



Share The Vision Board meeting

Thursday, May 12th 2022, via video conference

Attendees: Alex Britton (Clearvision), James Bartlett (RNIB), Jackie Chelin (SCONUL), Valerie Christie (Libraries NI/Northern Ireland Observer), Emily Cross (CILIP), Mark Freeman (Treasurer/Stockton Libraries/Libraries Connected), Richard Holmes (RNIB), Naomi Kenny (SLIC, Falkirk), Kate Leonard (Aura Libraries, SCLW), Mark McCree (Chair/Blackpool Libraries), Clancy Mason (ACE Observer), Emma Scott (Secretary/Calibre), John Vincent (The Network)

Apologies: Victoria Dilly (Libraries Connected), Richard Holmes (RNIB), Nick Fuller (ASCEL), Zina Sabovic (British Library)

Agenda	Notes	Action
Items 1. Welcome, introductions & apologies for absence	MM welcomed all to the meeting, and specifically, Valerie Christie who was attending the meeting in place of Brid Steele (representing NI). Apologies noted above.	
	AOB raised from ES regarding recently received STV post.	
2. Minutes of last meeting / Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM explained that VD had a new post so couldn't be with us at the meeting; however, she is working hard on the emerging Reading Sight Guide/resource pack, which MM confirmed will be translated into Welsh (wth KL's support!) VD meeting with Reading Agency regarding Reading Friends at the end of the month. MF has purchased laptop for David's use and all working well. MF cited 31st October as his leaving date for Stockton on Tees. Need to acknowledge formal changes to the Board at the next meeting (to be included on agenda under 'Administration') Charities Commission return filed at the end of Feb. C/F - All changes made on Six Steps Promise learning module (updating it to reflect 'new' VPIPP) on Learning Pool. JC will go back and recheck C/F - MM to sort out online banking. In process of house-hunting, so will finalise once that transition has happened. 	<p>VD, MM, KL</p> <p>VD</p> <p>MM, ES</p> <p>JC</p> <p>MM</p>
	Minutes of the last meeting on 10th February 2022 were reviewed and agreed. Proposed by NK and seconded by AB.	
3. Partner Updates	Prior to the meeting various partners had shared their updates with Board attendees (embedded below), which enabled more concise (virtual) discussion, focused on questions/matters arising.	
	MM raised discussion about Alex's visit to the tactile book awards and she told us about the winning titles. MM asked if she wanted to write a short article to put on Reading Sight website. AB mentioned they are looking to get	AB

tactile book groups working in public libraries so this could be mentioned in the article.

ASCEL: Looking at becoming a portfolio organisation through the Arts Council so busy with that at the moment.

Calibre: We are continuing with our book of the month podcast and April's review was of *The Upper World* by Femi Fadugba, a YA novel that is being made into a Netflix film. We had a bit of excitement when the author liked and retweeted our announcement that we would be talking about it!

We are once again delighted to be the accessibility partner for the British Book Awards, one of the most celebrated occasions in the UK book awards calendar. Showcasing the best of British talent, a knowledgeable panel of writers, broadcasters and industry experts will select winners from 72 shortlisted titles across 12 categories, and we are busying ourselves to add as many of these as we can to the Calibre collection.

We announced the winners of our own book awards in April chosen by staff, members and the editorial team. There were nine categories including Best Fiction and Non Fiction Audiobook, Hidden Gem, Members favourite Audiobook and Best Children's Audiobook. We also contacted the authors who won the categories and had some lovely responses back which has resulted in them some of them offering to do interviews for us.

In March as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations we planted a tree in the grounds at Calibre with special guests including Sir David Jason, luckily the weather was lovely for it! To tie in with the Jubilee celebrations I am also hoping to raise money for Calibre by doing a sponsored read throughout June and reading seven books which have been published throughout the years that the Queen has reigned. To make it harder for me though I am going to be listening to the books so it will take me longer and also I am going to do audio reviews of each of them for us to use on our website and social media. So far the books I have picked total around 82hrs of listening time!

We have launched our spring appeal and as part of a new fundraising initiative, we are excited to have joined One Lottery, making it easier for our supporters to directly help us every week.

