The EPL Impact Model

The English Public Libraries Stakeholder Working Group (EPL) is convened by Arts Council England and comprises senior stakeholders from across the library sector.

EPL's primary focus is to agree collaborative work streams that benefit the library sector in England and contribute to the three outcomes in this EPL impact model.

The impact model provides the direction for EPL's Theory of Change and workplan.

EPL's Theory of Change has been used to define the priorities and activities of the group 2023-2024.

A Connected Country

- Democratic & intellectual freedoms
- Shared values and ethics
- Skilled workforce
- Research & innovation
- Ideas & creativity
- Universal access to connectivity & network
- Leading edge practice in public knowledge access

Stronger Communities

- Place making
- Participation in communities
- Local economies
- Democratic participation & citizenship
- Support for systemic change
- Universal service

Richer Lives

- Cultural participation
- Digital inclusion
- Lifelong learning
- Health
- Literacy
- Reading for pleasure
- Access to quality & accurate information
- Make connections with others

EPL Priorities

EPL's workplan is based on the principle, from the group's Terms of Reference, that EPL members will work cohesively and constructively to best assist the public library sector. All actions within the plan work towards achieving the outcomes laid out in the group's Impact model.

Whilst all work is deemed critical and necessary, the current priority areas for EPL are:

- Data and evidence
- Digital innovation and the digital divide
- Workforce development

Priorities will be reviewed by the group on a regular basis.