The IL Definition: what CILIP and the Information Literacy Group did next...

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CILIP Definition of Information Literacy 2018

“Information literacy is the ability to think critically and make balanced judgements about any information we find and use. It empowers us as citizens to develop informed views and to engage fully with society.”
Information Literacy and Everyday Life

• Checking information online
• Online transactions
• Behave ethically online
• Social media
• Digital footprint
• Privacy
Information Literacy and Citizenship

- How to understand the world around us?
- Recognise bias and misinformation
- Fake news
- Critical judgement
Information Literacy and Education

- All stages of education
  - School, Further Education and Higher Education
- Critical thinking skills
- Transition from school to Higher Education
- Equips learners with intellectual strategies
Information Literacy and the Workplace

- Knowing when and how to use information
  - To help achieve organizational aims and adds value
- Interpret work related information
- Contributes to employability
  - Teamworking
  - Problem solving and analytical skills
Information Literacy and Health

• Using credible and reputable healthcare sources when looking for treatment and prognosis.
• Becoming active partners in healthcare
• Engaging in informed dialogue with healthcare professionals.
• Making it easier (NHS Scotland)
What has the new definition meant for the team?

“reaching people outside the academic sector and making it clearer that IL is not about teaching referencing skills to undergraduates. It’s about much more than that, and I think having the new definition gives us greater confidence to be doing all the advocacy work, with a very clear and broader idea of what IL is”.

Jane Secker, CILIP ILG Chair

“I send it out systematically whenever I make a new contact in different settings. So for instance, I’ve passed it on to the DCMS and DfE officials that we’ve been engaging with. So I think that the definition has been great at helping to raise awareness, almost like an extended calling card”.

Stéphane Goldstein, CILIP ILG Advocacy Officer
What have we actually done?

Since the launch of the definition we have engaged with:

• DCMS
• Ofcom
• DfE
• Took part in Misinfocon event.
• Mozilla Foundation
• National Literacy Trust
• Newswire
• UK National Commission for UNESCO
• JCS Online
Working with CILIP to mainstream IL

Reading
Writing
Arithmetic
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Information Literacy
Health literacy
Definition:
- [https://infolit.org.uk/ILdefinitionCILIP2018.pdf](https://infolit.org.uk/ILdefinitionCILIP2018.pdf)

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