



**Scottish Working Forum on Official Publications**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

WELCOME to our first [SWOP](#) newsletter.

There is so much happening in SWOP at the moment that I thought this would be a good way of letting everyone know what we are up to AND how to get involved.

[Let me know if you agree?](#)

Fiona Laing

SWOP Chair

Making connections



### **Meetings for 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> March – University of Dundee – Talk and tour of University Library – other speakers tbc

June – Edinburgh – Supreme Court Library – Talk and tour of the Library – other speakers tbc

November – AGM venue and speakers tbc

## Visits arranged for 2017

4th May—National Records of Scotland, Edinburgh - 3pm

12th May GIG visit (all welcome)— Royal Botanic Garden Library, Edinburgh - 3pm

16th October GIG visit (all welcome) - National Library of Scotland Map Library, Edinburgh - 3pm.

Bookings for the meetings and events will appear on Eventbrite in due course.

Spring (date tbc) Clare Polley TSO— ‘Crown Copyright explained’.

Suggestions for talks and visits for this year, especially outwith Edinburgh, are always welcome.

If you would like to host a visit or promote your collections in this way please contact [Fiona Laing](#)

### SWOP NEEDS YOU!

**We require a new secretary to take minutes at our meetings and support the work of the Chair.**

**This is a good development opportunity so please consider undertaking this role.**

### 2017 Projects

Fiona McParland (APS Group (Scotland)) is undertaking research with a view to encouraging student membership of SWOP. We look forward to Fiona reporting back on her research later this year.

Scott McGregor (Univ. of Dundee) is establishing a community of practice for academic librarians working with official publications within SWOP. Please contact [Scott](#) directly if you would like to join.

Fiona Laing (NLS) is pursuing the sharing of Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament records and their digital content received by the National Library with other Scottish libraries thus giving them access to a catalogue record with link to the content held in the National Library's Digital Repository.

Contact [Fiona](#) if you would like more information

## SWOP Business Committee 2017

Fiona Laing—National Library of Scotland - Chair

Karen O'Brien—Edinburgh City Libraries—Treasurer

Fiona McParland—APS Group (Scotland)

Jill Tivey—SASA

Morag Higgison—Scottish Government

Scott McGregor—University of Dundee

Kirsteen Valenti—University of Glasgow.

Sharron Wilson—Advocates Library

Business Committee hard at work with the help of Morag's home baking!

## THANK YOU HELEN FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

We bid a sad farewell to Helen Costello, Scottish Parliament, who has been the SWOP Secretary for quite a few years. Helen has stepped down as she has transferred to a new post within the Parliament. We wish her well and thank her for all the great work she has done for SWOP especially in assisting the Chair in the organising of SWOP meetings, taking minutes and also for producing the first module in our new e-learning resource.

Former Business Committee Secretary and member of SWOP - Paulette Hill retired from Historic Environment Scotland in 2016.

*Could you offer accommodation for a SWOP meeting or host a visit?*

*It is great way to promote your collections and the work you do.*



Chair's report—Looking back at 2016

Minutes from 2016 meetings are available on the

[Knowledge Hub](#)

### Speakers at March meeting

**Jan Usher, Curator at the National Library of Scotland**

[An overview of the Digitisation of the House of Lords papers, the NLS partnership with Proquest and the House of Lords Library](#)

**Rachel Dowle, Head of Content Team, at the Scottish Government**

*An up-date on the development of mygov.scot*

### Speakers at June meeting

[Wendy Kenyon will speak about the work of the Scottish Parliament's Committees providing highlights from her recent workshops held in Holyrood; Your Scottish Parliament – Your Voice.](#)

[Edna Stirrat will speak about planned changes to information delivery at the Scottish](#)

Our **2016 AGM** took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> November in the McKenzie Building of the Advocates Library. The AGM Minutes are available on the Knowledge Hub. Thank you to Kerry McGarry from the Supreme Courts Library for taking the minutes.

