



The Road Ahead: being stronger together Friday 21st June 2019

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“Libraries play a critical role in supporting organisational goals and strategies. Our resources and services have demonstrable value and impact helping create and sustain an institution-wide lifelong learning environment.”

Mirna Peach and Corinne Walker, the Co-Chairs of Council for Learning Resources in Colleges

CoLRiC's 2019 Conference acknowledges and celebrates exemplary practice and innovation across the FE and Sixth Form College sector. The programme features a programme of plenary sessions and a keynote presentation from Liz McGettigan, Director of Digital Library and Cultural Experiences, SOLUS UK. There is also a choice of break-out workshops.

PROGRAMME

09:00 - 09:45	Registration
09:45 – 10:00	Welcome from the Chair(s) and introduction to the day
10:00 – 10:45	<p>KEYNOTE Thriving in ‘the new normal’ Liz McGettigan, Director of Digital Library and Cultural Experiences, SOLUS UK</p> <p>Libraries and learning resource centres are facing many challenges, not least the chronic underfunding of resources and staffing that have become ‘the new normal’ for most of us.</p> <p>How do we revitalise our libraries to deliver a bold new future - an engaging, exciting and collaborative future? How do we thrive in what has become the new normal? Can we envisage, and create, a bolder, stronger normal that underpins and inspires a better, fairer, smarter and more democratic society? How can we harness effective partnerships and support from the intersection of technology, business and people? How can we get better at building a more collaborative and innovative community?</p> <p>Our keynote will examine the challenges, barriers and opportunities that we face in an increasingly digital and uncertain environment.</p>
10:45 – 11:15	Refreshments and sponsor showcase
11:15 – 12:00	<p>PLENARY – How can FE libraries support resilience - Emma Stedman from Coleg Cambria</p> <p>As the topic of resilience becomes more widely discussed and supported in Higher Education, Coleg Cambria library has explored Academic Resilience intervention strategies and their effectiveness with HE in FE students. This session examines the concept of academic resilience, what support is offered by institutions and the impact of intervention.</p>

12:00 – 12:45	<p>Meet our sponsors PANEL</p> <p>CoLRiC is supported by a team of wonderful sponsors. In this session, chaired by Andy Eynon, our sponsors share news about their latest products and participate in a Q&A session.</p> <p>Our panellists include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practices for Integrating Digital Resources, Allison Zinc and Carolyn Beckford, Cengage • Save Staff Time and Promote Fair Usage to all users, Ian Morgan, ITS • David Hayward, Browns Books • It's Not Just Access, Stacey Pattie OpenAthens
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch and sponsor showcase
13:30 – 14:00	<p>Awards Presentation Ceremony Chaired by Corinne Walker</p> <p>Join us in celebrating innovation and team working with the presentation of CoLRiC's prestigious Best Practice Awards. We'll also be celebrating our 2019 Inspirational Information Professional of the Year with the presentation of this year's Jeff Cooper Award.</p>
14:00 – 14:40	<p>PLENARY - Improving technology adoption, Deborah Millar, Grimsby Institute of Further and Higher Education</p> <p>This presentation explores how the Grimsby Institute develops digital literacy and drives the adoption of collaborative and innovative edtech tools via an effective staff development programme. With the support of senior leaders and colleagues, a very small team can improve technology adoption, prepare teachers and support staff for the 21st Century and contribute towards Ofsted Outstanding and Beacon Awards for Staff Development.</p>
14:40 – 14:45	Changeover
14:45 – 15:25	<p>BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS</p> <p>Choose between three breakout sessions:</p> <p><i>a. Nurturing your teams through change</i> - Heather Roberts, City of Liverpool College</p> <p>Change can be a difficult time for anyone, but how do you not only get a team of people to embrace unexpected changes, but to blossom with them too? We will be looking at how this has happened with one LRC team, complete with handy tips on you too could affect such a change not only effectively but successfully in your areas too.</p> <p><i>b. To read or not to read?</i> Tracey Totty, Middlesbrough College</p> <p>Learn about the tools and techniques that Middlesbrough College has used to engage students with reading. This includes working with students to help them guide purchasing decisions and restructuring the fiction section to make it more user friendly. Tracey will tell the positive story of increased participation.</p> <p><i>c. Making sure you're still legal: looking at accessibility in light of the new legislation</i> - Andy Eachus, University of Huddersfield</p> <p>This session will outline the responsibilities that FE colleges have under the new legislation relating to accessibility. In the session, delegates will reflect on why accessible content is required and discover some of the readily available accessibility checkers and tools to create and covert inaccessible documents. Andy will also outline some simple steps that will enable delegates to begin their journey to creating truly accessible and inclusive content.</p>
15:25 – 15:40	PLENARY – Summary of the day and Prize Draw
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