

Taking Root: Scotland's Green Libraries

Jargon Sheet

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Te Tōtara

The name of the Capability Framework created by the National Library of New Zealand. “Capability framework is designed to help individuals working in the library sector to think about their current level of knowledge, to identify current areas of growth, and to strengthen a diverse library and information sector workforce.” The word ‘Tōtara’ according to the [Te Aka Māori Dictionary](#) means, “large forest trees with prickly, olive-green leaves not in two rows. Found throughout Aotearoa/New Zealand. Trees are either male or female with the female producing bright red fruit.”

COP26

“The UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (COP26) brought together 120 world leaders and over 40,000 registered participants, including 22,274 party delegates, 14,124 observers and 3,886 media representatives. For two weeks in 2021, the world was riveted on all facets of climate change — the science, the solutions, the political will to act, and clear indications of action.”

Climate Change

“[...] long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns. Such shifts can be natural, due to changes in the sun’s activity or large volcanic eruptions. But since the 1800s, human activities have been the main driver of climate change, primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas. Burning fossil fuels generates greenhouse gas emissions that act like a blanket wrapped around the Earth, trapping the sun’s heat and raising temperatures.”

Climate Justice

“Climate justice is about where human rights, social justice and the climate and environmental movement intersect. It is the need to recognise climate change as a systemic issue, which is not purely environmental or scientific but also ethical and political. An issue which includes conversations about equity, colonialism and the disparity between distribution of resources and wealth. Climate justice connects up intergenerational issues and stewardship for future generations, it is about renewing the social contract to protect those most vulnerable, both locally and globally. To do this we need to acknowledge the history and legacies of violence against BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour), and recognise and redress the fundamental inequalities, prejudice and oppression that exist today, meaning marginalised communities across the world are the worst and first affected by climate change and environmental disaster.”

Digital Carbon Footprint

“[...] the environmental impact of sending our colleagues an email, sharing memes with the group chat, or video calling our mums. If the internet was a country, in terms of greenhouse gas emissions it would be the sixth largest polluter.”

Carbon Literacy

“An awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis.”

Net Zero

“[...] cutting carbon emissions to a small amount of residual emissions that can be absorbed and durably stored by nature and other carbon dioxide removal measures, leaving zero in the atmosphere.”

Sustainability

“[...] sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

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