# Application for Bursary Place

### Libraries Connected Seminar 2020 - Libraries: Creating our story

### 3 - 4 June in Scarman House, University of Warwick

As part of its commitment to supporting the development of future leaders of library services Libraries Connected is offering two sponsored places at our 2020 annual seminar.

Libraries Connected will fund seminar fees, including meals and accommodation for the duration of the two-day seminar. The library authority will be asked to pay all travel plus accommodation for the night prior to the start of conference (if required).

In return Libraries Connected will:

* Encourage the attendee to tweet from the conference
* Request feedback to be included in the evaluation report on:
	+ What you gain personally from attending?
	+ What you gain professionally from attending?
	+ What was the highlight of the seminar experience for you?
	+ What could have been done differently to make the experience more enjoyable/beneficial?
* Request the attendee write a blog for the Libraries Connected website identifying key **learning points** and the **action** the attendee will undertake as a result of attendance, in particular around the impact attendance might have locally on **service engagement**. Blogs from last year’s bursary winners can be [found here](https://www.librariesconnected.org.uk/news/first-impressions-catherine-liz-lc-seminar).

#### Eligibility

Library staff who have worked in public libraries for more than two years, have the potential to be future library leaders and have not attended previous Libraries Connected or SCL seminars.

**Deadline for applications is 5pm Tuesday 31 March 2020**

Please submit application to conference organiser Helen Drakard helen.drakard@librariesconnected.org.uk

The Libraries Connected panel will select two successful candidates and notify them by **Tuesday 14 April 2020.**

#### Seminar theme

Over the last decade, libraries have evolved enormously to deliver an ever-wider range of services and take their place at the heart of their communities. We know that libraries bring multiple benefits to local communities in areas such as early years, education, health and social care. However, we also recognise that local authorities are working in times of unprecedented challenge and are struggling to manage huge financial reductions across all service areas.

This inevitably places pressure on service leaders who need to demonstrate the value they bring to local communities and promote all the ways that they can help local authorities to meet their priorities. That’s why this year’s seminar, in response to feedback from our members, is focusing on making the case for library services.

Our President Mark Freeman, President Elect Carol Stump, and our CEO, Isobel Hunter will open the event with an overview of all that we’ve achieved together during the last 12 months. They will also focus on the major projects that Libraries Connected are currently managing including Leading Libraries, BBC Novels that Shaped the World Festival and our library accreditation work.

You will also have the chance to meet colleagues from beyond the sector and from library services outside of the UK, giving you a valuable opportunity to reflect, consider and engage with ideas and activities that we hope will inspire and encourage you.

We will keep our panel session and flash talks on the agenda. However, this year we’re rejigging some of the workshops to allow delegates more of an opportunity to share and discuss ideas with colleagues. These discussions would be facilitated with the main points recorded and shared with the sector after the event.

Joseph Coelho will be our guest of honour for the seminar dinner, which will give us the chance to thank him for his amazing work promoting libraries though his tour. He will give a post dinner reflection on his tour. Other confirmed key speakers include:

* Christian Lauersen, Director of Libraries and Citizen Services in Roskilde Municipality, Denmark will be our International Speaker. He believes that libraries are crucial institution in every community, public as academic to create and open, more diverse, inclusive and equal world. One of Christian’s main professional interests is how shared public places like libraries foster stronger communities. He is proud founder of Library Planet - a crowdsourced travel guide to libraries of the world.
* David Streatfield is Principal of Information Management Associates, a research, training and consultancy team focused mainly on evaluating the impact of libraries. From 2007 until 2018 he was an independent impact consultant to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, where he advised the team managing the Global Libraries Initiative and worked with the impact specialists and country teams supporting public libraries impact development in Brazil, Colombia, Jamaica, South Africa and Turkey, as well various countries in Eastern Europe and South Asia.
* Wendy Lowder - Executive Director, Communities at Barnsley Council.
* Nicola Gitsham, Head of Social Prescribing at NHS England.

Application form

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| **Name of applicant:** |  |
| **Authority:** |  |
| **Current role:** |  |
| **Length of service:** |  |
| **Contact details:** |  |
| **Name and email of Head of Service**: |  |

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| **Part A: Statement from applicant:** |
| 1: Please identify your **three most important reasons** for wishing to attend the seminar? |
| 2: Please outline how you will **reflect and feedback learning** from the seminar to colleagues, and how you will **implement your learning**? |

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| **Part B: Supporting statement from Head of Service:** |
| 1: Please outline three reasons why you support this nomination. |
| 2: Please outline how the applicant will be supported to **reflect** on their learning, **share it** with colleagues and the senior leadership team and **implement new ideas** that have been inspired by the seminar. |