

An Evidence-Based Approach to Network Development: The Yorkshire and Humber Health Library and Knowledge Network (YOHHLNet) Model

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Our Design Process

The Brief & Aim

To develop a strong active self-supporting network for library and knowledge services staff working within the Yorkshire and Humber region based on the needs of potential members and utilising best practice, expertise, and proven method.



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The Research Methods

- Survey of potential members
- Best Practice from elsewhere
- Focus Groups with skilled facilitator
- Proposals with feedback



The Results

Achievements since March 2016 include:

- Active YOHHLNet committee
- Wide range of CPD events and study days
- Bursary support for members
- Healthy budget from membership & support



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Conclusion

YOHHLNet has been developed based on the requirements of its members and stakeholders. The model used in the development of YOHHLNet is transferrable to others looking to establish networks within the field of library, information and knowledge work and beyond.





Ongoing Evaluation

Analysis of a 2019 survey showed members value the following benefits:

- CPD opportunities
- Networking/Best Practice
- Funding and bursaries

"Lots of training and networking opportunities which keep me motivated when returning to work."