

New Voices Blog - Case Study Prompts for '2020-2021 Student Year in Review'

To highlight the momentous situation of students this academic year, we are gathering case studies outlining their journey learning through a pandemic. The aim is to share experience and advice for getting started in the profession and to demonstrate that there are many ways to enter this profession. We also want to amplify the perspectives of students and new professionals and showcase the contributions they make. We will be sharing these on the New Voices blog.

If you would like to contribute, please send your blog to snpc@cilips.org.uk along with a picture of yourself and any pronouns or social media handles you would like used. Below are some suggested questions you could answer to help you structure your blog. There is no need to answer all the questions and if you have additional points to include then please do so:

What university are you currently at and what are you studying?

What drew you to the information/library profession?

Why did you decide to undertake this qualification?

What challenges and/or opportunities have you faced through the experience of online learning?

What key skills, knowledge and experience have you gained from doing the course?

What skills have you developed this particular year that are uniquely advantageous?

Did you suffer from gaps in your knowledge and/or experience due to the pandemic? What strategies, if any, could combat this?

Have you worked in any information or library roles? If so, tell us more about what you did/do?

What are your goals for after you leave university? And for your career more long-term?

What advice would you give to somebody thinking of pursuing a qualification like yours?

Do you have any specific advice for someone undertaking online learning or studying during a time of crisis?

What, if anything, do you think we as a profession should take forward into the 'new normal'?

Did you attend any useful online events or webinars over the past year?

Are you part of any groups related to the profession (e.g. CILIPS Branch or Special Interest Group)? If so, what do you get out of this and would you recommend this to others?

Anything else you'd like to share?