



Newsletter

Information that matters for people who work in libraries

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Libraries Week

9-14 October sees the first ever Libraries Week - a showcase of all the creative, innovative and diverse activities that UK libraries have to offer.

This is an opportunity to welcome regular visitors and show them new things, and to encourage people who have never been to their local library, to explore and find out what it offers.

Look out for #LibrariesWeek and use it to share what goes on in your library.

<https://librariesweek.org.uk>



Makerspaces

Lots of libraries are creating zones in their libraries where people can learn new skills.

We've held 2 workshops for teams doing this to share experience, and have published a guide on who is doing what, and where.

Search 'makerspaces' on GOV.UK for more

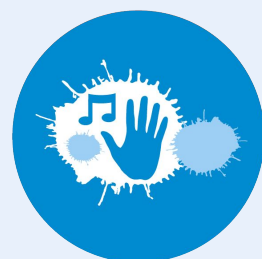
Libraries: Opportunities for Everyone (LOFE) Innovation Fund

All Greater Manchester libraries are taking part in the **Big Ideas Generator**: a LOFE project which supports innovation and enterprise.

The team has so far delivered 40 1-1 information surgeries to budding entrepreneurs, 42 workshops and 40 flagship events.

Read more about this on our blog: search #LOFEfund

Outcome: Culture. Libraries Deliver: cultural and creative enrichment



October will see many libraries across the country taking part in Fun Palaces weekend. "Everyone an Artist, Everyone a Scientist" - Culture by, for, with all.

Visitors are invited to explore new interests. Designed by and with communities, it's a great weekend for building partnerships - and fun.

Your libraries may be planning a programme. Visit our blog to see what people got up to last year - and subscribe to see reports of this year's festival.



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