

Riding the wave – capitalising on the benefits of developing collaborative policies

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Summary

This poster will describe how a relatively new Medical Liaison Librarian engaged in a collaborative project to support education, learning and curriculum support in University College Dublin. This Library wide project involved the development of an Information Resources Policy, tailored made for each of the University's 35 schools.

The School of Medicine and Medical Sciences were invited and agreed to come on board as partners in the pilot phase of the project. The Project Manager created the process, drafted the

policy, and managed its implementation in two pilot schools. The main thrust of this poster concentrate on how the Liaison Librarian extended the project - how this was achieved through

contributing to the process, facilitating liaison with the School, and ensuring any school lead inputs into policy development were applied. It will also discuss the clear benefits provided through working with others on this project. The way it resulted in developing School partnerships, how it helped in completing core functions of the Liaison role, and how the policy provided a forum for the School and the Library to discuss expectations in the provision of

Information Resources to support the education, learning and curriculum requirements of students, academics, and fourth level researchers.

Finally there will be some discussion of the professional benefits to the Liaison Librarian of being part of a clearly defined project, with a set task that was formulated and rolled out as part of a project.