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Promoting SDGs and Human  
Rights

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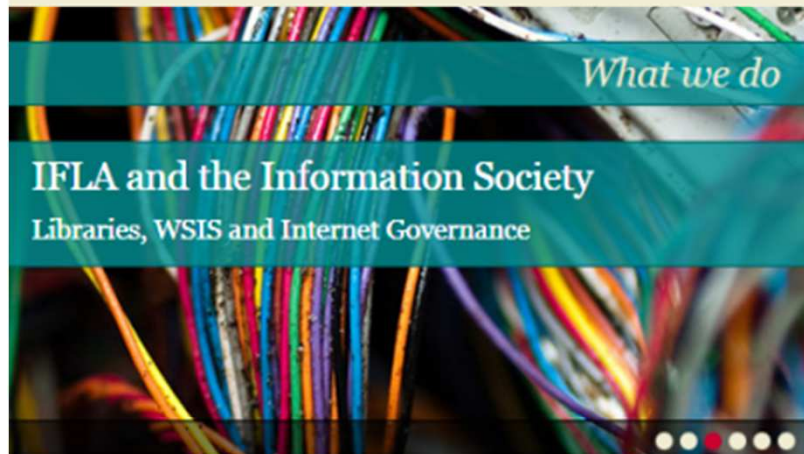
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### CALENDAR OF REPRESENTATION

IFLA's official representation at events worldwide

Month	Day	Event	Location
November	15-17	World Library and Information Congress	Wrocław
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### HIGHLIGHTS



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#### IFLA Governing Board Elections 2017-2019

28 March 2017

Ballot papers, including supporting information, have been dispatched to all voting Members of IFLA on 23 March 2017.

### UPCOMING EVENTS FROM IFLA

31 March – 2 April 2017

March/April IFLA Governing Board meetings (Goethe Institut, Athens, Greece Omirou 14-16, 10672 ATHENS Greece)

3 April 2017





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## THIS GROUP'S COMMUNITY

# Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Advisory Committee

The overall objective of IFLA/FAIFE is to raise awareness of the essential correlation between the library concept and the values of intellectual freedom. To reach this goal IFLA/FAIFE collects and disseminates documentation and aims to stimulate a dialog both within and outside the library world.

FAIFE works to protect intellectual freedom and freedom of expression. This work includes:

- \* Publish reports, participate in national and international conferences and organize workshops.
- \* Monitor the state of intellectual freedom within the library community world-wide and publish newsletters and online news.
- \* Respond to violations of free access to information and freedom of expression and make press releases.
- \* Support IFLA policy development and co-operation with other international human rights organizations.





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## Special Interest Groups

- » Access to Information Network - Africa (ATINA)
  - » Agricultural Libraries
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## Libraries, Development and the United Nations 2030 Agenda

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The [United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) is a framework of [17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) with a total of 179 Targets spanning economic, environmental and social development. They lay out a plan for all countries to engage actively in making our world better for its people, with no-one left behind.



# LIBRARIES CAN DRIVE PROGRESS ACROSS THE ENTIRE UN 2030 AGENDA



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The trusted global voice of the library and information profession ([www.ifla.org](http://www.ifla.org)).

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## UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



### END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

Libraries support this goal by providing...

- Public access to information and resources that give people opportunities to improve their lives
- Training in new skills needed for education and employment
- Information to support decision-making by governments, civil society, and businesses to combat poverty



### END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Libraries support this goal by providing...

- Agricultural research and data on how to make crops more productive and sustainable
- Public access for farmers to online resources like local market prices, weather reports, and new equipment



### ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES

Libraries support this goal by providing...

- Research available in medical and hospital libraries that supports education and improves medical practice for health care providers
- Public access to health and wellness information in public libraries that helps individuals and families stay healthy



### ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Libraries support this goal by providing...

- Dedicated staff who support early literacy and lifelong learning
- Access to information and research for students everywhere
- Inclusive spaces where cost is not a barrier to new knowledge and skills



### ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

Libraries support this goal by providing...

- Safe and welcoming meeting spaces
- Programmes and services designed to meet the needs of women and girls, like rights and health
- Access to information and ICT that helps women build business skills



### ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL

### ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL

Libraries support these goals by providing...

- Access to quality information and good practices that support local water management and sanitation projects
- Free and reliable access to electricity and light to read, study, and work




### PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL

Libraries support this goal by providing...

- Access to information and skills training that people need to find, apply for, and succeed in better jobs



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## Library Services to People with Special Needs Section

*Division: Library Services*

The Section for Library Services to People with Special Needs provides an international forum for the discussion of ideas, sharing of experiences and development of tools designed to promote and improve the effectiveness of library and information services to special needs groups, and the promotion of national and international cooperation at all levels.

The section focuses on those persons who because of their living conditions and/or physical, mental or cognitive disabilities are unable to access current library services. These groups can include, but are not necessarily limited to, people in hospitals and prisons, homeless people, persons in nursing homes and other care facilities, the deaf and people with dyslexia and dementia.




