Making the case to participate in the IFLA Information Futures Summit
Learn and Develop

At the heart of the Information Futures Summit (IIFS) is a rich and diverse set of speakers from inside and outside the library field, brought together by the fact that they have innovative, relevant and valuable insights, ideas, and knowledge to share. Through their contributions, and the discussions that will take place in other sessions and beyond, there is a huge opportunity for participants to broaden perspectives, build understanding, and grow professionally. In short, the Summit will be a great learning and development experience.

Participants will:

1. Come away with knowledge and ideas that they can apply in their workplaces
2. Advance in their own strategic reflection and practice
3. Become familiar with tools that can be shared with colleagues and networks, not least the IFLA Trend Report 2024

Their associations, employers and wider networks will:

1. Benefit from new ideas and innovations that support wider work
2. Gain from members/staff with new perspectives, readier to contribute
3. Better be able to draw on key new tools presented at the Summit
Stand up and Speak
We’ve taken care in designing IIFS to leave maximum space for our participants to lead the conversation, bringing their perspectives and questions to the table. With the curated programme of speakers providing a common framework, the Summit will allow for a more shared, collective conversation, exploring and learning from different ways of looking at the issues. And for this, we need you! In short, IIFS is a great opportunity to share your own experiences and seek answers to the questions that you are asking yourself.

Participants will:
- Have rich opportunities to take the floor in our pitching and open fishbowl sessions, as well as our unconference sessions focused on going from trends to practice
- Contribute to the development of the forthcoming IFLA Brisbane Declaration, the output of our time together
- Be able to engage with and alongside world-leading experts

Their associations, employers and wider networks will:
1. Have an opportunity to see their own work profiled, building their international reputation
2. Ensure that their experience and views are reflected in the wider discussions
3. Gain from members/staff who will bring back new confidence in sharing about their own experience
Network and Connect

There’s nothing quite like meeting in person in order to strengthen existing professional and personal friendships, as well as to create new ones. The programming of IIFS, which also includes over 40 Ignite Talks, will offer plenty of opportunities to do just this, with colleagues from across the region and the world coming together for a collective conversation about the future. In short, IIFS promises to be a key international library networking event, allowing you to build your international profile.

Participants will:
- Not only be able to renew old connections but also link up with emerging leaders
- Strengthen, in particular, their links with the Australian library field
- Build on the networks formed at the Summit by attending one or more of our growing programme of associated events

Their associations, employers and wider networks will:
- Benefit from new connections with institutions and individuals elsewhere in the world
- Have new links – in particular – with Australia’s innovative and exciting library sector
- Demonstrate their engagement in international librarianship
Build and create

The goal of IIFS is to mobilise. It’s about bringing our collective brain power together to understand the opportunities and challenges ahead. But it’s also about catalysing action, not just in our own practice, but also as a wider field. In line with our President’s theme – Stronger Together – we want to develop and test ideas about how libraries together can come up with ways to stay ahead of the curve as the future of information and knowledge comes into focus. In short, the Summit is a time to come together to build and create the future of our field.

Participants will:
- Contribute to the Brisbane Declaration as well as other key outputs that will help shape the library field’s planning.
- Advance in their own thinking about the role of libraries in an evolving information environment
- Bring a new energy back home to their workplaces and associations, to continue the work at regional, national and local levels

Their associations, employers and wider networks will:
1. See their experience and inputs fed into key outputs from the Summit
2. Be able to draw on participants’ new insights and outlooks, contributing to strategic planning and foresight
3. Build on participants’ energy in order to drive change and learning across colleagues