

- Specialist librarians are uniquely placed to use the latest tech tools to unlock new opportunities for engaging with material, in an ethical and legally compliant way;
- For the same reason, it is important to position library and information services within your organisation in a way that interacts with other departments as well as digital and strategic plans, and includes public engagement, particularly in light of the urgent environmental issues impacting Wales.
- Professional librarians are best-placed to act as the ‘bridge’ between the potential of your collections and the mission of your institution. The role of our profession is to ensure that change is successful and delivers maximum impact for your institution and community.

We recognise that this will be a challenging and volatile time for Natural Resources Wales as an organisation, but we strongly urge you to reconsider your proposal to close the library and information service, to limit the negative impact on professional staffing to the greatest extent possible, and to maintain access to the collections, resources, and expertise while you work through any restructure.

We remain at your disposal if it would be useful to meet to discuss these concerns. We hope that you will maintain access to the Natural Resources Wales Library and Information Services so that it continues to play a vital role in future decisions about Welsh environmental policies.

Kind regards,



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