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Abstract

What we're going to talk about: 1. Why international professional networks are valuable 2. The International Librarians Network - what it is and how it works 3. How to build your own international professional network

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INTERNATIONAL LIBRARIANS NETWORK

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Who are we?

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Currently
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in England

What we're going to talk about

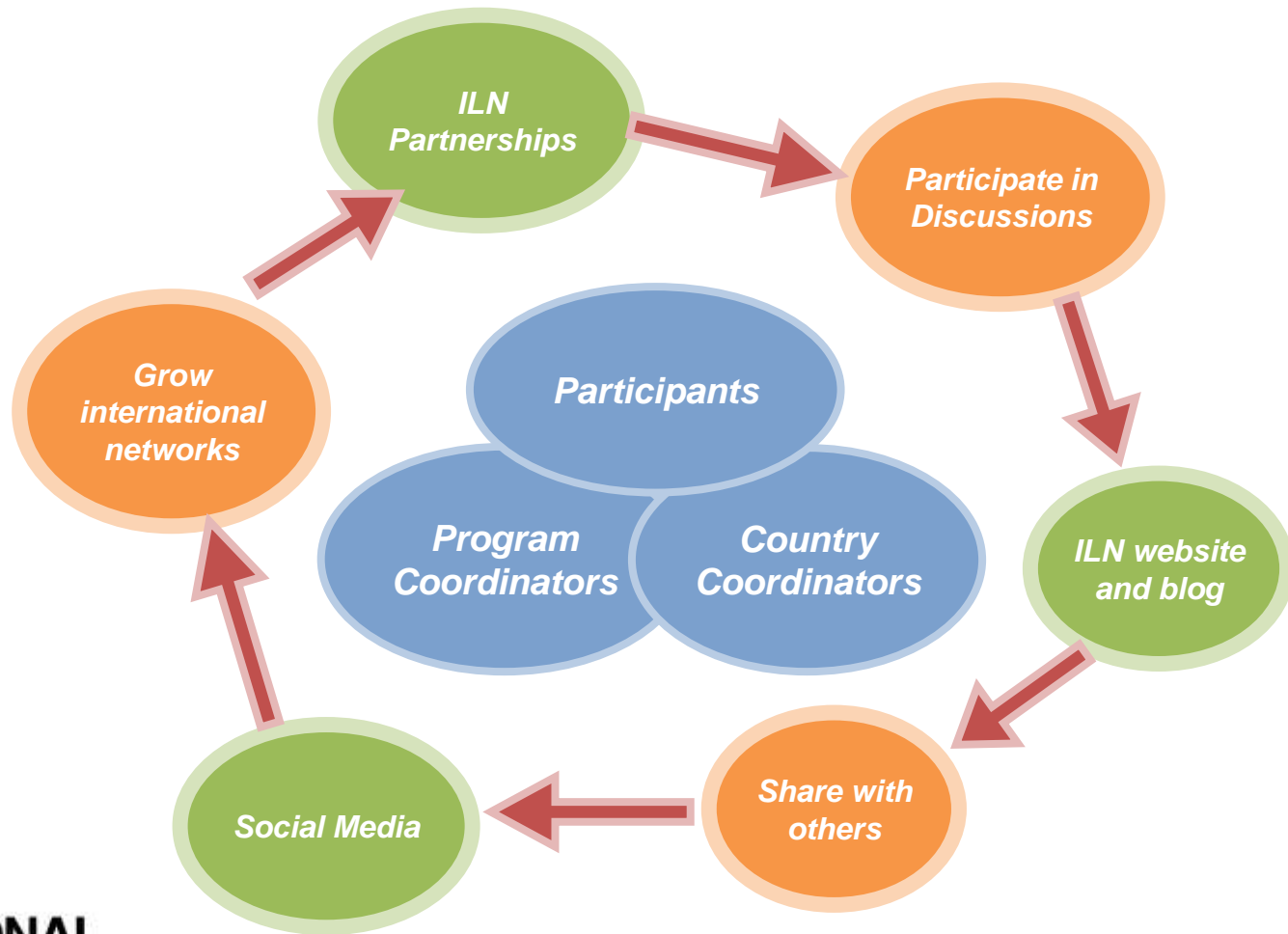
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Why develop an international network?

**INTERNATIONAL
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NETWORK**



The International Librarians Network



“What impact does the ILN have on your professional activities?”

