

Higher Education Library Technology

Community Editor

Ken Chad Consulting is seeking a new community editor for Higher Education Library Technology (HELibTech <https://www.helibtech.com/>). They will take the place of Paul Verlander who retired from the role in July 2026. The successful candidate will get small (£500) one-off payment from Ken Chad Consulting that will be supplemented annually from a proportion of income derived from sponsorship for HELibTech.

This is a great opportunity for someone with enthusiasm, content writing skills and technical aptitude, to contribute to this valuable community resource and enhance their professional standing. The aim of HELibTech is to provide a starting point for anyone interested in library technology in Higher Education. The focus is the UK but most of the issues will be relevant elsewhere. HELibTech has developed into a valuable, free community resource licensed under the most liberal creative commons license (CC0) to facilitate the reuse of content and data.

The HELibTech community editor will manage HELibTech to:

- Keep existing content up to date
- Remove out of date content
- Create new content
- Look for new opportunities to make HELibTech more relevant and useful to its community

They will work in liaison with Ken Chad and Dave Rowe, the HELibTech technical lead. This will involve leading on scheduling and setting the agenda for (approximately 6 weekly) HELibTech update meetings. There is no fixed requirement for hours worked. We want someone who is prepared to do the best they can around their other work and life commitments.

HELibTech's origins go back to a major sector project undertaken in 2008: *The JISC & SCONUL Library Management Systems Study*. The initial setting-up of the HELibTech website was supported by SCONUL and enabled the work of that project to be kept up to date and expanded. In 2023 HELibTech won a UKSG Innovation Award to support the redevelopment of the site including a new open-source content platform

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