

Programme

09.15 Registration and refreshments

10.00 **Welcome**

Lord Graham Tope OBE, Chair, Libraries All-Party Parliamentary Group

10.10 **Re-awakening the 'Peoples University' - the learning agenda opportunity to reinvigorate public libraries**

Community, informal (outside formal academic institutions) and online learning is a growing, disruptive opportunity. Learning happens best where there is a 'community' of support and good learning spaces. Public libraries have an opportunity to thrive if they develop the right capabilities to deliver a compelling learning offering.

Ken Chad, Director, Ken Chad Consulting

10.40 **Whose learning? Current issues in Higher Education**

This presentation will consider questions about what/who learning is for, within the context of the current higher education context, exploring ways in which universities are supporting learning and considering how institutions such as universities and public libraries can foster partnerships and models to develop local learning opportunities.

Juliet Eve, Principal Lecturer, Professional Programmes, Centre for Learning and Teaching, University of Brighton

11.10 Refreshments

11.40 **Making scholarly resources more widely available: the Access to Research Initiative**

Michael will explain why providing wider access to the results of research is important, and what are the constraints that have hindered public access to date. He will explore the genesis and implementation of the Access to Research initiative as well as the opportunities and challenges for public libraries, the information and critical reading skills for both readers and library staff and approaches to evaluating the initiative.

Dr Michael Jubb, Executive Director, Research Information Network

12.10 **The role of "free" in the online learning world**

Nicky Whitsed, Director of Library Services, The Open University

12.40 Lunch

13.40 **Leadership for the learning agenda in public libraries. What do we need to do to take the next steps in the learning agenda in public libraries?**

Ciara will outline the huge contribution public libraries can make to the rapidly changing world of learning. From MOOCs to maker spaces, there has never been a better time for public libraries in supporting individuals with their self-directed and informal learning. Ciara will highlight the new Universal Learning Offer currently in development by SCL.

Ciara Eastell, President, Society of Chief Librarians & Head of Libraries, Culture and Heritage, Devon County Council

14.10 **Inspiring libraries - inspiring learners**

Sally Curry, INSPIRE Support

14.40 Refreshments

15.10 Open Doors: reciprocal access and joint library cards

This presentation will provide an overview of a pilot project to develop a reciprocal borrowing scheme across public and academic library sectors within the Bristol area. It will discuss the drivers to the scheme, explain how it was implemented, present outcomes and recommendations from the initial evaluation and indicate the potential for future developments.

Jacqueline Chelin, Deputy Librarian and UWE Learning and Teaching Fellow,
University of the West of England and **Martin Burton**, Community Cultural Services
Manager, South Gloucestershire Council

15.40 Panel Discussion and Q&A

16.00 Summing up

16.15 Close