

# APPLICATION FORM

## LIBRARY DATA

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**Library name:** North Ayrshire Libraries

**Address:** Cunninghame House

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## LIBRARY DESCRIPTION

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Please, mark the characteristics of your library (mark all those appropriate):

Metropolitan library

Rural library

Library service with branch libraries

Mobile library

Children and Young Adults Library

Library with less than 1,000 inhabitants

Library between 1,000 and 5,000 inhabitants

Library between 5,000 and 10,000 inhabitants

Library between 10,000 and 20,000 inhabitants

Library between 20,000 and 30,000 inhabitants

Library between 30,000 and 100,000 inhabitants

Library between 100,000 and 200,000 inhabitants

Library between 200,000 and 500,000 inhabitants

Library with more than 500,000 inhabitants

## MORE INFORMATION

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Please, tell us a bit more about your library, pictures are also welcome:

### **Short description:**

North Ayrshire Libraries consists of 17 branches, two mobile libraries (one island-based), a home library service and a local studies heritage library service. The total population is 135,000 but one of the two inhabited islands has a population of less than 1500. We attract 1 million visits per year and are the fourth lowest in terms of costs per visit in Scotland.

### **Current library programs:**

We merged museums and local studies to form a heritage service and revitalise our local and family history brand and services, this includes a Rural Online Archive North Ayrshire Yesterd@ys which is funded by LEADER.

We have recently launched our mobile library app which offer direct access to transactions, Heritage Trails, social interactions and online services such as reference tools, digital music services, ebooks, emagazines and audio downloads.

We work with community learning and development colleagues, volunteers, local specialists and colleagues from cultural partnerships to deliver library learning programmes.

All of our libraries have reading groups and many have homework and job clubs.

We are currently developing 2014 programmes to support the Centenary of World War I, the Commonwealth Games and Scottish Homecoming.

We have a partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support in one library and are working on a three year plan to roll this out across all of our libraries.

**Please tell us about the kind of activities you would be interested in doing with your sister library:**

Participating in international library initiatives which support global education - literacy, learning, employment and health.

Innovative services, such as ebook lending

Services in rural communities

Reader development

Digitisation

Local studies and heritage

Staff training and customer care

European Funding applications

Sharing information and best practice

Mentoring

**Languages your staff speaks:**

English and Gaelic

**Languages users speak/read:**

English and Gaelic

**Preferred countries for cooperation:**

Finland, Sweden, Norway, or our town twin partners in France but we'd be happy to make contacts in other countries especially those with small island services

**Please, tell us a bit about the features of the library that ideally you would like to cooperate with:**

Shared interests in the above

## **EUROPEAN UNION PROGRAMS**

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**Please, indicate if you are searching partners in other countries for any European Union project:**

YES

NO

**If yes, for which projects?:**

But we're very much interested in this and open to approaches

**Please, indicate if you are participating in any European Union program:**

YES

NO