

SusNL-Net: Sustainable National Libraries Network

Actions required:

- The EC is asked to discuss the proposal and to agree on whether CENL should be involved in the project and how.

Amina Shah, the Director of the National Library of Scotland informed the CENL Chair via email that her library had been approached by [Professor Gobinda Chowdhury](#), Professor of Information Science at the University of Strathclyde, about the possibility of collaborating on an Arts and Humanities Research Council grant: <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/ahrc-responsive-mode-curiosity-award/>. The deadline for applications for this grant is 19 October 2023.

Professor Chowdhury is proposing a project to look at the sustainability of legal deposit in national libraries within the UK and Europe. There is an early working draft available here https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bIKc5kUXqWDkxP_wk94X0Mmo87XeLmO/edit

At the National Library of Scotland, they are keen to engage on this, and they are approaching colleagues in the UK and Irish Legal Deposit network to establish their interest. Amina Shah herself is the Chair of the Legal Deposit Implementation Group for the UK and Ireland, and for them, this is timely as we have been reviewing our processes around print and digital legal deposit activity and storage with a view to understanding how to reduce their carbon footprint.

As CENL's discussions in Paris focused on SDGs and sustainability, with so many fascinating discussions and insights from colleagues across Europe, Amina wrote, she was wondering what the Chair's thoughts might be on the possibility of including CENL as a partner in this research. She raised the question of whether this would be beneficial to other CENL members and how this could be raised for discussion amongst members to gauge interest.