

WHAT IS NAG?

“ For everyone interested in the acquisition, management and development of library resources ”





MISSION STATEMENT

NAG will provide access to learning, information, ideas and imagination for everyone in both the public, academic and commercial sectors of the library book trade. We will provide a high quality service relevant to our members, which is open and accessible to all.

NAG is a place where we look at the hot topics of the moment in the world of libraries and acquisitions and cast a glance to the future, looking at where the profession may be going in the next few years.

NAG looks to create opportunities to share your experiences and knowledge through unique networking events not only with colleagues in both public, academic and specialist libraries but also with library suppliers and publishers. NAG offers appropriate advice and guidance to support individuals and facilitate personal professional development.

NAG is a voice for everyone associated with libraries providing leadership and a source of shared expertise for its membership.

NAG offers a range of services and information which are determined by and directed by our members.

Background

The National Acquisitions Group (NAG) has been in operation since 1985. NAG is a professional organisation for people responsible for or interested in the acquisition, management and development of library resources. It is run by its members for its members.

The organisation was originally established as a forum for interested parties to network and share best practice and is now working to become a sustainable business.



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- NAG produces impartial, good practice guidelines and quality standards relating to its core purpose.
- NAG offers opportunities for a wide range of education and training opportunities developed in response to customer demand:
- NAG offers opportunity for knowledge sharing and networking through its conferences and regional seminars.
- NAG provides leadership and a source of shared expertise for its membership.

NAG key aims are:

- To become a viable and sustainable independent business
- To increase membership – individuals as well as organisations
- To add value for its members by being more innovative
- Improving the NAG website – making it more attractive and valuable to the members.
- To build upon the reputation for organising high quality events and activities
- To develop the range of services offered to members e.g. UnMentoring (an impartial, independent advice and support service for Library staff)

NAG PRODUCTS AND SERVICES – WHAT WE DO

Product Background

NAG produces impartial good practice guidelines and quality standards relating to its core purpose. These standards have, for example, recently been used as part of tendering processes within local authorities to reduce costs. It offers opportunities for a wide range of education and training opportunities developed in response to customer demand; knowledge sharing and networking through its regional seminars and forum events.

NAG's business model is to sell membership of the organisation which entitles members to:

- discounts at Seminars (the number of which is increasing - the new model offers more frequent events within different regions across the country)
- access the NAG Standards and best practice guides in both public and academic libraries
- two free (print) copies of the journal Taking Stock - these are very interesting and useful journals for all members
- online access to back issues of Taking Stock using the wealth of information contained therein
- UnMentoring: a scheme where members can get in touch via the website to ask questions and to use NAG members and the executive committee to help solve problems and share expertise
- Access to new services as they are developed, for example, the new Friends of NAG - a scheme to allow members to get more involved with the running of NAG and the work it does without the formal commitment of joining the executive committee.

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