

**Chair's Report 2025-26**  
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**Chair, CLOA**

# 2025-26: a year of uncertainty & opportunity

- **Global geopolitical uncertainty**
- **Cost of living challenges**
- **Major local government reorganisation (LGR)**
- **Shifting political landscapes**
- **Funding reforms**
- **AI**

# How did CLOA respond?

June 2026

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**Featured** June 22 @ 1:00 pm - June 23 @ 3:30 pm

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## Key Issues

### Local Government's role in supporting the Museums sector

Posted on 5th June 2026 (5th June 2026) by Heidi Bellamy

Purpose of the Statement To set out CLOA's position on museums in England, articulating the critical role local government plays in sustaining museum provision and influencing national policy, funding and [...]

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### Libraries Position Statement

Posted on 11th May 2026 by Heidi Bellamy

Purpose of the Statement To set out the association's position regarding key issues in this sector in order to influence and shape thinking in relation to policy development. Context CLOA's [...]

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### Data Position Statement



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## National Alliance for Cultural Services (Local Government)



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Welcome to the CLOA ebulletin

# How did CLOA respond?

Activity / Initiative	Lead / Host	Focus & Impact
<b>Inclusive Culture Roundtable</b>	Zsuzsi Lindsay (EDI Champion)	Co-creating accessible experiences and inclusive workplaces (September 2025).
<b>Cultural Strategies Think Kit</b>	Donna Pentelow, CLOA Chair	Delivered in partnership with the LGA and University of Southampton (November 2025).
<b>Martyn's Law Roundtable</b>	Dan Buck (Committee Member)	Navigating upcoming safety legislation and protective security impacts (December 2025).
<b>Local Cultural Renaissance</b>	Val Birchall (Vice Chair)	Positioning local government as a catalyst, hosted as Chair of the National Alliance for Cultural Services (December 2025).
<b>Visitor Levy Roundtable</b>	Rob Campbell (Committee Member)	Exploring local tourism funding mechanisms and tourism taxes (April 2026).
<b>Pride in Place Roundtable</b>	Grant Taylor (Committee Member)	Leveraging culture to boost local pride, identity, and civic belonging (May 2026).
<b>LGR &amp; Devolution Peer Network</b>	Jayne Knight (Committee Member)	Five dedicated peer network sessions guiding members through structural reorganisation.
<b>Swim Alliance Representation</b>	Hagan Lewisman (Committee Member)	Advocating for swimming provision and local leisure water infrastructure.



**Education Committee**

Tuesday 19 May 2026 Meeting started at 10.03am, ended 12.09pm



# Special Thanks!

- The Executive Members, especially our Vice Chairs and immediate Past Chair
- EDI Champion, Zsuzsi Lindsay
- Treasurer, Vince Paliczka
- Outgoing secretary, Mark Allman.
- Outgoing Exec Members Ullash Karia, Caroline Rae, Kate Price and Tony Witton
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