

# IGELU Steering Committee Nominations 2025

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## Professional Background

I have spent 8 years of my life as a professional musician, but the rest of my career has been focused on systems development and implementation – applying systems design and thinking to operational challenges working closely with developers and suppliers to achieve this.

After a Computer Science based degree at Leeds University and an inspirational internship in Silicon Valley my systems career started with early website development, database administration and SEO work but quickly progressed into managing development teams, both in the UK and offshore in India and South Africa.

An obvious aptitude for building strong and productive relationships with senior stakeholders and suppliers resulted in lead roles in programmes and senior operational management positions where innovation and change were the focus. All of this prepared me for tackling challenging and complex environments such as Oxford, where I have been working for the past 9 years as Head of Library Systems.

After leading on a lengthy project migrating to the Primo New UI, and bringing digitisation services and an integrated space booking tool to Oxford during the pandemic, I took on a Programme Lead role to implement Alma, Alma Digital, PrimoVE and Leganto at Oxford. This role benefited from all of my systems and change experience to date and now that the systems have ‘bedded in’ has finally put me in a position where I can consider the next challenges in my career.

During my time at Oxford I have become more and more involved in the UK and International library community, benefiting from the experience of colleagues across the globe and increasing feeling that I would like to dedicate time to become more involved and to give something back. Armed with my systems background and experience at Oxford the time now feels right to do that and a position on the IGELU Steering Committee would be the perfect vehicle.

## Skills

- Systems Development and Implementation
- Project and Programme Management and Leadership
- Relationship building – internal and supplier
- Change Management and Communications
- Guitar, Singing and Piano!

## Community Involvement

- 9 Years of IGELU involvement
- Team members as part of Product Working Groups
- IGELU presentations – personally and supporting team members
- EPUG involvement through presentations and team member as treasurer
- Member of UK Legal Deposit Libraries Steering Group
- Regular community engagement and support through knowledge sharing sessions and implementation advice
- Now sponsored by Bodleian Libraries Exec to become more actively involved in the international community