CILIP: EC mentioned a couple of items of interest, CILIP involved in a big piece on intellectual freedom and censorship which members and non members can input into:

- Intellectual Freedom:
<https://www.cilip.org.uk/general/custom.asp?page=IntellectualFreedom>
- CILIP wide update:
<https://twitter.com/NickPoole1/status/1524998977535483909>

Clearvision: Ran tactile book reading workshops locally as part of World Book Day Celebrations. Also, did workshops on tactile book creation and ran the UK judging round of the Typhlo and Tactus international tactile book competition

Sat on the judging panel of the Typhlo and Tactus contest in Padova, Italy 31st March-2nd April- and are delighted to report that both first and second prize went to UK entries! This is the first time in the competition's history that this has happened! Winners attended the prize ceremony via Zoom, UK-based awards events and publicity will follow once the books are back in the UK.

Libraries Connected: Libraries Connected Trustees have been very busy with the staff team working on the bid for the next four years of Arts Council Funding. They've been developing our new Business Plan for the next period with support from Shared Intelligence and this has been used to work up our bid for finance which needs to be submitted by next week.

We have in place now a draft Partnership Agreement with ASCEL as they work their way towards a bid to become an Arts Council portfolio organisation too.

We have a new Marketing and Comms Manager to replace Marsha Lowe (who helped to create our webpages and comms for Share the Vision). James Gray has joined us from the William Morris Gallery.

The Libraries Connected Seminar takes place in June at Wyboston Lakes in Bedfordshire and the programme features international visitors from Poland and Denmark alongside the usual mix of panel sessions, Keynote speakers and contributions from the wider public library sector.

We are currently working on Trustee recruitment as a number of external and internal Trustees, including our current President, have left or will be leaving the Board. Carol Stump has decided to retire from her post in Kirklees and will be staying on for a short time as an external Trustee after handing over to Ayub Khan, our incoming President, at the June Seminar. I will be leaving the Board in October when I also retire from my role in Stockton.

The Network: At the time of the last meeting, we had 292 subscribers to the Reading Sight JISCMAIL list, today we have 287 (a number of contacts has retired or moved on).

The Network is continuing to share information (via its regular free Ebulletins, its Newsletters and JISCMAIL), and, last month, I was delighted to run my first face-to-face training courses for two years! I have now submitted a rough draft of my book, and am waiting for feedback ... in the meantime, it's time to start the latest equality/diversity/inclusion chapter to cover the period 2016-2020 for the British Librarianship and Information Work series

SCONUL: SCONUL is working with partners across the library community to support Ukrainian academics, researchers, students and staff both in Ukraine and displaced. RLUK, Jisc, The British Library, CILIP, SCONUL, the Archives and Records Association and diverse others are part of a library advisory group supporting the UUK Ukraine Response Taskforce and also working with stakeholders, including publishers, to facilitate access to content and other forms of research. For more information on the various initiatives, please see the dedicated Ukraine Response webpage here. Please see here for the Statement of solidarity with library professionals in Ukraine.

Regina Everitt and Jess Crilly have edited a book called Narrative Expansions: Interpreting Decolonisation in Academic Libraries which is currently the focus of various seminars.

The results of the UK-wide assessment of university research, conducted through the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF), were published on 12th May. [New evidence highlights world-leading quality of UK university research](#)

SLIC: NK told us about the "Keep the Heid and Read" campaign. It was a Reading Moment for 2022 whereby each pledger had to commit to six minutes of reading. There were over 447000+ minutes pledged as of

yesterday 11th May. It was a great national event and there were some great photos on social media. <https://www.keeptheheid.scot/>

4. Ulverscroft Foundation update

Reading Sight Guide: MM met with VD and strong progress is being made on this. The overarching guide and supporting materials have been drafted and now just waiting on additional material from Living Paintings and Listening Books. The content will be shared with board members to provide feedback.

VD, ALL

AB said she had been approached by Booktrust asking if there was any signposting they could send out in their packs to highlight accessible organisations. AB asked if they could use this resource. MM said yes and that also digital assests were being produced. MM asked AB to share with Booktrust.

