliver**



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Information that matters for people who work in libraries

Welcome to the first issue of the Libraries Deliver Newsletter produced by the Libraries Taskforce.

The Taskforce brings together partners who deliver or support public libraries across England. We provide regular updates and share good practice on our blog.

In December 2016 we published a vision document - *Libraries Deliver: Ambition for public libraries in England 2016-2021* which you can find on our website. The Ambition action plan says what we will do to achieve our aims, and challenges central and local government to take specific actions.

We want to share what we're up to with all of the library workforce. We're starting with this newsletter, designed to be pinned to staff noticeboards. We can also send it to you via email; let us know if you'd like to be added to the list.

<https://librariestaskforce.blog.gov.uk>

The importance of developing the library workforce

One of the Libraries Taskforce's actions was to produce a Public Library Skills Strategy. This was created by SCL and CILIP and published on the CILIP website in July 2017.

www.cilip.org.uk/

Libraries: Opportunities for Everyone (LOFE) Innovation Fund - providing people with opportunities they might not otherwise have.

The LOFE fund is supporting 30 projects across 46 library services during 2017/18. Examples are new makerspaces, a human library and lunch at the library to combat #holidayhunger.

We'll evaluate these projects and share the learning, plus we will share news about them each month..

Outcome: Digital. Libraries Deliver: improved digital access and literacy



The Society of Chief Librarians' (SCL) Universal Offers provide a national framework that helps libraries deliver the 7 Outcomes. They're supported by partnerships, programmes and events that can be flexibly delivered at a local level.

2-8 October is Get Online week: 7 days of targeted events aimed at delivering improved digital access and literacy.

Your libraries may be planning a programme for it. Find out how you can get involved or suggest ideas to your managers. Visit our blog to see what people got up to last year.

Do you have a story or suggestion of something that you would like to see here? **Email: librariestaskforce@culture.gov.uk**

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