

Maku ano I hanga toku nei whare: Determining our Future. The International Indigenous Librarians Forum 2009

General Outcomes

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2. Gain support for it's further development
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 - a. Rationale behind the formation of IILF
 - b. History of IILF
 - c. Previous programme of work
 - d. Future programme of work
 - e. Current and proposed mediums to engage – Fora, Facebook and website
2. Gain support for it's future development
 - a. National Library of NZ
 - i. Chief Executive and National Librarian
 - ii. John Mohi
 - iii. Chris Szekely
3. Inform broader library community of other international indigenous library, archival and information initiatives
 - a. IFLA Special Interest Group on Indigenous Matters established by IFLA, Chief Executive and National Librarian Penny Carnaby, Former American Library Association President, Dr Loriene Roy and Te Rōpū Whakahau.
 - b. International Indigenous Special Interest Group to the Information Council of Archives being established by the Indigenous Special Interest Group of the Australian Society of Archivists, Archives New Zealand Community Archives and Māori Manager, Terehia Biddle and National Library and Alexander Turnbull Library's Māori Materials' Co-ordinator, David Kukutai Jones.

Summary

The International Indigenous Librarian's Forum was born out of a need to unite indigenous librarians and information workers around the globe along with our common issues and come together as a family of co-workers and share in each other's work, challenges and solutions.

Challenges such as the protection of indigenous interests in indigenous knowledge fail to compare to the bigger issues of challenging non-indigenous organisations who speak on our behalf, and building our own capacity and reposition ourselves as a global community of some authority and credibility.

Our next programme of work ensures we have an inclusive and stronger capacity to engage with each other and with other international communities who deal with our indigenous information and property.