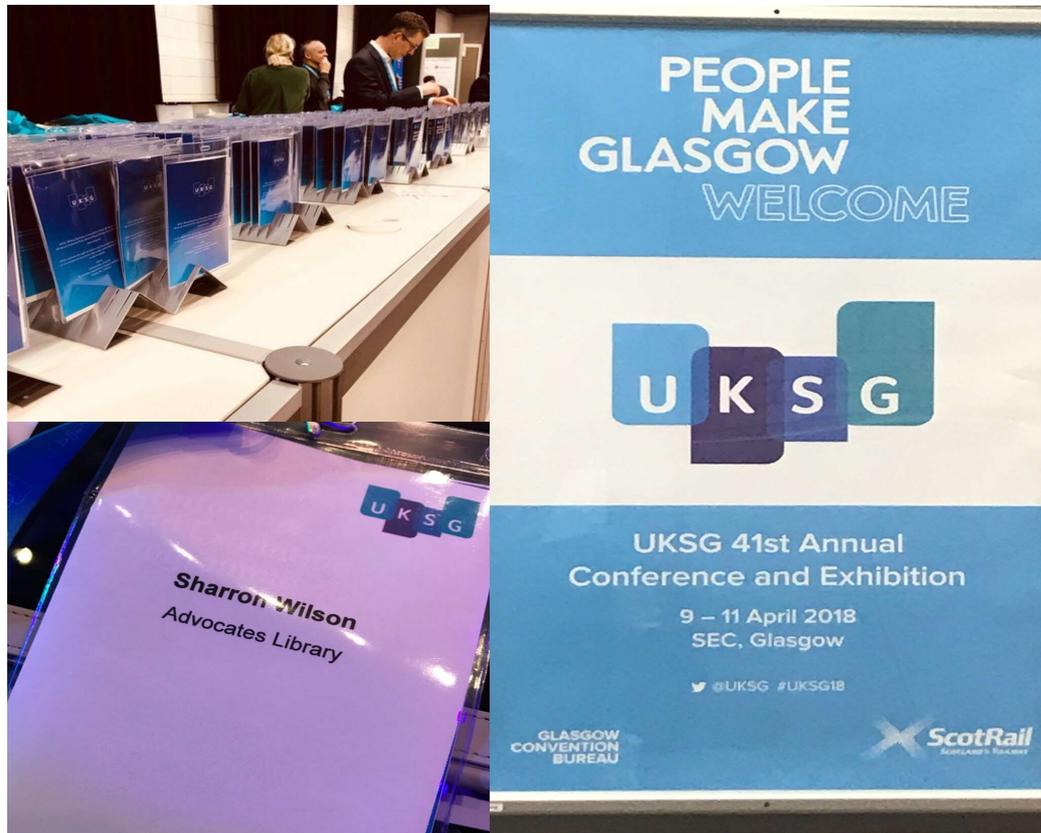


## UKSG Conference and Exhibition April 2018

Connecting the Knowledge Community

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Thanks to CILIPS awarding me a bursary through the Professional Development Fund, I attended the UKSG in Glasgow. This was a large, well-organised conference attended by approx. 800 people from across the globe.

There was lots of opportunity to listen to experts speak on a broad range of subjects mostly dedicated to electronic products and services (not print serials).

My main objectives in attending this conference were:

- to update my knowledge of serials services in academic and corporate libraries.
- to learn more about current open access book/journal publications and alternatives to pay wall services.

By updating my knowledge in these areas I will be more confident to apply for serials librarian positions out with the legal sector.

The UKSG demonstrated to me that “Open Access Services” and “Digital Repositories” are now well established within the academic sector. The capabilities and functionalities of these services are embedded into the research environment and they continue to develop and evolve. This is very different to the corporate and legal sectors.

The plenary sessions I attended covered these types of services but were certainly aimed at a more experienced audience than me. I listened with interest and left the conference with a long list of questions on topics that I need to develop my knowledge in further.

I did learn more about open access publications and through listening to various differing speakers I identified that Peter Suber is considered an expert in this field.

[https://cyber.harvard.edu/~psuber/wiki/Peter Suber](https://cyber.harvard.edu/~psuber/wiki/Peter_Suber)

I am now reading his book “Open Access” published by MIT Press in 2012. This is helping me build a good understanding of the basic terminology that was used throughout the conference.

The best plenary session was “Guns, Lies and Sex tapes: how the primacy of emotions over reason gave us fake news (and Trump!) by Adam Blackwell of Proquest.

I found the breakout sessions more engaging and informative. The three main breakout sessions I learned most from were:

**Advocating for Corporate Libraries: By Nick Poole (CILIP).**

An excellent overview of research undertaken by CILIP on library services in the corporate sector. It was promising to hear that this research was being undertaken and area I asked to become more involved in by completing a CILIP survey.

**What is all the fuss about? Is wrong metadata really bad for libraries and their end users? By Magaly Bascones (JISC) and Amy Staniforth (Aberystwyth University).**

I have been developing my understanding of what metadata is. This session outlined the impact of poor metadata on library services and information provision. The speakers explained a complex situation in clear terminology outlining how poor metadata produced by publishers is resulting in electronic publications being difficult to find and unable to clearly identify. As a result library users may be having their academic research limited.

**Building long-term relationships with publishers by Nikki Rowe, Business Development Manager, Chest Agreements.**

A highly practical and informative session comparing building a long-term relationship with your publishers to dating, marriage and divorce.

Reflecting on this conference I believe that I have fulfilled my first object in that I am now much more aware of serials services in the academic sector. For my second objective I have identified and commenced reading what I consider key books and articles to build good understanding on open access services within the UK. This is the start of another new learning journey for me.

I thank CILIP Scotland for this opportunity to attend and feel it was a valuable experience. I do feel that there is a gap in information available for new professionals covering print subscription management and the roles of serials librarians and subscription agents. Perhaps I could suggest a panelled break out session at a future CILIP Scotland conference?

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