



IFLA Section Library Buildings and Equipment



Call for Papers for WLIC Dublin 2020

IFLA's [Library Buildings and Equipment Section](#) and the [Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Special Interest Group](#) invite you to submit a proposal for its Open Session at the [86th IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2020](#) in Dublin, Ireland, 15-21 August.

Theme

Something old – something new. Transforming an existing building into a new library

Topic

Many new libraries are being built to serve the growing needs of users. A new library, however does not necessarily mean that it must be a new building. This programme will focus on libraries created from existing building and on requirements and opportunities for revitalization of an old, derelict or abandoned building into a new library. We are looking for experiences with the transformation of a building with a different purpose into a library. The Programme will focus on the challenges and opportunities of this kind of transformation and the compromises which must be made for these transformations. The re-use of a building can also be an opportunity for sustainability. We are looking for best practice examples and lessons learned from all types of libraries in historic urban environment or in rural areas. Sustainability and the libraries impact on the environment is a key focus.

The LBES and ENSULIB are looking for proposals that are inspiring, thoughtful and high-quality. Specifically, we are looking to build on the goals of the 2020 conference: Inspire, Engage, Enable and Connect by:

- Inspire: Get inspired by a heritage building or a building in a historic environment
- Engage the community to preserve, value and reinvent public spaces and buildings for libraries
- Enable: Best practices how to enable a transformation of an existing building into a library
- Enable: Building sustainable libraries through repurposing buildings and services
- Connect an existing building with the requirements of the library users of today and tomorrow

Format

The session format will include a keynote. We are looking for proposals for panel discussions, Lightning talks (20 slides are shown for 20 seconds each for a total of 6 minutes 40 seconds) and traditional 15-minute presentations are sought. Because of the nature of the topic visual imagery is an important part of the presentations and must be of high enough resolution to be projected clearly on a large screen.

Important Dates

- Proposal abstracts must be submitted by: **21 February 2020**
- Selected presenters will be notified by: **9 March 2020**
- Authors to submit [Authors' Permission Form](#): **31 May 2020**
- Written papers due: **1 June 2020**
- Presentation slides due: **7 August 2020**

Submission guidelines

Proposals must be in English and include the following information:

- Title of proposed presentation
- Style of presentation (Panel, Lightning Talk or 15-minute presentation)
- Abstract of the proposed paper (no more than 300 words)
- Language of presentation
- Name(s) of presenters and positions and or titles
- Employer or affiliated institution
- Contact information including email address and telephone number
- Short biographical statement of no more than 100 words
- Note a willingness to comply with [IFLA'S Authors' Permission](#)
- Proposal abstracts must be submitted via email to: Janet Fletcher, janet.fletcher@vuw.ac.nz

Please note

- Papers must be written of one on [IFLA's seven official languages](#) and be no longer than 4,000 words.
- The paper must be an original submission not presented or published elsewhere. All papers that are presented at the WLIC 2020 will be made available online via the [IFLA Library](#) under the [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 license](#)
- At least one of the paper's authors must be present to deliver the paper during the Congress Programme in Dublin, Ireland.
- All expenses, including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation etc., are the responsibility of the authors/presenters. No financial support can be provided by IFLA, but a special [invitation letter](#) can be issued to author(s)/presenter(s) of accepted papers.