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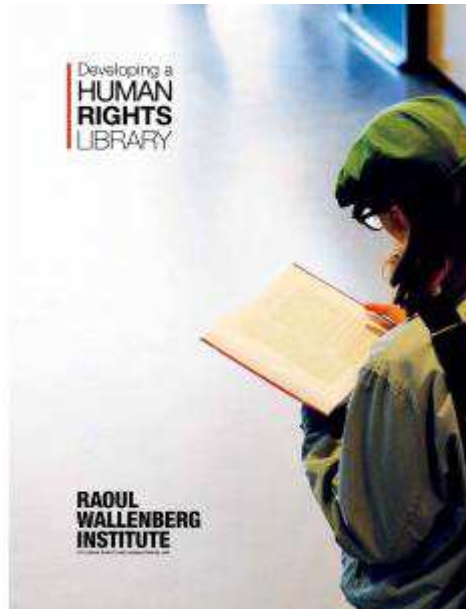


# Developing a Human Rights Library

By *Gabriel Stein, Helena Olsson, Karl Adam Tiderman, Lena Olsson*

ISBN: 978-91-86910-76-1 

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### **Chapter 3: „How human rights impact librarianship“**

Provide everyone, without discrimination or censorship, with:

- **access to information and freedom of expression (Art. 19 ICCPR)**
- **the opportunity to participate in and enjoy cultural life (Art. 15 ICESCR)**
- **the right to education and knowledge (Art. 13 ICESCR)**



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## Projects

### Guidelines for Library Services to People Experiencing Homelessness

The LSN meeting in Zagreb, February 2015 decided to move forward with making guidelines for library services to people experiencing homelessness, and established a working group chaired by Sanja Bunic and Nancy Bolt.

#### Minutes from meetings

- \* Cape Town 2015 ([PDF](#))
- \* Berlin 2016 ([PDF](#)) ([HTML](#))
- \* Columbus 2016 ([PDF](#)) ([HTML](#))

#### Workshop Zagreb 2015

In connection with the LSN meeting in Zagreb a workshop was held in order to share experiences and obtain suggestions to what should be included in the guidelines. Report on the workshop by Sanja Bunic: [Library Services for Homeless People: Sharing Experiences for the Development of Guidelines](#)

#### Presentations

- \* Sanja Bunic: [Guidelines for Library Services to Homeless People: why we need them?](#)



**DRAFT: Guidelines for Library Service to People Experiencing Homelessness**

**Developed by the IFLA Section  
Library Services to People with Special Needs**

**Published by the International Federation of Library Associations  
and Institutions**



<https://www.ifla.org/node/9764>

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**Guidelines for  
Library Service  
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## 4. Human Rights and Homelessness: Recommendations

### 4.3.1 A human-rights based approach demands that libraries

- Respect the human rights of everyone to information and cultural participation
- Take measures to ensure that library staff do not discriminate and that barriers to access to the library's services are lowered or removed
- Regard serving people experiencing homelessness not merely as a question of voluntary social engagement but rather as a duty that libraries, as public institutions, must fulfill
- Promote and support the rights of library users experiencing homelessness by providing them with equal access to information, ICT and other services
- Respect people experiencing homelessness as subjects with rights who are capable of acting on their own behalf, and work together with them to create appropriate services and effective programs for them
- Cooperate with partners outside of the library profession, for example local human rights organizations or National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) that deal with the challenges of homelessness



## 4.4 Human Rights and the UN 2030 Agenda

### 4.5 Recommendations

As key stakeholders enabling access to information, knowledge, education and social participation, libraries should:

- Contribute to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in their countries by supporting and empowering people who live in extreme poverty as well as in vulnerable situations, including people experiencing homelessness
- Advocate for their vital role in the world-wide national implementation of the SDGs
- Claim a role for libraries in national plans and strategies concerning the 2030 Agenda
- Demonstrate that libraries are helping to make the core mission of the UN 2030 Agenda — “Leave No One Behind” — a reality



# IFLA World Library and Information Congress

83rd IFLA General Conference and Assembly

19–25 August 2017, Wrocław, Poland

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## News

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### Complete list of approved conference programmes now available

A complete list of approved conference programmes arranged by IFLA Division is now available. Please download the Programme [PDF file] [...]

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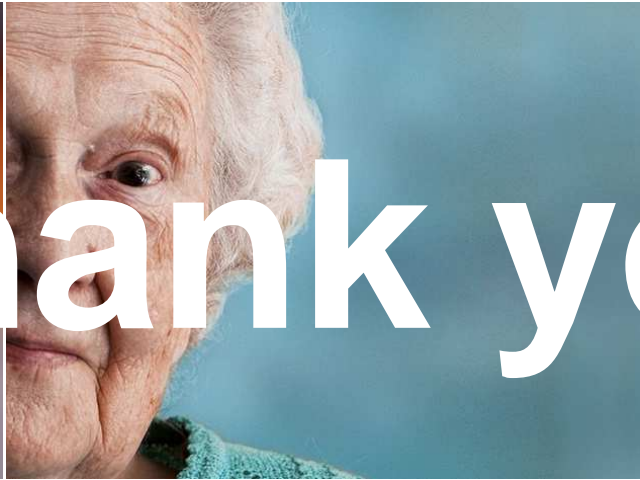
### IFLA World Library and Information Congress Participation Grants Announced

It is our great pleasure to announce that the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2017 has made available funds [...]









Thank you







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