

# Council for College and University English

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Dear Dr Milne,

I am writing in response to your letter of 7<sup>th</sup> December asking for responses from professional and disciplinary associations to the consultative paper on the research support libraries programme. CCUE wishes to make the following points:

- We would welcome collaboration between libraries on a regional basis both in terms of access and in regard to the development of a regional research collection policy.
- We feel that postgraduate students constitute a special user group who need support in their access to library resources. We should welcome a subsidised inter-library loan service for postgraduate students.
- Library access charges, such as currently exist in some libraries, should be discouraged.
- In answer to your point d)/(c), in the English subject area, there is a particular need to convert existing catalogue records to electronic form.
- Researchers in English feel that travel is essential for manuscript and archival research. This by no means obviates the need for an inter-library loan service.
- We feel that there is a case for establishing visiting bursaries to visit special collections or other library holdings. At the moment research in English and other Humanities disciplines is hindered by the limited support available for such visits.

I do hope that this is helpful. CCUE welcomes the programme and looks forward with some eagerness to the outcomes of the consultative exercise. I should be grateful if you could note the correct address of CCUE for your records.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Judy Simons