



FOCUS GROUP UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2008

In light of the new structure that has been decided by the Board, the Focus Group structure will no longer be in effect. The emphasis will change from these specialised group areas to the 3 major objective areas of the new strategic plan. Some of the groups will automatically fit into an objective area while others might find that their previous focus areas are now split over 2 objectives. Some groups will find that they have been “put on ice” for the time being as their focus is not currently relevant.



Many of the old Focus Groups will find that they easily fit into the new structure and we encourage them to be active participants in their interest areas as they have in the past.

All the GAELIC focus groups of the past will be incorporated into the new 3 objective structure of GAELIC. Chairs will be encouraged to join the Team that best suits their expertise and interest area and they will be encouraged to continue to give their very valuable input into the functioning of this consortium. The skills, expertise, documentation and agreements of each group will be absorbed into the new structure.

In addition, the members of the focus groups, especially those that were fairly active will also be encouraged to continue giving their input and knowledge via the new structure. Not all groups will automatically fall into a category and some might find that their previous focus is in fact split between 2 of the 3 objectives.

Objective 1

All issues around the Innovative/ Millennium system, including training will fall into the Objective 1 area.

Objective 2

Included under this strategy will be the User Education /Information Literacy and the Virtual Learning Environment group and some aspects of Document Supply and Library Support Services also being included here.

Objective 3

The Collection Development & Management group, certain parts of the Document Supply and Library Support Services could also fit in here and the Metadata Focus Group

Two groups that are currently “on ice” are the RFID group and Shared Collection Storage Focus Group.

The Cataloguing Focus Group has been disbanded