

Tom Roper

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An experienced senior information professional with strong retrieval, e-resource and staff management skills, innovative and forward-thinking.

Career history

South Thames College: Head of Learning Resources, March 2008-July 2010; managing delivery of learning resources to support learning and teaching to a London further education college, managing a team of thirty and a budget of £660,000.

- planned and managed the reconfiguration of services, moving and merging two of our three centres into a modern learning resource centre in a new building on the college's Wandsworth campus
- developed and implemented a new staff structure for the whole service
- introduced many new online services, raised the Learning Resource Centres' online profile and managed procurement of a new library management system
- participated in the merger of South Thames College with Merton College, and planned for the harmonisation of library and information services from the two merger partners

Sussex Language Institute: Resources Co-Ordinator, January 2007-February 2008; managing a university language learning centre.

- managed acquisitions and cataloguing for stock
- established a language learning blog
- managed an enquiry service for language learners and teachers
- managed non-professional staff and interns

National Library for Health: Consultant, July to October 2006; developing a RSS directory for the National Library for Health.

Brighton & Sussex Medical School: Information Resources Development Coordinator, 2002 to 2006; planning, developing and managing information and library services to a new medical school

- set up electronic and print library services for students, lecturers and researchers from scratch.
- delivered information skills training as part of the undergraduate curriculum
- developed a current awareness service for medical educators using RSS feeds, the first in the country

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons: Head of RCVS Library and Information Service, 1997 to 2002; strategic management of library and information services to the veterinary and allied professions

- implemented online services for remote users
- developed the College's website from a single place holder to a rich resource for the profession and the public
- successfully managed migration to new library management system and managed retrospective cataloguing of the College's historical collection
- put forward bid and managed the ASVIN (Assessing and Supporting Veterinary Information Needs) project, a collaborative collection management project involving partners in universities, the private sector and a charity

Details of earlier career available on request

Education

Polytechnic of North London 1983: Postgraduate Diploma in Librarianship

University of Kent at Canterbury 1974-78: Bachelor of Arts with Honours: History and Economic and Social History (Class Two, Division Two)

The Perse School, Cambridge 1966-73: A levels in English, History and French, S level in History 1973, O levels in eleven subjects 1971

Professional qualifications

Member of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (MCLIP)

Current continuing professional development and professional activity

Member, National Committee, CoFHE, 2010-

Chair, CoFHE London and South East Circle, 2008-

Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Librarianship and Information Science, 2008-

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Publications and conference presentations

Publications:

METRO taxonomy - progress report on assessment.

Medical Teacher 2005 Mar;27(2):155-7

Future of the RCVS library

Veterinary Record 2002 Apr 13;150(15):491

Evidence-based medicine

Veterinary Record 1998 Dec 5; 143(23):644

Book and electronic resource reviews in Managing Information and Information World Review

Presentations at many national and international conferences, including UKSG. Irish Health Sciences Libraries Group, Health Libraries Group, University Medical School Librarians Group, European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries, Laboratory Animal Science Association Annual Conference, International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists, British Small Animal Veterinary Association Congress

Recreations

Studying classical Greek and running

References

References may be obtained from:

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