



Newsletter

Information that matters for people who work in libraries

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Integrated communities green paper

In March, the government published a new green paper, looking at how to bring people from diverse backgrounds together. We were pleased to see the role that libraries play positively acknowledged.



A new approach will be trialled in 5 Integration Areas: Blackburn with Darwen, Bradford, Bury, Walsall and Waltham Forest.

These pilots will bring representatives of a wide range of partners together to address challenges specific to their area.

We encourage library teams in all regions to share examples of activities in your libraries with the policy team - details of how to do this are in the following blog post:

<https://bit.ly/2pHfewN>

Congratulations to Dionne Hood

Named PPC librarian of the year, (together with Gateshead's Helen Eddon) for her Creative Writing programme and work with book groups - among many other things!



Search for her name in our blog to read more about her work

Libraries: Opportunities for Everyone (LOFE) Innovation Fund: Merton Arts Space.

The new arts space in Mitcham Library was developed to offer young people the opportunity to produce professional quality music, film, art, drama and poetry. It's already becoming a popular hangout place after school. Pictures on the right are from an exhibition put on by young people.



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Outcome: Digital. Libraries Deliver: stronger, more resilient communities



As demonstrated by the mention of libraries in the Integrated communities strategy (top left), libraries play a huge role in the creation and support of stronger communities. Whether through events that bring people of different ages or backgrounds together, or activities where people can meet others with similar interests, they are welcoming places, open to all.

Case study: **Mowbray Gardens library, Rotherham**
Read about their Flourish project, working with people with mental health issues. The Butterfly project raises awareness of child sexual health exploitation; and Heart of the Community is putting defibrillators in every library (and offering training as to their use).

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