

PLA CONFERENCE 2007

Wednesday 10 October	
Time	
08.30	Registration opens
09.45	Welcome and introduction to the Conference Pamela Tulloch , Chair, Public Libraries Group Karen Cunningham , Programme Director, Head of Glasgow Libraries.
10.00	Whose role is it anyway? – The political perspective. Senior national and local politicians
11.00	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
11.30	Governance and service delivery – Who is responsible? Establishing a charitable company - Bridget McConnell , Chief Executive, Culture and Sport, Glasgow Safe in our Hands? – Public Libraries in a Local Authority Context, Diana Edmonds , Assistant Director, Culture, Libraries and Learning, London Borough of Haringey.
13.00	Lunch and exhibition viewing
14.00	Quality services for local people Elaine Fulton , SLIC, Building on Success: a public library quality improvement matrix for Scotland Irene Knox, Chief Executive Designate, Northern Ireland Library Authority. Delivering Tomorrow's Libraries Andrew Stevens , MLA, Local Govt Reform in England and performance management in public libraries
15.30	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
16.00	Session 4 Public Library Building Awards 2007 – the finalists.
17.00	Conference close
19.15	Reception sponsored by SLIC
20.00	Building Awards Dinner

	Thursday 11 October 2007
08.00 – 08.45	Breakfast Briefing – Update on Blueprint for Excellence, John Dolan , MLA
09.00 – 9.30	Liz Cleaver , BBC Controller of Learning and Interactive
09.30 – 11.00	Debate – Deprofessionalisation and skills for the 21 st Century Librarian Motion proposed by Tom Forrest , Library Consultant and John Dolan , MLA and opposed by CILIPS
11.00	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
11.30	Parallel Session for Members – What difference can you make? This session will allow elected members to share ideas and good practice on political leadership and advocacy for libraries. Facilitated by Liz Cameron , Glasgow CC and E.F. White, Leicester CC Parallel session for Officers – The role of the Metropolitan Library, Tony Durcan , Head of Culture, Libraries and Lifelong Learning, Newcastle CC Lynn Brindley , Chief Executive, British Library
13.00	Lunch
14.00	VISITS AND WORKSHOPS Visits Visit the redeveloped Mitchell, Europe’s largest public reference library or the award-winning Easterhouse and Gorbals community libraries. Workshops – 1. Local and Family History 2. Working with young people to reengineer teenage library services, Headspace Lottery Programme, with the reading agency and young people. 3. Community Engagement : Implementing the Community Libraries Programme, David Potts and Sarah Wilkie , MLA 4. Designing 21st Century Services in a Heritage Building , Gordon Anderson , Service Development Manager, The Mitchell Library
17.00	Return to conference hotel from visit and workshops

19.15	Civic reception – Hosted by the Lord Provost of the City Of Glasgow, Bob Winter
20.30	Conference dinner
	Friday 12th October
Friday 09.30	Back on Track - Libraries and Reading Where is it all going and how will the National Year of Reading Help? Kate Mosse , best selling author and founder of the Orange Prize Miranda McKearney , The Reading Agency Jo Prior , Head of Marketing, Penguin
11.00	Refreshments and exhibition viewing
11.30	Reading for Social Justice Right to Read – The Paul Hamlyn Foundation Book festivals and reading projects – Andrew Kelly , Cultural Consultant Helen Brazier , Head of Library Services, RNIB
13.00	Closing remarks and thanks Speaker: Pamela Tulloch , Chair, Public Libraries Group
13.15	Lunch and depart