Proposed Coalition for Research in Librrray, Archive and Information Science

Steering Group work since December 2006

Nigel Macartney
Outcome of First Workshop on 27 November 2007

Professor Judith Elkin urged “the British Library to convene a Think Tank, a forum to get the key stakeholders around the table …. To re-establish a national LIS Research Agenda”

Original steering group “invited to plan the way ahead armed with the notes from the group discussion sessions and the papers from the speakers”.
Publication of the Workshop’s proceedings

- Library and Information Research Group published a special issue of Library and Information Research
- Summary account of the workshop published on the BL website by the continuation Steering Group
Next steps

- A short statement also published on the website
- Emphasised that the coalition approach was the most strongly favoured of the options discussed of the workshop
- Aims, roles and functions of the coalition summarised – also drawn from the workshop
- Key outputs identified
- Stakeholders listed
Conference session at CILIP Umbrella event at Hatfield June 2007

- Speakers included Nigel Macartney, Stephanie Kenna and Javier Staniziola
Models of a coalition

- Work on possible models commissioned from Barbara Buckley Owen.
- Recommended model was a membership-based organisation similar to the Digital Preservation Coalition.
- Characterised as “big players plus”
Consultation exercise

- It was decided to carry this out by visiting the stakeholders in person, often (but not always) with two members of the steering group.
Stakeholders visited

- Arts and Humanities Research Council
- Bailer
- British Library
- CURL
- Cymal
- ESRC
- JISC
- Library and Information Services Council Northern Ireland
- Museums Libraries Archives Council
- NCA
- National Health Service
- National Library of Scotland
- National Library of Wales
- SCONUL
- Scottish Library and Information Council
- Research Information Network
- Society of Chief Librarians
- The National Archives
- UKOLN
Outcome

- Unanimous support for the Workshop’s recommendation that an initiative is undertaken to improve the infrastructure for library, archive and information research.
Reservations