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Arts Council England

Single Digital Presence

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(Visual Arts, Theatre, Music, Dance, Literature, Combined Arts, Museums, Libraries, Creative Media / Digital, Audiences & Engagement, Children & Young People, Touring and Diversity)

Five areas

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What we do

Arts Council England **champions**, **develops and invests** in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives.

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Single Digital Presence

Funded by Arts Council England and the Carnegie UK Trust, the project will investigate user expectations and demand for what a national online platform for public libraries might deliver, and will explore the network of stakeholder groups and organisations best placed to make it a reality.



Single Digital Presence

Arts Council and Carnegie are funding the British Library to run this project. The first stage of this is a scoping exercise to find out how a single digital presence could work



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Over to Liz & Jake...



Over to Nick...



The audience is digital: The case for a Single Digital Presence

Nick Poole, Chief Executive, CILIP

We represent and champion all information professionals.



Comprehensive research into **public attitudes to and perceptions** of public libraries in all jurisdictions of the UK commissioned by Carnegie UK Trust





Women are both more likely to be library users at all and more likely to be frequent library users than men in all jurisdictions.

Women are also more likely than men to say that public libraries are important to the community and to them personally.





15-24 year olds top all age groups for library use in the UK.

People aged 55+ are less likely to use the library than any other age group (but are more likely to say they're important for other people).

15-24 year olds are less likely to say that libraries are important for communities than any other age group.





People in socio-economic group ABC1 significantly more likely to use the library than those in C2DE, except in Scotland.

However, use of libraries is declining fastest among ABC1 since 2011.





Readers are more likely to use libraries, but not all library users are readers.

21-30% of people who rarely or never read books say they use the library





Meet the new public library user....



What does the new public library user want...?

(Findings ranked according to improvements most likely to drive increased use)

| Improvement | % |
|---|----|
| Better information on what library services offer | 56 |
| Offering more events | 53 |
| Providing access to other Council services | 53 |
| A café or coffee shop | 53 |
| Improved range and quality of books | 49 |
| Being able to reserve books online | 48 |
| Improving the IT facilities | 43 |
| Longer opening hours | 43 |
| Access library services from other locations | 42 |
| Maker activities | 38 |
| Mobile services | 33 |



Providing better information on what services libraries offer



A café or coffee shop on site



Offering more events

Improving the range

and quality of books



Providing other councilservices in library buildings



"A place to unwind and recharge"

Using imagery and language which convey a sense of:

- Peace, calm and serenity
- Wellbeing
- Time well spent
- Time spent being yourself







"The books you love"

Using imagery which connects to:

- The love of books and reading
- Reading for pleasure
- The book as an object
- A diverse and dynamic publishing sector







"Great customer service"

Using imagery which conveys a sense of:

- Friendly, welcoming staff
- A hospitable, safe environment
- Customer satisfaction
- Smiling and eye-contact







"A place to work and get online"

Using imagery which shows:

- Modern, flexible workspaces
- People using technology & wifi
- Successful enterprise







"Be with friends"

Using imagery and language which show the customer that people like them use libraries:

- Young, diverse users
- Fashionable, tech-savvy users
- People socialising in the library
- Politically-engaged people
- Part of an overall aspirational lifestyle





"Discover unique experiences"

Using imagery and language which shows people doing unexpected things in the library space:

- Good coffee
- Gaming
- Civic action/public meetings
- Makerspaces
- Performance





We have to key into:

- Books
- Reading
- Lifestyle
- Celebrity
- Wellbeing
- Libraries
- Humour
- Online media/video





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Any questions?



Thank you for attending December 2018's BIC Breakfast:

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