

Proposed Coalition for Research in Library, Archive and Information Science: Remit and Constitution

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Proposed Remit

- Emerged from 2006 workshop and refined by consultation
- Provide a locus of and for LIS research
 - Define the LIS research landscape
 - Develop a national research strategy, respecting differences across UK
 - Co-ordinate and disseminate information about research
 - Exploit existing and leverage new funding
 - Promote practitioner research and research into practice
 - Broker research and funding partnerships
 - Promote best practice and the development of skills and competencies

Issues

- Have we got it right?
- Are we trying to do too much?
- Or not enough?
- What are the priorities?

Proposed Constitution

- Based on the Digital Preservation Coalition constitution
- Membership
 - Open to all LIS research stakeholders
 - Banded subscription: full/associate membership
- Management
 - Board of Directors
- Secretariat
 - Half time post for 3 years
- Advisory Council: a (primarily email) forum for
 - Circulating and sharing information
 - Supporting activities of coalition
 - Advising Board and Secretariat

Issues

- Is the Coalition approach, supported by member subscription and a director, the best way forward?
- Is this too formal?
- Is there another compelling model?
 - Task Force
 - Loose Federation
- How far could we rely on informal and partnership working?
- Are there other stakeholders?