Pacific Libraries Summit Statement of Intent

Strengthen the impact of Pacific libraries to better support the needs of Pacific communities through collaborative networking and advocacy.

Context

We are The Pacific

We recognise the complexity of our region and its diverse interests

We recognise the contribution of all countries in the Pacific as equal partners

We recognise the value and contribution of the library field to the achievement of the SDGs

It is our time!

Goals

1. Develop legislative and policy frameworks for each country by
    a. Securinglegislative legal deposit requirements to ensure the documentary heritage of each country
    b. Ensuring the provision of a Library Act to establish the role of government in the provision of libraries
2. Advocate for the role of libraries by
    a. Supporting the United Nations 2030Agenda
    b. Creating informed and engaged citizenry including marginalised and vulnerable communities
3. Improve literacy rates by
    a. Providing early childhood programs and support for children and their families
    b. Providing safe spaces for people developing their literacy skills
    c. Giving access to a wide range of reading materials including in local languages
    d. Providing information and digital literacy training
4. Preserve and promote cultural heritage by
    a. Encouraging the practice and celebration of culture, languages and traditional knowledge systems
    b. Creating and make available resources in indigenous languages
5. Promote and strengthen collaboration by
    a. Establishing a platform to share information, knowledge and learning
    b. Establishing partnerships to support achievement of the SDGs
    c. Partnering with local organisations to meet the needs of communities
6. Build skills, capacity and recognition of the value of librarians by
    a. Investing in the development of library leadership
    b. Improving access to library and information education programs across the Pacific
7. Ensure equitable access to information to all by
    a. Reducing the digital divide
    b. Providing quality digital infrastructure
    c. Giving access to a wide range of digital resources
8. Develop programs and services that support awareness and delivery of SDGS, in particular
    a. Resilient communities
    b. Employment
    c. Gender equity

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