AB

The webinar around the production of Reading Sight resources which was potentially to be tied in with HiVIS will now be later in the year once the guide is complete. A few case studies have been found that will be useful for the guide and can be used in the webinar.

MM due to provide 6 months update for Ulverscroft Foundation by end May beginning of June.

MM

MF said there had been no invoice for VD's time. MM to contact Sarah Mears and chase again on this front

MM

5. Recent / Emerging projects

Hi VIS 2022 – 6th – 19th June – all resources out. MM thanked JV for disseminating far and wide.

MM asked JB if RNIB team can keep an eye on social media. JB said yes and raised question from a colleague regarding what it was about as was as not clear from the website as there is no theme this year. MM said the idea was to keep it flexible but obviously it needs to be clear so will take on board for next time. MM asked board to promote with all contacts.

ALL

EC raised that the Reading Sight website dates were wrong as the link had the old dates embedded. MM to check.

MM

MM asked MF to pass thanks onto Laura for HiVIS designs. AB asked if it was possible to put ideas up from previous years so people can get a sense of what they could do – and it was agreed that keeping a range of case studies examples would be good

MF

6. Other Updates

LACA: ES unable to attend 22nd March meeting so next meeting on 4th July.

Reading Friends – VD to meet with Reading Agency at end of the month.

ES attended meeting on 9th March. Papers circulated to board. Highlights were: 66 library authorities involved, local libraries and councils now pairing yup to support refugees. Reading Agency waiting on a decision on lottery partnerships fund focusing on developing the partnerships within the programme and to expand its reach, targeting audiences most in need. Discussion had around the Reading Friends Theory of Change used as an internal document and to help support lottery bid and to look at being updated.

Advisory group was asked what they would like to see in resources for libraries which ES shared with board and for any comments to go back to VD.

	JC asked if SCONUL contact was progressed with Reading Friends. ES said contact was given and Natalie from Reading Friends said they would get in touch once they start to look more closely at higher education. ES to chase.	ES
7. Finance/ Budget report	MF fed back on finance report. There has been no income and expenditure has been on bulletins, Blackpool invoice, laptop and Ech design as a payment was missed so that is why it is a larger amount.	
	MF said he was happy to stay on as an observer in the transition period. MM thanked him and said this could be reviewed at September meeting	
8. Adminis- tration	Annual Returns –Charities Commission returned and MF reimbursed ES the £13 fee.	
	Contributions – Letters not sent out til June last year. MM suggested leaving the requests til later this year when we can talk positively about HiVIS and Reading Sight resources and possibly be able to highlight forthcoming events. Need to look at how to administer letters nearer the time.	
	STV admin address – CILIP has hosted us but we need to look at an alternative as CILIP moving. ES to ask if Calibre’s address can be used.	ES
	MM informed that a letter was received from the Info Commissioner’s Office regarding the payment of a data protection fee. As we have email addresses for the bulletin and keep names for sending out contribution letters we need to apy this fee which is £35 a year. ES has set up a direct debit to deal with this.	
	MM queried with MF what we use Hosting UK for. MF said it is for emails that sit around the website. MM raised a question re. if we could have official STV email addresses e.g chair@reading sight/STV etc. – MF to check. Possibly look at having MM’s contact details as chair on website.	MF / MM
9. A.O.B / Comms.	Will look to formally recognise changes in board members at next meeting.	ES, MM
	ES went through remainder of STV post. Noted that Ideas Store in Tower Hamlets contribution letter was returned so address changed. Query re contribution cheque from Bradford dated August 2021. ES to take into a Halifax to see if they would accept.	ES
	MM said an email from Sue Wilkinson from the Arts Council was received about an organisation called The Space. Looking at how technology can be used in libraries and cultural settings and particularly how technology can be made accessible. MM to meet up with the Space in due course	MM
	MM said petition around VAT on audiobooks is being shared.	
	MM thanked David for bulletins and that they were very useful and asked if he was ok still doing them. MF said all fine.	
10. Next Meetings	8 th September; and, 8 th December at 11am. September meeting to be virtual.	
	MM asked about online versus physical meetings. AB pitched suggestion about making the December meeting a physical one.	