

Diversity Group

Mission Statement: The aims of the Diversity Group are to unite those members of CILIP engaged in or interested in issues of diversity as they affect the library and information community, to foster communication between such members, to facilitate exchange of experience and the promotion of work relevant to those interests in order to promote and support library and information services to diversity and excluded communities.

"Diversity" covers issues of race, religion, culture, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, age, ability and other factors that result in discrimination and inequality.



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Annual General Meeting

The AGM for 2008 will be held at the Umbrella Conference at the University of Hertfordshire, De Havilland Campus, Hatfield at 11.15am on Wed 15th July.

It will take place in the Diversity Group's session - Stream 6: *Our professional future Librarian: a rose by any other name?* by Toni Frank from Lincolnshire Libraries.

If you are planning to attend the AGM and you are not attending the conference, please contact Karen Berry at the email below and she will be able to give you more details.

Copies of the Annual Report and accounts will be available at the AGM, if you can't attend and would like to receive a copy either by post or email contact karen.berry@coventry.gov.uk

Please make every effort to attend!

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Takehita Demons, by Cristy Burne, is a fast-paced adventure story about a Japanese schoolgirl who confronts the demons from her grandmother's tales and has won the first Frances Lincoln Diverse Voices Children's Book Award.

Created in memory of Frances Lincoln, the prize of £1,500 plus the option for Janetta Otter-Barry at Frances Lincoln Children's Books to publish the novel, is awarded to the best manuscript for 8-to-12 year olds that celebrates diversity.

Presenting the award to Cristy Burne in April, John Nicoll, Managing Director of Frances Lincoln said: "*Frances was passionate about nurturing new talent on the Frances Lincoln Children's list and this award is just the sort of initiative she would have wanted to support.*"

Kate Edwards, Chief Executive of Seven Stories, the Centre for Children's Books, added: "*The overwhelming response and the diversity of storytelling have shown there's a very real place for this award in the world of children's books. We believe the publication of Takehita Demons will help to improve the range and richness of stories available for children to read.*"

Accepting the award, Cristy said "*This award is a tremendous opportunity for writers to showcase and share voices and stories from all over the world. I am thrilled that Miku and her adventures have met with such a great response and I can't wait to share her with a wider audience. I'm extremely excited to be working with Janetta and her team.*"

Also attending at the Awards were three other writers on the short list. All have received constructive feedback and it is hoped that they will enter the Frances Lincoln Diverse Voices Award 2010, if they have not already been published by then.

For more information or an entry form for the 2010 Award please visit:

www.franceslincoln.com

Umbrella 2009 Making Connections: The Power of People, Partnerships and Services.

For booking information and to download a copy of the programme, go to the Umbrella website: www.umbrella2009.org.uk

We are participating in five workshops, some of which are led and shared with other CILIP Special Interest Groups. Workshops include:

- "Preference for Diversity" and "Addressing Workforce Diversity in Brent"
- "The National Offer: Developing Library Services to Prisoners in and Beyond Prison" and "Developing Library Services for Carers"
- "Social Justice and Community Cohesion – What Are They Exactly and How Do We Respond?" and "What are Libraries Doing About Social Justice and Community Cohesion?"
- "Librarian: a Rose by any Other Name? What is the Value of the 'L' word?"
- "The National Year of Reading; Impact and Aftermath."

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