- Develops an international perspective
- Generates wider professional awareness
- Brought new ideas
- Increased professional confidence and motivation
- Provided general professional development
- Networking benefits
- Developed a particular skill

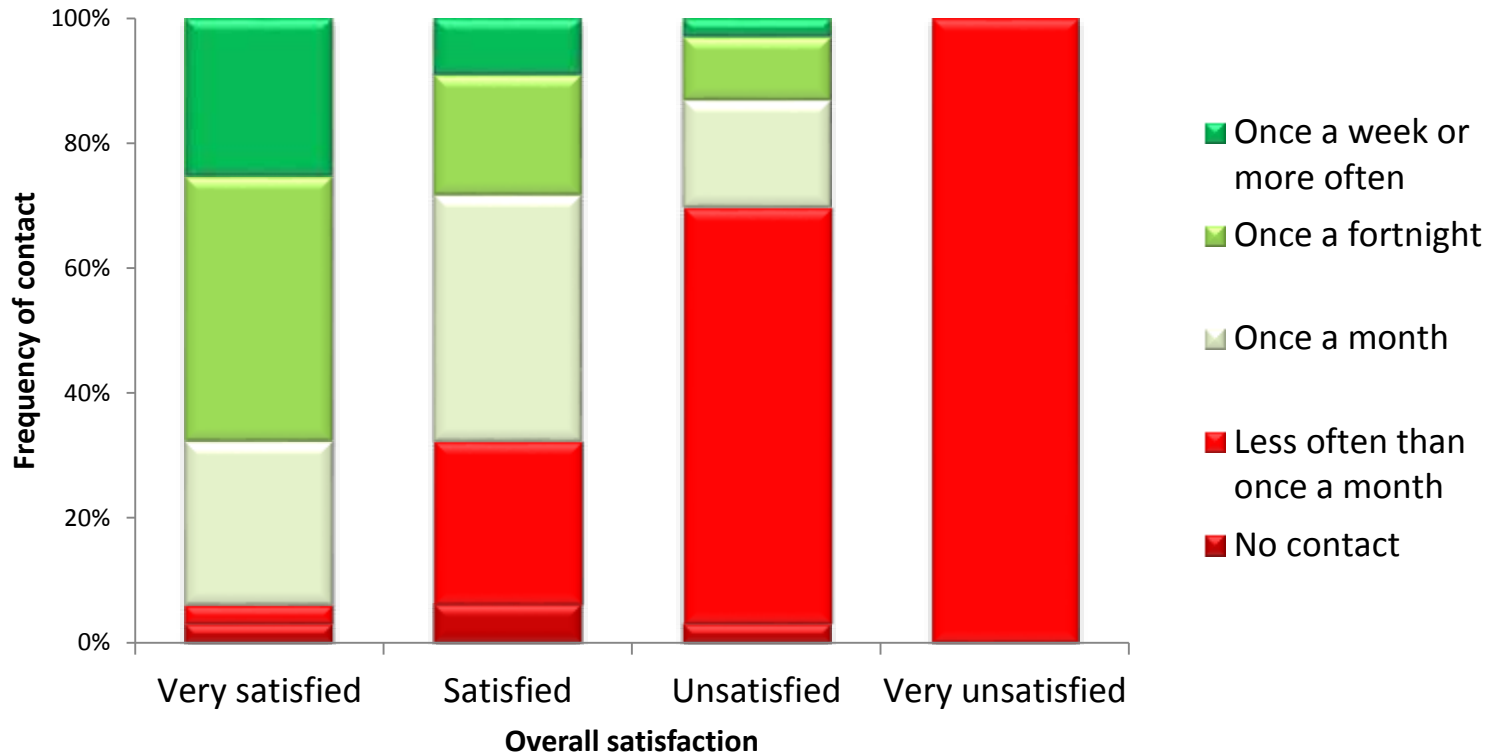
What makes the ILN work?

We provide a structure on which to build:

- Matching partners
- Discussion topics
- Intervention when things go wrong
- Regular communication

What works: frequent contact

Relationship between satisfaction and frequency of contact



End dates allow
for a graceful exit



What doesn't work: lessons learned

- Some discussion topics fall flat
- Overcoming cultural differences requires patience and tolerance
- A closed mind inhibits conversation

The formula

Step 1: Find the right person (or people!)

Step 2: Find common ground

Step 3: Keep it professional

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