ARCHIVES, ACCOUNTABILITY, RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACCESS AND PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION:
TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SOCIAL ROLE OF ARCHIVES IN BRINGING INTO BEING CITIZENSHIP, GUARANTEING 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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