

Access Group Report July 2018

Access Group Members

Current group members:

██████████ (Stewart's Melville College)

██████████ (Edinburgh Libraries)

██████████ (NLS)

██████████ (Edinburgh College)

██████████ (Edinburgh University)

Unfortunately since last year's AGM we have had to say goodbye to ██████████ from Edinburgh University due to a change in employment. ██████████ had been part of the Access Group for a number of years and was a valuable contact for passport users using Edinburgh University Library.

██████████ IS Help Services Team Manager at Edinburgh University's Main Library, has kindly stepped in to replace ██████████ as a University representative. We have also gained a new member! We are delighted that ██████████ from Edinburgh College has now joined the group.

Ideally we would like to increase our numbers even further over the next year, particularly with representatives from specialist libraries and those libraries participating in the Passport Scheme.

Edinburgh Libraries Passport

The passport scheme continues to run well and a new batch of passports will be needed shortly.

This year requests for more passports have come from Edinburgh public libraries, state schools and independent schools. There have also been a couple of requests from School Librarians that have never used the scheme before which is positive.

School Libraries are the biggest users of the passports and so the group have created a survey for School Librarians to gain feedback about the scheme and gauge interest in the group running passport related events for school students. It is hoped that the result of the survey will help the group create resources to support the scheme as well as new events e.g University and College Library visits.

Other Developments

In order to promote widening access for Edinburgh Libraries and an increased awareness of the passport scheme the group have been discussing running a series of access themed events. This has been discussed in conjunction with the Business Committee and Training and Development Group. Watch this space for further developments!