
CILIP Royal Charter



ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETINGS!

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Victoria in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety eight by Royal Charter (hereinafter called 'the Original Charter') dated the seventh day of February in the sixty first year of Her Reign constituted a Body Corporate by the name of The Library Association (hereinafter called 'the Association') with perpetual succession and with power to sue and to be sued by this name and to use a Common Seal:

AND WHEREAS the Original Charter was amended by an Order in Council dated the sixteenth day of December One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Six:

AND WHEREAS it has been represented unto Us that the Association seeks with others to unite all persons engaged or interested in library work and information science for the purpose of promoting the development of libraries and information services and the advancement of information science for the public benefit and to that end the Association has resolved to change its name to the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals:

WHEREAS it has been represented unto Us by the Association that it is expedient to revise the objects and powers of the Association and that the provisions of the Original Charter, except in so far as they incorporate the Association, should be replaced:

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW YE that We, by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of all other powers enabling Us so to do, have, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, granted and declared and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant and declare as follows:

Interpretation

In this Our Charter unless the context otherwise requires:

- (i) 'the Institute' shall mean the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals;
- (ii) 'the Charter' means the Charter of Incorporation of the Institute;
- (iii) 'the Byelaws' shall mean the Byelaws set out in the Schedule below as amended from time to time as provided below;
- (iv) 'a Member' means a member of the Institute in any category of membership established in accordance with Regulations;
- (v) 'Individual Member' means an individual who is admitted as a Member in accordance with Regulations;
- (vi) 'Organisation Member' means a corporate body, society or other non-corporate organisation which maintains or is interested in libraries or information services and is admitted as a Member in accordance with the Byelaws;
- (vii) 'the Council' means the Council for the time being appointed pursuant to the Charter and the Byelaws;
- (viii) 'Councillor' means a member of the Council;
- (ix) 'Duly Appointed Body' means any person or body of people to whom or to which powers are reserved or properly delegated under the Charter or Byelaws;;
- (x) 'Regulations' means regulations made and publicised by the Council in accordance with the Byelaws;
- (xi) 'Registered Practitioner' means an Individual Member who is entitled under the Byelaws and Regulations to use after his or her name the letters "MCLIP", "FCLIP", or "ACLIP" and is respectively entitled to describe himself or herself as "Chartered Member of the CILIP", "Chartered Fellow of the CILIP", or "Certified Affiliate of the CILIP".
- (xii) Words denoting the singular number include the plural and vice versa;
- (xiii) Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender; and
- (xiv) Words importing persons include corporations.

Objects and powers

2. The objects of the Institute shall be to work for the benefit of the public to promote education and knowledge through the establishment and development of libraries and information services and to advance information science (being the science and practice of the collection, collation, evaluation and organised dissemination of information) and for that purpose the Institute shall have power to do all or any of the following things:
 - (a) to foster and promote education, training, invention and research in matters connected with information science and libraries and information services and to collect, collate and publish information, ideas, data and research relating thereto;
 - (b) to unite all persons engaged or interested in information science and libraries and information services by holding conferences and meetings for the discussion of questions and matters affecting information science and libraries and information services or their regulation or management and any other questions or matters relating to the objects of the Institute;

- (c) to promote the improvement of the knowledge, skills, position and qualifications of librarians and information personnel;
- (d) to promote study and research in librarianship and information science and to disseminate the results;
- (e) to promote and encourage the maintenance of adequate and appropriate provision of library and information services of various kinds throughout the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;
- (f) to scrutinise any legislation affecting the provision of library and information services and to promote such further legislation as may be considered necessary to that end;
- (g) to represent and act as the professional body for persons working in or interested in library and information services;
- (h) to maintain a register of Registered Practitioners;
- (i) to ensure the effective dissemination of appropriate information of interest to Members;
- (j) to work with similar institutes overseas and with appropriate international bodies to promote the widespread provision of adequate and appropriate library and information services;
- (k) to provide appropriate services to Members in furtherance of these objectives;
- (l) to form and promote the formation of branches, sections or groups of the Institute in any part of the world and to dissolve branches, sections or groups so established;
- (m) to print and publish and to sell, lend and distribute any communications, papers or treatises which are relevant to the objects of the Institute;
- (n) to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions provided that the Institute shall in raising funds not undertake any substantial trading activities and shall conform to any relevant statutory regulations;
- (o) to invest the monies of the Institute not immediately required for the furtherance of its objects in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit;
- (p) to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any real or personal property necessary for or conducive to the objects of the Institute and to maintain and equip the same for use in furtherance thereof;
- (q) to borrow or raise money with or without security for the objects of the Institute provided that no money shall be raised by mortgage of any real or leasehold property of the Institute situate in Our United Kingdom without such consent or approval (if any) as may be by law required;

- (r) to sell, manage, lease, mortgage or dispose of all or any part of the property of the Institute, provided that no disposition of any real or leasehold property situate in our United Kingdom shall be made without such consent or approval (if any) as may be by law required;
- (s) to make and give effect to any arrangements for the joint working or co-operation with any other society or body, whether incorporated or not, carrying on work which is within the objects of the Institute;
- (t) to undertake, execute and perform any trusts or conditions affecting any real or personal property of any description acquired by the Institute;
- (u) generally to do all other lawful acts whatsoever that are conducive or incidental to the attainment of the objects of the Institute.