The AGM well attended and it was great to see some new faces there.

We had three excellent speakers to kick the afternoon off.

Thank you to Jennie Findlay of the Supreme Courts Library for these

[notes from the speakers talks](#)

The [AGM on storyfy](#)



Jono Ellis,

[Developments at MyGovt.scot and Doteveryone](#)



Jan Usher, NLS

[“In the interests of the nation: First World War propaganda”](#)



Graeme Hawley, NLS

[The Joy of Spines](#)

## DON'T FORGET!

### SWOP BLOG

A great way of keeping in touch with all things official in Scotland and beyond.

Send content to [Fiona Laing](#) or apply for a password to publish

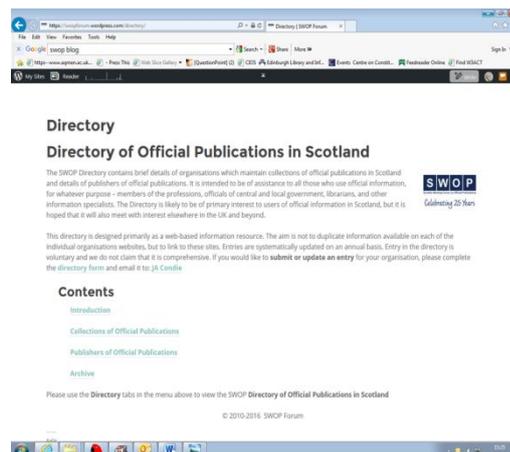


### SWOP DIRECTORY

Useful online directory of contacts and unique OP collections in Scotland.

Directory updating— [Jane Condie](#) (Advocates Library)

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[Standing Committee on Official Publications \(SCOOP\)](#) meets twice a year in London. This is a CILIP Group and is part of the Information Services Group, which is one of CILIP's special interest groups. A SWOP representative attends these meetings where possible.

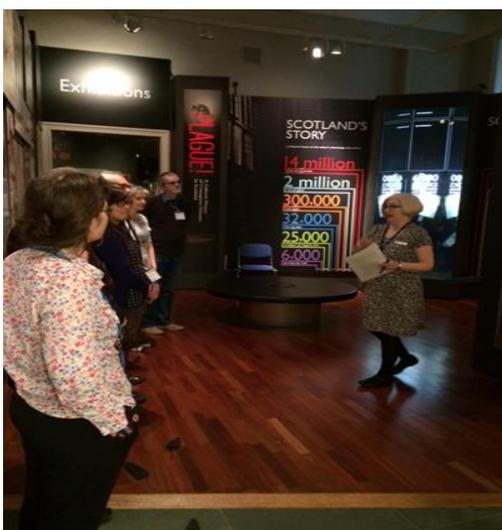


## [CILIP Government Information Group](#)

GIG!

Fiona Laing is now on the GIG Business Committee with joint responsibility for their social media. She also aims to raise awareness of the group in Scotland. Fiona intends to offer joint SWOP/GIG visits in 2017

GIG visit to National Library of Scotland May 2016 for 'Meet the Official Publications Curator' event and behind the scenes tour



The National Library of Scotland won the annual [GIG award](#) for 2016 for their digitisation work on their House of Lords papers. The project was undertaken in partnership with the House of Lords and Proquest.

The UK Parliamentary Papers database can currently be viewed via the National Library's [e-resources webpage](#) if you have a reader's card and are resident in Scotland or your organisation can

subscribe independently via Proquest.

[GKIM Matters](#) is the electronic journal jointly published by the Government Information Group and the [Network of Government Library and Information Specialists](#) (NGLIS).

There is a report on the visit to the Supreme Court Library, Edinburgh in the current issue.

SWOP /GIG visit to the Supreme Court Library – hosted by Jennie Findlay. 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

There is a report of this visit in [GKIM Matters](#)



Elaine Simpson from the National Library preparing the skips of House of Lords material for digitisation