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?