Digital Focus On Scottish Libraries

Enriching Lives through Libraries

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What is the Scottish Library and Information Council?

- Independent Advisory Body to the Scottish Government
- Company limited by Guarantee and a registered charity
- 76 library services are members
Scottish Public Libraries Key Facts

2016/17 audit information

• Over 42 million visitors last year

• Almost 3 million hours of PC internet bookings

• Almost 20 million items borrowed

• Over 6 million items borrowed by children
Realising Ambition and Opportunity
Delivering Digital – what changed?

• Roll out of free public Wifi

• Introduction of 3D printers

• Development of Code Clubs for children across Scotland

• Introduction of Digital Maker Spaces
Service Transformation

• Digichamp Network

• Training in New Technologies (TNT)

• Code Club Training

• Wikimedian-in-Residence
Wikimedian -in- Residence Project

• Public Library Improvement Fund Project

• Gap in Scottish Content

• Open up Scottish Library collections
Project Outcomes

- Skill set of library staff enhanced
- Public libraries recognised as the creators of high quality digital content
- Digital skills offer from public libraries improved
Project Outputs

• Public Library staff will trained as Wikipedia editors and content creators

• Increased volume of articles on Wikipedia covering Scottish Culture

• Library users will develop their digital skills through exploring culture and creativity
In conclusion

• Ambition and Opportunity has been an enabler

• Infrastructure important

• Staff Development essential
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