

2021-2023 Unit Action Planning: E4GDH SIG

Unit Information

Evidence for Global and Disaster Health [E4GDH] special interest group

The Evidence for Global and Disaster Health [E4GDH] special interest group contributes to IFLA's mission with a focus on strengthening the evidence-based practice of librarians in global and disaster health through advocacy, skills development, and capacity building, plus partnerships.

The following text is from our internal Action Plan:

Strategic Direction 1 - Strengthen the Global Voice of Libraries

1. Advocacy Campaign

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

Build upon our 2022 WLIC roundtable discussions and 2021 provocation 'Access to Health as a Human Right: A Global Call to Action and Practical Steps':

- (i) Promote the idea of national campaigns on health information as an essential component of human rights, with Library Associations. "We are an international community of librarians from all sectors that can work as a profession together under one theme - the right to health information as human right"
- (ii) Invite experts / issue a call for papers to speak on this theme at WLIC 2023.

2. Global and Disaster Health Toolkit

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

Advocacy

- (a) Bring together our higher-level advocacy work with lessons learned from our WLIC 2022 roundtable session. Pilot the advocacy component of our Global and Disaster Health Toolkit, aligned with the IFLA Advocacy toolkit, for use by librarians in multiple sectors and key stakeholders.
- (ii) From the potential case studies identified, work with the authors to develop and contribute three SDG stories to the IFLA Map of the World - SDG Stories, showcasing how our profession responds to demand for evidence during the pandemic and other times of crisis.
- (iii) Inform our campaign on health information as an essential component of human rights.

Skills Development | Resources

Identify and evaluate Skills and Competencies Guidelines for Librarians working in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management:

- (i) Identify key peer organisations, build understanding of existing training provision.
- (ii) Identify gaps in skills training for librarians in global and disaster health.
- (iii) Publish and disseminate, to include a skills development webinar.
- (iv) Compile and promote our own and peer high-quality resources and publications related to evidence-based practice.

3. Webinar series

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

- (i) Webinar as evidence ambassadors for World Evidence-based Healthcare Day 2022
- (ii) Librarian Reserve Corps best practice guidelines for searching during a public health emergency Date TBD, linked to launch of guidelines
- (iii) Webinar that ties in with our skills development work, bringing the opportunity to present some findings and upskill participants

4. Satellite Meeting, WLIC 2023

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

Our proposed satellite meeting will focus on climate change linked to disaster health and food security, and the role of Open Science. Links to SDGs (especially 2, 3 and 13) and UN frameworks.

Capacities for integrated action should be leveraged across climate-related, disaster-related, and health-related sectors; facilitation of knowledge co-creation and enhancement of interdisciplinary collaboration should be promoted. Our satellite meeting will highlight issues, and key roles librarians can play.

Strategic Direction 4 - Optimise our Organisation

1. Strengthen E4GDH capacity and communications

Please provide a brief description of the activity/output:

Strengthening our committee and advisory group will enable us to both better represent and respond to our sector; our visibility will be improved through stronger communications:

- (i) Nurture and strengthen core Committee; respond to new Co-opting and Mentoring guidelines, appoint new social media and web lead(s).
- (ii) Review Advisory Group, widen global representation and diversity
- (iii) Update our communications plan
- (iv) Update stakeholder map for use in communications and advocacy projects
- (v) Begin preparations for longer term goals within IFLA structure.