

# IGeLU Steering Committee

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# Where am I

- [University of Edinburgh](#) is in the heart of [Scotland](#). Which is the bonniest country in the world. Said without bias of course.
- We have ~50,000 patrons studying wide ranging subjects.
- We have a strong research focus and important special collections
- We entertain [Visitors](#) from a wide range of places.
- The [Library](#) runs on 9 sites across the city – we still issue physical items! (~1 million a year)
- Scotland is mostly [pro-Europe](#) – we try not to mention Brexit...
- Not all of us are like [this](#) or [this](#)
- But some of us are [Wizards](#)

# What do we do with ExLibris products

- We run Alma, [Primo](#) and [Leganto](#)
- We have premium Sandbox
- We run Bibliotheca self issue, self return and sorter returns machines
- We have various integrations built via api
- We were Early Adopter testers for Primo-VE – not live yet
- We support an external institution within our Alma instance – using wizardry

# What do we add to ExLibris products

- API use for various projects
  - Library Mapping app
  - Interface for Walk-In users so they only search for electronic resources to which they have access (in development)
  - Bulk changes to data e.g. Course data
  - Efinancials integration
  - Portal integration
- Analytics dashboards for each module
- Product working group members – for [Leganto](#), CZ, [Analytics](#), [Leganto Analytics](#)

# Who am I

- Worked as a Systems Librarian through Voyager and Alma migrations. We went live with Alma in 2015.
- Member of the Committee for the UK and Ireland User group [EPUG-UKI](#) (secretary)
- Member of working groups for [Analytics](#) and [Leganto Analytics](#)
- Attended ELUNA three times and IGeLU once. Edinburgh hosted the European UserGroup when we were an Endeavor Customer. We've had a long relationship with ExLibris teams across the planet.
- Given various presentations at ELUNA, IGeLU and EPUG-UKI –mostly covering training for Analytics.
- Helped organise events for e.g. Analytics Days; EPUG conferences

# Why would I like to be part of the IGeLU Steering Committee

- I see IGeLU and all regional user groups as vitally important. They increase our better understanding of ExLibris products and procedures; keep good relationships between vendor and customers; make friends
- A way to learn new and better ways of doing things and meet people who are working on things which will make your life better!
- As a member of the UK-I EPUG committee it would give us stronger links between user groups.
- I've learned so much from colleagues across the globe – I'd like to be involved in helping to promote these relationships.
- I'm interested in exploring web based events and how we might take advantage of momentum for topics raised on the listservs.
- I'm interested in pursuing that gap between documentation and expert knowledge. Undocumented wizardry.