Strategic Direction: Digital Skills & Services

Working Groups:

- Digital Scholarship and Digital Cultural Heritage Collections
- Leadership Programmes
- Digital Skills for Library Staff & Researchers

Strategic Priorities:

- Digital Cultural Heritage and Digital Humanities; Diversifying Digital Skills of Library Staff Members and Researchers
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- Changing the Service Development Philosophy; Diversifying Digital Skills of Library Staff Members and Researchers

Main outcomes:

- Publishing the 'Europe's Digital Humanities Landscape' report, organising workshops and curating reading lists
- Organising events and activities like the LIBER Journées for Library Directors, three cohorts of the Emerging Leaders Programme, and multiple webinars
- Creating the much-used 'Open Science Skills' visualisation, and delivering webinars, case studies, a survey analysis and a Zotero Library

Unfulfilled goals:

- Developing online townhall meetings; keeping all Working Group subgroups active; producing white papers
- Setting up an internship marketplace and running the LIBER Job Description Repository
- Publishing a starter guide on open science skills

Lessons learned:

- It is important to focus on a small number of deliverables, and to work as one larger group to ensure having enough volunteers to contribute to those deliverables
- A Working Group running a core LIBER programme could use further support; attention should be paid to keeping the programme accessible for participants from currently underrepresented countries
- Having a short-term Working Group with one clear goal and a set number of corresponding deliverables works very well; the importance of members’ personal engagement in one or two action tracks

Expected future developments:

- Focus on skills acquisition and development, and training resources; more collaborations within and outside LIBER
- Reshaping and potentially expanding the current leadership programmes
- Further use and translations of the 'Open Science Skills' visualisation and other materials