



# Joining the UNESCO GAPMIL Initiative

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## Guide to Filling in the Form

UNESCO's Global Alliance of Partnerships for Media and Information Literacy (GAPMIL) is the main worldwide network for specialists in the field media and information literacy. Given its connections to UNESCO, it has the potential to raise awareness of this topic amongst governments and other decision-makers, as well as providing a forum for sharing experience and ideas.

It is possible for institutions and organisations to join GAPMIL – a form is available for this purpose on the UNESCO website: <https://en.unesco.org/feedback/join-global-alliance-partnerships-media-and-information-literacy-gapmil>. Once a member, it will be possible to vote in elections for the GAPMIL International Steering Committee.

The form is a little long, and so IFLA has produced the below guide to help you fill this in. We hope it is helpful for you:

### **Contact Details**

Please fill in as appropriate

### **Main Activities**

Choose according to your own activities.

Those which public libraries undertake may well be: Training for youth, training for adults, multimedia resources, information literacy in formal education, community outreach

Those which school libraries undertake may well be: Training for youth, multimedia resources, information literacy in formal education, MIL in formal education,

Those which academic and research libraries undertake may well be: Training for youth, training of teachers and professionals, research

Those for library associations may be: Training of teachers and professionals, policy advocacy, online awareness raising

### **Description of Main Activities:**

Mention your regular programmes and services (information literacy training, offering a reference desk or 'human google' service for example), as well as any specific activities you have carried out, such as around online disinformation or the importance of verifiability.



### ***Geographic Reach of Your Work:***

Fill in as appropriate

### ***How Many People Do You Reach?***

This will be easier for some than others. For individual libraries, it may be possible to put down any figure you have about the number of people using the library, unless you have better data. For associations, a membership figure – where you're active in MIL issues – would do.

### ***Does Your Organisation Specifically Focus on MIL or mainstreamed in your work?***

It should be possible to say that information literacy is mainstreamed into the work of libraries. If you do have specific programmes, then you can answer that MIL is an area of focus for you.

### ***Does your Organisation Work on One of the Following Areas?***

Clearly the answer 'library' is the best! You may also want to add in education, information, OER, and add in 'Research' as another.

### ***Are Your MIL Activities Related to the Following Themes Connected to the Sustainable Development Goals?***

You can click as many of these as you want. Quality education, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Sustainable Cities and Communities and Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions are obvious priorities.

### ***Is there media and information literacy, information literacy, media literacy, digital literacy network/association in your region?***

Respond according to your knowledge. You can say no if you are not aware of one. If you have a regional library association with a committee or group working on information literacy, reading literacy or digital literacy, you can say yes.

### ***Is there media and information literacy, information literacy, media literacy, digital literacy network/association in your country?***

Respond according to your knowledge. You can say no if you are not aware of one. If your library association has an information literacy committee, then you can say 'yes'.



***Are there media and information literacy, information literacy, media literacy, digital literacy experts working in your organization?***

While many libraries won't have someone specifically responsible for information literacy, there may well be someone (you for example!) who has an expertise in this, or in one of the other issues mentioned. It should be possible to say yes.

***Do you wish to be kept abreast of future development of the Global Alliance for Partnerships on Media and Information Literacy?***

We hope so! Currently, there are not many e-mails on the list, so this should not be a major burden.

***Have you produced any materials (books, pamphlets, audio, audio visual materials, training manuals, web materials on media and information literacy that can be shared?***

Answer as appropriate.

***Would you like to become a committee member? If so, which committee?***

Currently, the committees are not very active at all. However, this may change in future. If you are interested in one of the topics, please sign up. All of these could be relevant.

***GAPMIL region***

Please pick the one most appropriate for you!

***Could you include any other information that you think would be helpful to efforts at enhancing the impact of media and information literacy in your region and globally?***

It would be good to underline the value of working more with libraries as a means of promoting media and information literacy!

***Any other comments?***

Answer if you have anyway. If not, you can write in "n/a"