



# INDIGENOUS MATTERS SECTION



# BRIEF BACKGROUND

Established December 2008 Indigenous Matters special interest group

Evolved out of IFLA Past President Alex Bryne's Presidential Task Force on Indigenous Matters

Original charge: considers the broad range of issues relating to indigenous peoples, indigenous knowledge and libraries and information services.

Loriene Roy (Anishinaabe, USA), Convenor 2008-2013

Te Paea Paringatai (Maori, New Zealand) Current Convenor 2013-

In April 2015, the Professional Committee of the IFLA Governing Board made the decision to support the proposal to establish an Indigenous Matters Section.

There will be a two year transition period during which IFLA requires written confirmation from forty IFLA members (**Associations, Institutions, and Personal Affiliates**) that they are willing to join the section by completing the registration form and emailing this through to IFLA HQ **by 31 August 2015**.

When this occurs and those signing on to be members of the Section have paid for membership in the new Section, a **call for nominations to the Standing Committee** will go out at the appropriate time.

# NEW INDIGENOUS MATTERS SECTION

Are you passionate about cultural heritage, access, equity and quality libraries, and library services?

The new Section will be the central hub for indigenous matters in IFLA and there are exciting projects to undertake in the near future, such as:

- Collaboration and partnership with the International Indigenous Librarians' Forum (IILF), progressing outcomes from IILF;
- Developing an indigenous matters chapter for the Library Services to Multicultural Populations Manifesto
- Cross section collaboration within IFLA – for example Libraries for Children and Young Adults – guideline review
- Working closer with the Education and Training Section and potentially developing an assessment framework for LIS Curriculum Core Element 11: Awareness of Indigenous Knowledge Paradigms; and
- Impact of digitisation – the new colonialism? Exploring the opportunities and challenges for indigenous peoples with open data and access environments.



Be a founding member of the new Section, by registering your interest today!

[Registration form - http://www.trw.org.nz/forming-the-new-ifla-indigenous-matters-section/](http://www.trw.org.nz/forming-the-new-ifla-indigenous-matters-section/)

Here's what you will need:

