



## Strategy 2016-18

### Mission

WHELF's mission is:

- to promote collaboration in library and information services
- to seek cost benefits for shared and consortia services and encourage the exchange of ideas
- to provide a forum for mutual support and help facilitate new initiatives in library, museum and archives information service provision.

WHELF's strategic aims are:

### 1. Collaboration

- **WHELF Shared LMS:** realise the full benefits of the shared LMS post implementation to deliver efficient, innovative, sustainable and value for money services via:
  - shared discovery and resource tools
  - a shared catalogue and cataloguing
  - reciprocal borrowing
  - a benefits realisation framework
- **Shared procurement of electronic resources:** develop WHELF's collaborative framework to purchase library resources as a consortium in support of learning, teaching and research to enable equality of access across WHELF in the most cost efficient manner.

### 2. Collections and Research

- **Pride in our collections and Wales heritage materials:** seek ways in which we can improve access to our unique collections to support the learning, teaching and research environment and for wider community engagement.
- **Supporting research :** examine and enhance the changing role of libraries and librarians in supporting research and the research lifecycle through open access publishing, research data management, data curation and research skills.

### 3. Engagement

- **Enhance the student/user experience:** support all students and users of our libraries in order to develop and inform knowledge, digital skills, employability and lifelong learning.
- **National collaboration for local benefit:** work with other organisations, sectors and domains in support of the development of a cooperative library network in Wales and the UK. Engage with key stakeholders to drive efficiencies in procurement.
- **Advocacy for impact:** advocate for the role and contribution that professional library services make to both the institutional mission and in a wider social context.

- **A skilled workforce:** invest in appropriate local staff training and development opportunities to augment the national provision and build a skilled and responsive library and information workforce to meet the challenges and opportunities brought by transformative changes in our sector and society.