



Scottish Library &
Information Council

STRATEGY

2021- 2024

ABOUT US

The Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC), established in 1991, is the independent advisory body to the Scottish Government on library and information related matters.

Our greatest strength is our membership. Members are drawn from the public sector, school libraries, higher education institutions, further education colleges, health libraries and special interest libraries. Each of our member institutions bring expertise, knowledge and innovation to the library sector. By working together, that learning is shared through SLIC.

SLIC is a registered charity and registered company guided by a Board of Trustees with strong sector and industry representation as well as independent members. SLIC is core funded by the Scottish Government and achieves additional funding to support its purpose through its membership and projects.

VISION

Enriching Lives through Libraries

MISSION

‘To ensure Scotland’s libraries reach their full potential through collaboration, innovation and national conversation’

STRATEGIC AIMS



1. Advocacy
2. Standards
3. Innovation
4. Partnerships
5. Funding
6. Evidence based research

KEY PRIORITIES

In targeting these strategic objectives, SLIC will celebrate success and shine a light on best practice in Scottish libraries through:



Continuing to develop a compelling vision for the library sector in Scotland



Setting standards and best practice to enable strong working practices through amplifying what works well



Developing strategic partnerships to enable the full potential of libraries through working collaboratively



Ensuring that funding opportunities for libraries are maximised and shared

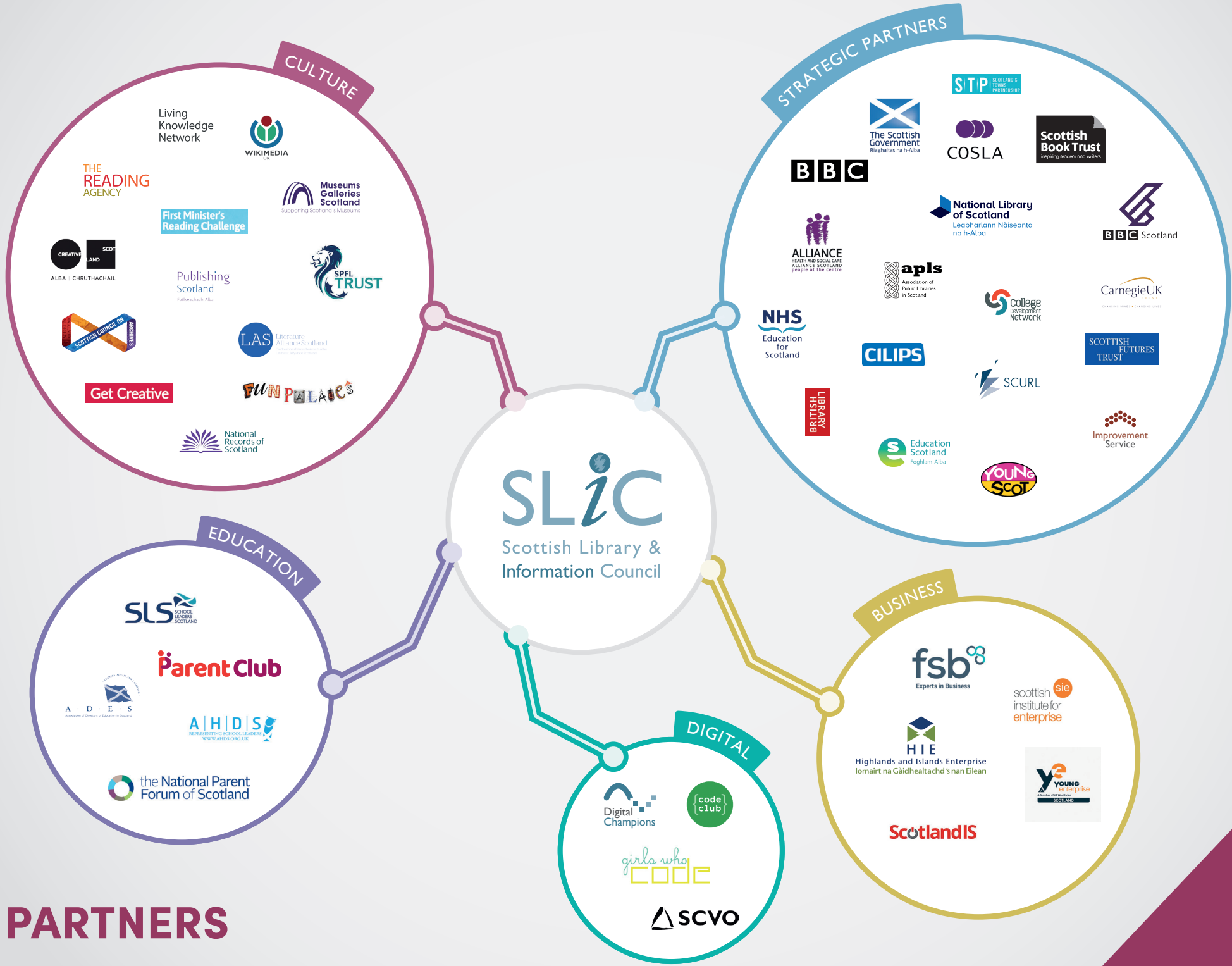


Encouraging innovation and risk to support members to reach their full potential



Commissioning and undertaking sector research and robust independent evaluation

Through the lifetime of this strategy and its strategic aims SLIC will respond to the needs of member organisations as a result of COVID-19, support them stabilise their library offer and assist them to reset library services to take them to 2024 and beyond.



PARTNERS

**GOING TO (THE) LIBRARY
ONCE A WEEK
WAS ONE OF THE
GREATEST GIFTS OF
MY CHILDHOOD.**

– Kerry Hudson

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