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Welcome to the first edition of 'Northern Lights'. This newsletter will now appear regularly in your inbox every quarter. As you are no doubt aware, 'Northern Lights' is the successor to LIHNNK-UP, which was first published 18 years ago. Much has changed in those 18 years. The word 'blog' has come into everyday use and the word twitter is now a noun, as well as a verb. We hope to take advantage of these changes. In addition to this quarterly email, articles submitted to 'Northern Lights' will appear on the ['LKS North Blog'](#) and tweeted on [HCLU's Twitter account](#). Thus the new format represents change, but does it represent growth? C.S. Lewis wrote that growth is a mixture of continuity and change and 'where there is no continuity there is no growth.'¹ In this sense I hope that 'Northern Lights' also represents continuity. LIHNNK-Up was originally intended as a forum for the sharing of information and expertise across the North-West. This is still the objective of 'Northern Lights', but now for the whole of the North.

This theme of continuity in collaboration also occurs in ['The more things change the more they stay the same – a library view'](#) by **Chris Lawton**. Chris considers the extent to which modern libraries are still in essence 'the culmination of an on-going ethos' that dates back to the 19th Century: an ethos that places collaboration at its core. There have been plenty of examples of collaboration since 2015, when The Health Care Libraries Unit (HCLU) extended its role to support libraries across the North. **Joanne Naughton** in her article, ['How far have we come as a Northern Network?'](#) details the changes that have taken place in the last few years.



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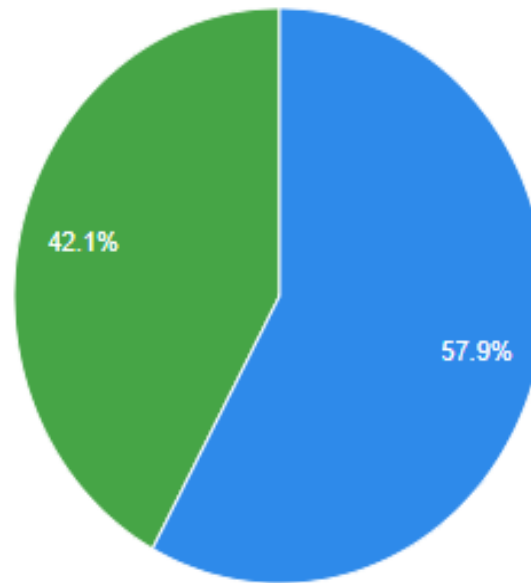
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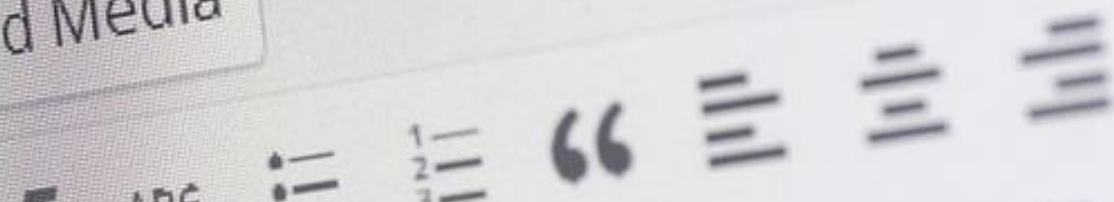
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