

EAHIL Council Election - Candidate Statement	
<i>Country</i>	Ireland
<i>Name</i>	Louise Farragher
<i>Affiliation</i>	Health Research Board
<i>My professional education and experience</i>	<p>After graduating with an MLIS from University College Dublin in 2001, I worked as a hospital librarian before joining the Health Research Board to work in the National Drugs Library.</p> <p>In 2007 I completed an MSc Health Services Research at University College Galway. I subsequently took a new position as Information Specialist in the newly formed HRB Evidence Centre and became Senior Information Specialist in 2017. I currently head up a small team of Information Specialists who work with a multidisciplinary team of researchers to produce evidence reviews of research evidence to inform government health policy.</p> <p>In addition, I have worked with my national professional association the Library Association of Ireland, and in particular the Health Sciences Libraries section. I am currently a member of the LAI IFLA WLIC 2022 National Committee.</p>
<i>What I think is special about EAHIL</i>	EAHIL is a wonderful combination of a professional association combined with a friendliness and genuine interest in cultural exchange. As a group, it has been open and welcoming, and certainly a benefit to me.
<i>What I expect to contribute to EAHIL Council</i>	I would like to continue to raise issues that face Irish health librarians, and to work collaboratively with my EAHIL colleagues to benefit European health libraries and librarians.
<i>What I think are the most important issues for European health information professionals in 2019-2022</i>	Health librarians are facing new challenges in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic; particularly learning to deliver services in a remote capacity. In addition, the issue of funding electronic resources continues to challenge the profession, especially as remote users demand greater access to electronic services. As a result, open access and licence management & negotiation are key areas that will need to be addressed.
<i>My one-line statement for my election campaign</i>	Committed to serving & promoting health information professional and health libraries at home and in Europe
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