

Response of the Council of the National Library of Wales to the report of the Research Support Libraries Group

This statement was agreed following discussion of the Report at the Council's meeting on 21 February 2003.

The National Library of Wales welcomes the publication of the report of the Research Support Libraries Group, and hopes that it will prompt widespread debate among UK researchers and those responsible for meeting their library and information needs.

The Library supports in principle the report's recommendations, including the establishment of the Research Libraries Network as a body with strategic, executive and advocacy functions in the promotion of improved information provision to researchers, inside and outside higher education, throughout the United Kingdom.

While recognising that its primary duty is to serve the information needs of Wales, the Library is prepared to work with the Group's other sponsors towards the realisation of the Report's aims, including the formation of the Research Libraries Network and the prosecution of the programme of work outlined in paragraph 176 of the Report.

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