

# ARCHIVES, ACCOUNTABILITY, RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACCESS AND PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION:

TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SOCIAL ROLE OF ARCHIVES IN BRINGING INTO  
BEING CITIZENSHIP, GUARANTEEING THE RIGHT TO ACCESS TO  
INFORMATION AND PROTECTING PRIVACY IN AN INTERCULTURAL  
CONTEXT

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- To address the right to privacy as a fundamental right in an intercultural context challenged by social networks
- To understand how the protection of personal data contributes to the creation of equitable relationships in an intercultural environment
- To understand the need to protect the privacy of individuals in a right to access to information circumstance

# The right to privacy

- Privacy of the individual
- Privacy of the family
- Privacy of the community
- Privacy of the institution
- Privacy of the state

# Fundamental right

- ICA Universal Declaration on Archives
- National legislation
- Regional or City legislation

# Intercultural context

- **Interculturalism** refers to support for cross-cultural dialogue and challenging self-segregation tendencies within cultures.  
Interculturalism involves moving beyond mere passive acceptance of a multicultural fact of multiple cultures effectively existing in a society and instead promotes dialogue and interaction between cultures.
- UNESCO adopted the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions 2005
- Early studies on the subject centred on social work ; now moved onto information professionals

# Challenge of social networks

- Existing networks in communities
- New networks through common interest eg trade , location
- Generational networks change through time
- National networks
- International networks
- Social media explosion
- Fake news
- Oral tradition

# Protection of personal data

- Rule of law, good governance
- Integrity
- Rights to access information
- Appropriate boundaries eg DNR, law enforcement
- Exceptions need definition eg health, attorney
- Gaps in personal data eg school records
- Inconsistency of data eg files within files

# Creation of equitable relationships

- Acceptance of equality before the law
- Acceptance of responsibility as a citizen
- Respecting the rights of others eg Childrens Homes rights of staff as well as residents



# In an intercultural environment

- Keeping legislation relevant and up to date
- Information access to all
- Importance of education and community development
- Understanding of terminology eg IICSA
- Ongoing dialogue

# The need to protect the privacy of individuals

- Methodology for providing appropriate access
- Role of the archivists as independent, neutral professionals
- Clear policies as to why records closed or open
- Clear undertaking for researchers using personal data for major projects eg Big Data
- National and international standards GDPR
- Truth and reconciliation personal testimonies destroyed
- Right to be forgotten LMA example

# Right to access to Information - circumstances

- Awareness of nature of records eg LCC minutes
- Awareness of language purpose and expectation
- Awareness of cultural and generational sensitivities
- Clear policies
- Willingness to have adjudication by external authority
- Security of shared data
- Preservation of data

# Ongoing dialogue

- Let's keep talking about it
- First 3 sessions have talked about rights to access information and citizenship, public records management, accountability and protection of personal data
- Fourth session on interculturalism
- Fifth session on Open Government tomorrow at 0900
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