

IHSLG Conference Outline

Strategies for Success: Claiming our future.

Although we might prefer otherwise, change and growth in all areas of our lives is unavoidable. When confronted with change, we have little choice but to respond. But although change can provoke thoughts of discomfort, the potential rewards are high, if we have the courage to embrace the opportunities presented.

At last year's IHSLG conference, a number of speakers witnessed to how, as active participants in the change process, they had seized the opportunity to change, grow and evolve their roles as Health Information / Knowledge professionals.

While it is probably true that there needs to be an element of intuition and opportunism in perceiving opportunities, we know from our own experience, that bringing success from change usually only occurs after much hard work and effective planning.

This year's IHSLG conference aims to equip us to do just this, by acquiring the skills to practice Strategic Planning.

Strategic Planning is a set of tools, to enable groups and individuals their needs, to then identify who we need to work with, and finally to formulate a set of actions to enable us to fulfil those needs. These tools can be used either in an individual or a group setting, and are particularly relevant to all of us in the context of the government's health care reforms, and the changes that will affect us all.

The group setting is particularly significant for all of us, as the delegate workshops at last year's conference identified our needs and priorities and this year's committee have been putting in place the necessary strategies, to deliver on them successfully. Perhaps the most significant outcome of all of these is a group wide strategic plan. All attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the formulation and roll-out of the plan.

Your participation in "Strategies for Success" will ensure that you have the skills to survive and thrive from change, from both an individual, work-based and IHSLG perspective.

Day One, November 11th

9.30 am Arrivals and Registration

10.30 am. Welcome
Bernard Barrett, HSLG Chairperson

10.40 am Session 1 (Chair: Beatrice Doran, Librarian, RCSI)
Changing words or changing direction. Why Librarians must understand what is really meant by Knowledge Management.
Angela Abell, TFPL Ltd, UK

11.30 am Coffee

11.45 am Session 2 (Chair: Beatrice Doran, Librarian, RCSI)
Facing the change: how can Strategic Planning help us?
Shane Godbolt, NHS Clinical Governance Support Facility, UK

13.00 pm Lunch and an opportunity to check into rooms

14.00 pm Session 3:
Group Work
(1) Creating the plan : formulating objectives

15.30 pm Coffee Break

15.45 pm Session 4
(2) Creating the plan : agreeing objectives

19.15 pm TBA

20.00 pm Conference Dinner and Social

Day Two, Friday November 12th

10.00 am Session 5 (Chair: TBA)

The HLG manifesto : working and planning together for future roles and scenarios.

Jackie Lord, Chairperson, Health Libraries Group, CILIP

10.45am Coffee and an opportunity for delegates to browse sponsor stands

12 noon Session 6 (Chair, TBA)

Planning for and evaluating core electronic content within the NHS. Issues and potential for the health care information professional

Scott Gibbens, NHS Core Content Group

13.00 pm Lunch

13.30 pm HSLG AGM