



Inspire's purpose is to create a seamless pathway to support learning and access to information for all, across libraries from many different sectors. Initially Inspire is focusing on academic, national and public libraries but welcomes interest and involvement of libraries in other sectors.

Inspire is leading collaboration amongst libraries throughout England to support lifelong learning, widening participation and social inclusion. It focuses on encouraging and facilitating managed access for learners and aspiring learners to the wealth of resources found in libraries across the country. Inspire will also provide the infrastructure to enable the achievement of key aspects of the DCMS public library strategy *Framework for the Future*. Another prime focus is to encourage participation in post-compulsory education by those currently under-represented, in keeping with government's widening participation and social inclusion priorities and the DfES National Skills Strategy.

This is a national project which is being delivered regionally. Following pilot projects in the North West and in the East Midlands, Inspire is now being rolled out across all the English regions.

The Inspire initiative is led by SCONUL (the Society of College, National and University Libraries), and the Society of Chief Librarians (public librarians in England, Wales and Northern Ireland) in partnership with The British Library, CILIP and MLA Council, both nationally and regionally.

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