

Energise >> Enthuse >> Inspire wants YOU!

In 2003, Energise >Enthuse >Inspire was begun as a voice for the next generation of library professionals. Over the past few years, this column has become a place for new librarians to raise and discuss issues of professional importance to them. We've heard from a diverse range of people on a diverse range of topics... but we know there are a whole lot more people out there who have something to share with their NewGrad (and not-so-NewGrad!) colleagues. Why not consider writing something for E>E>I? Contribute a short article and reap some unexpected rewards.

- E>E>I is a great forum for first time authors. Articles don't need to be research based or peer reviewed, so this is a great space for you to try out your professional voice.

- Earn points in the ALIA Continuing Professional Development scheme (one point for each hour you spend preparing your article, up ten points per year).

- Professional writing skills are highly valued by employers, and writing for E>E>I is a great way to begin to build the publications section of your CV – see your name in print and impress prospective employers!

- Extend your professional network: writing for E>E>I can trigger discussions on various topics and help you to get in touch with other professionals with the same interests.

- Librarianship is about knowledge-sharing, and writing for E>E>I will allow you to share your knowledge, ideas and experiences with your colleagues – contribute to your dynamic profession!

We know there are literally hundreds of NewGrads who are engaged, inspired and ready to contribute. But sometimes it can be difficult to know where to begin, so we've come up with a few possible topics for articles, which you should feel free to use as a launching pad for your own ideas:

- Making the transition from library technician to librarian

- Next steps for study: research degrees for library professionals

- Tips for combining work and study

- Experience required: how to use your non-library experience to fast-track your library career

- From NewGrad to manager: management tips for new professionals

- Find your niche: specialisation and the new library professional

- The new librarian's guide to research awards: finding, getting and using research awards to further your professional research

- Job seeking for Next Gens

Alternatively, you might like to write an article

on your specialised area of professional practice, be it academic, special or public sector librarianship. Share your tips and advice on how to break into the field.

We're always keen to hear from enthusiastic NewGrads with big ideas! So if any of these topics appeal to you, or if you've got something even better in mind, get in touch. Keen to get writing but not sure where to begin? Just ask! We're happy to act as a sounding board for your ideas, to suggest topics or to help you negotiate the ins and outs of writing for publication. We're looking forward to hearing your ideas!



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