Income and property

3. The income and property of the Institute wheresoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Institute as set forth in this Our Charter, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to any Member and save as hereinafter provided no Councillor shall be appointed to any office of the Institute paid by salary or fees or receive remuneration from the Institute: provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith by the Institute:
 - (a) of fees to any person (not being a Councillor) in return for services actually rendered or reasonable and proper pensions to former employees of the Institute or their dependants;
 - (b) of fees to any Councillor who possesses specialist skills or knowledge required by the Institute for its proper administration of reasonable fees for work of that nature done by the Councillor when instructed by the Institute to act on its behalf but on condition that:
 - (i) at no time may a majority of the Council benefit under this provision; and
 - (ii) a Councillor must withdraw from any meeting whilst his or her appointment or remuneration is being discussed and may not vote or count in the quorum in respect of that matter;
 - (c) of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any Member or Councillor;
 - (d) of reasonable and proper interest on money borrowed by the Institute from a Member or Councillor for the objects of the Institute;
 - (e) of reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred by any Member or Councillor on behalf of the Institute;
 - (f) of all reasonable and proper premiums in respect of trustees' indemnity insurance effected in accordance with Article 8 of this Our Charter.

Members

4. The Members shall consist of such persons and shall have such rights and privileges as may be prescribed by or under the Byelaws for the time being to be framed in pursuance of this Our Charter.
5. There shall be such classes of Organisation and Individual Members as may be prescribed pursuant to the Byelaws. The qualifications, method and terms of admission, rights, privileges and obligations of each such class of membership and the disciplinary arrangements to which Members shall be subject shall be as the Byelaws and Regulations prescribe. Members may be designated as belonging to the Institute by such abbreviations as the Byelaws and Regulations shall prescribe. No other abbreviation to indicate a class of membership may be used.

Council

6. The powers of the Institute shall be vested in a Council elected or appointed in accordance with the Byelaws and which may in respect of the affairs of the Institute exercise all such powers and do all such things as may lead to the furtherance of the objects of the Institute including all such powers and things as may be exercised or done by the Institute and are not by this Our Charter or the Byelaws expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by any other person or by the Institute in general meeting.
7. In the execution of their powers under this Our Charter, no Councillor or other office holder shall be liable for any loss to the property of the Institute arising by reason of any improper investment made in good faith (so long as where appropriate advice shall have been sought before making such investment) or for the negligence or fraud of any other Councillor or other office holder or by reason of any mistake or omission made in good faith by any Councillor or other office holder or by reason of any other matter or thing whatsoever except wilful and individual fraud, wrongdoing or omission on the part of the Councillor or other office holder.
8. The Council may pay out of the funds of the Institute the cost of any premium in respect of insurance or indemnities to cover any liability of the Council (or any Councillor) and any other office holder which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which they may be guilty in relation to the Institute; provided that any such insurance or indemnity shall not extend to any claim arising from criminal or wilful or deliberate neglect or default on the part of the Council (or Councillor) or other office holder.

Delegation of the Council's Powers

9. The Council may delegate its powers in such manner as is permitted by the Bye-laws.

Office of the President

10. The Office of the President shall be established under the Byelaws with such powers and functions as are prescribed by the Byelaws.

General meetings

11. Meetings of the Institute shall be convened and the proceedings there regulated in accordance with the Byelaws.

Byelaws

12. The affairs of the Institute shall be managed and regulated in accordance with the Byelaws which shall remain in force until revoked, amended or added to as provided below.

Supplementary provisions

13. The provisions of the Original Charter, except in so far as they incorporate the Institute and confer upon it perpetual succession and a Common Seal, are hereby revoked, but nothing in this revocation shall affect the legality or validity of any act, deed or thing lawfully done or executed under the provisions of the Original Charter.
14. The Byelaws scheduled in the Original Charter as amended from time to time shall be deemed to be and shall continue to be the Byelaws. Any of the Byelaws may from time to time be revoked, amended or added to by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two thirds of the Individual Members voting in person or by proxy at a duly convened general meeting of the Institute provided that no new Byelaw and no such revocation, amendment or addition as aforesaid shall have any force or effect if it be repugnant to any of the provisions of this Our Charter or the laws of Our Realm, nor until it shall have been approved by Our Privy Council of which approval a certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence. This provision shall apply to the Byelaws as revoked, altered or added to in manner aforesaid.
15. The Institute may by resolution in that behalf passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Individual Members voting in person or by proxy on the question at a duly convened general meeting of the Institute alter, amend or add to any of the provisions of this Our Charter and such alteration, amendment or addition shall, when approved by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly. This provision shall apply to this Our Charter as altered, amended or added to in manner aforesaid.
16. The Institute may by resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Individual Members voting in person or by proxy on the question at a duly convened general meeting of the Institute surrender this Our Charter subject to the sanction of Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council and upon such terms as We or They may consider fit and wind up or otherwise deal with the affairs of the Institute in such manner as they shall be directed by the special resolution having due regard to the liabilities of the Institute for the time being and if on the winding up or dissolution of the Institute there shall remain after satisfaction of debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, that property shall not be paid or distributed among the Members or any of them but shall subject to any special trust affecting the same be given and transferred to some other charitable institute or institutes having objects similar to the

objects of the Institute to be determined by the Individual Members at or before the time of dissolution.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the Twenty-first day of May in the
Fifty-first Year of Our Reign.