APPLICATION FORM

LIBRARY DATA

Library name: North Ayrshire Libraries
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LIBRARY DESCRIPTION

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

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

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 ☐