

Letter from the President



Lotta Haglund

Swedish School of Sport and Health Sciences, GIH
Stockholm, Sweden
Contact: lotta.haglund@gih.se

Dear EAHIL members,

I hope this letter finds you well. When this is published, the Trondheim Workshop has come to a close, and I want to take this opportunity to thank the Trondheim team for their efforts in planning a great event, as well as all of our members who attended and made it such a success. It was great to see old friends and make new connections.

At the Workshop, we had the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations about the latest trends and innovations in health information and libraries. We explored the conference theme of Radical Positive Change Agents in-depth and heard from colleagues who shared their insights and expertise. I hope all attendees left the workshop feeling inspired and empowered to make positive changes in their work.

For members who didn't have the opportunity to listen to Lankes' keynote speech in Trondheim, you can now view it online on the EAHIL YouTube account. The presentation is entitled "Radicals, Rebellion, and Saving Our Communities". For those interested I can recommend his book *The Atlas of New Librarianship*, where he introduces the idea of librarians as radical positive change agents. According to Lankes, librarians have always been change agents, helping shape their communities by providing access to information and resources. However, he argues that in today's rapidly changing world, librarians need to be even more proactive in their efforts to effect positive change. Lankes believes that librarians should be active participants in their communities, working to help people build the skills and knowledge they need to make positive changes in their lives and society. To be effective change agents, Lankes argues that librarians need to embrace several fundamental values and practices. These include a commitment to openness, a willingness to take risks, a focus on community building, and a belief in the power of collaboration.

Overall, David Lankes' vision of librarians as radical positive change agents is inspiring. By embracing this role, librarians can help to create a more just, equitable, and knowledgeable society.

Looking ahead, we will launch a new mentorship program later this year, providing opportunities for members to connect with more experienced colleagues and receive guidance and support as they navigate their careers. More information about this will be communicated in our channels.

In addition, we are now accepting bids to host our events from 2025 and beyond. If you want to bring our community to your city and show us what you've got, please contact me or any Board member! We're always looking for new and exciting locations to explore.

As always, I welcome your feedback and ideas for improving and growing as an association. Don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of our Board members with your thoughts and suggestions.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to seeing you at our next event.