

**Speak Up for Libraries** is a coalition of organisations and campaigners working to protect libraries and library staff, now and in the future.

The members are:

**Campaign for the Book** – established by author and educational consultant, Alan Gibbons

**The Library Campaign** – the charity supporting friends and users of libraries

**UNISON** – the biggest union in the UK for the library and culture service

**Voices for the Library** – a campaigning organisation, sharing positive stories about public libraries and librarians, and providing factual information about library usage in the UK

**Library campaigner** – Elizabeth Ash

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**Further details, updates and publicity materials can be found on our website:**  
[www.speakupforlibraries.org](http://www.speakupforlibraries.org)

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## Speak Up for Libraries Conference

Saturday  
18 February 2017  
10am to 4.30pm

UNISON Centre  
130 Euston Road  
LONDON  
NW1 2AY

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## BOOKING:

Places are limited so don't delay booking your place.

**Take advantage of the early bird booking fee of only £20 per person** when you book by 18 January 2017.

The fee is £25 per person after this date, if places are still available.

Registration includes lunch and refreshments.

**You may book in one of two ways:**

### EVENTBRITE:

Please book a place on Eventbrite page at <http://SUFLconf17.eventbrite.co.uk>

### BY PHONE:

If you have any queries or are unable to book online, please call Elizabeth Ash on 020 8651 9552 or 07968 491 355. Place confirmed only on receipt of payment.

### TRAVELLING TO UNISON Centre:

#### By Tube:

**Euston:** Northern & Victoria lines  
**Kings Cross St. Pancras:** Victoria, Picadilly, Northern (City branch), Circle, Hammersmith & City, Metropolitan lines

#### By Rail:

The nearest mainline stations are Euston, St. Pancras (Eurostar) and Kings Cross.

Travel by bus, on foot or by cycle is also possible. See our website for links.

## Programme

10.00 - 10.30	<b>Registration</b> and tea/coffee
10.30 - 10.45	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> – Heather Wakefield
10.45 - 12.30	<b>Panel discussion</b> The Libraries Taskforce CEO, Kathy Settle, and Lord John Bird will provide a short speech or update and address questions and points from the delegates. Libraries Minister, Rob Wilson MP, and opposition spokesperson, Kevin Brennan MP, have been invited but not yet confirmed.  Chaired by Alan Gibbons.
12.30 - 13.30	<b>Lunch</b>
13.30 - 14.30	<b>Workshop 1</b> in mixed groups, led by members of the Speak Up for Libraries coalition.
14.30 - 15.30	<b>Workshop 2</b> in mixed groups, led by members of the Speak Up for Libraries coalition.
15.30 - 15.45	<b>Short break</b> , with tea and coffee available.
15.45 - 16.15	<b>Plenary</b> – report back on workshops and discussion of conference statement.
16.15 - 16.30	<b>Guest Speaker</b> To be confirmed shortly.
16.30 onwards	<b>Close of conference and post conference event</b> All delegates will receive details of a nearby venue to allow everyone to continue conversations and to network. Cash bar.