# Libraries Connected Seminar 2022 Bursaries

As part of its commitment to supporting the development of future leaders of library services Libraries Connected is offering six sponsored places at our 2022 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 expenses plus accommodation for the night prior to the conference (14 June) if required.

In return Libraries Connected will:

* Encourage the attendee to tweet from the conference
* Request feedback to be included in our 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 contribute to a blog for the Libraries Connected website identifying key **learning points** and any **actions** that result from attending. Blogs from previous bursary winners can be [found here](https://www.librariesconnected.org.uk/news/first-impressions-catherine-liz-lc-seminar).

### Eligibility

Applications are open to any 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 seminars.

**Deadline for applications is 21 March 2022**

Please submit application to conference organiser Helen Drakard [helen.drakard@librariesconnected.org.uk](mailto:helen.drakard@librariesconnected.org.uk)

Entries will be assessed by a panel of Library Connected Staff and Heads of Service and successful applicants will be notified by email before **8 April.**

### About the Seminar

Our 2022 Annual Seminar will take place on 15 & 16 June at [Wyboston Lakes](https://www.wybostonlakes.co.uk/conferences-training-events/the-woodlands-event-centre.aspx), in Bedfordshire.

This year our programme will continue to make the case for how libraries can meet the evolving needs of their communities as we emerge from the pandemic into an uncertain economic environment.

The event is aimed at Heads of Service and is a great opportunity to network with colleagues, share good practice and take inspiration from an exciting line up of speakers. These are drawn from public libraries both here and abroad, as well as the academic and business sectors.

We are expecting over 150 library leaders from across the UK to attend as well as representatives from our national partner organisations including the Department of Culture Media and Sport, Welsh Government, The British Library, The Reading Agency and CILIP.

Confirmed speakers include:

* Christian Lauersen, director of Libraries and Citizen Services in Roskilde Municipality, Denmark, talking about ‘The impact of public libraries in Denmark: A haven in our community’ and the ‘Impact Compass’.
* Jan Brodowski, External Relations and Statistics Coordinator in Kraków Library, Poland, talking about culture and arts in libraries.
* Dr. Mohammed Ishaq, professor at the University of the West of Scotland where he leads their Human Resource Management Unit.
* Petra Roberts, Cultural Development Manager at Hackney Council.

We will also stage a series of ignite talks about digital innovation in libraries; a panel session on developing diverse and inclusive organisations; and a series of workshops led by libraries and partners.

# Application form

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| **Name of applicant:** |  |
| **Library Service:** |  |
| **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. |