

So what does it mean (to me)
to be a subject librarian?

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“Replace all those subject librarians with a couple of teachers, a couple of marketing people and a couple of web gurus”

In “The future of the subject librarian” <http://infonatives.wordpress.com/2008/06/03/the-future-of-the-subject-librarian/>

A bit of background



BSc in
Mathematics
from
Manchester
University

Postgraduate
diploma from
Northumbria
University

Faculty Liaison
Librarian at
Newcastle
University since
1998

(Previously
Reader
Supervisor
evenings and
weekends)

Newcastle University Faculty structure

Humanities, Arts
and Social Sciences

Medical Sciences

Science, Agriculture
and Engineering
(SAgE)

Science, Agriculture and Engineering Faculty structure

10 academic Schools

- Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
- Biology
- Chemical Engineering and Advanced Materials
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering and Geosciences
- Computing Science
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Marine Science and Technology
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Mechanical and Systems Engineering

Science, Agriculture and Engineering Faculty structure

2 interdisciplinary Research Institutes

- Newcastle Institute for Research on Sustainability
- The Digital Institute

10 Research Centres

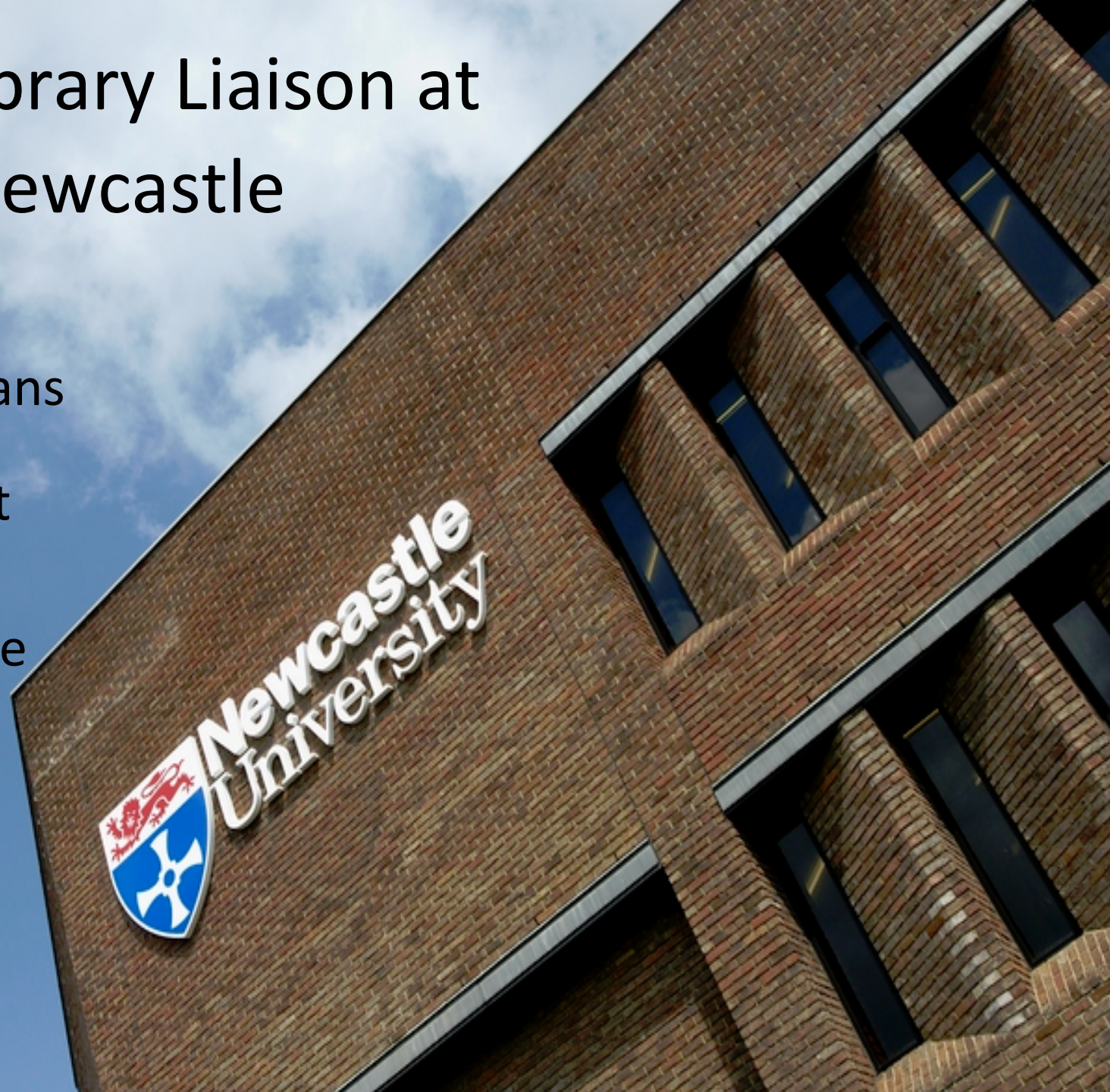
- (mostly school based)

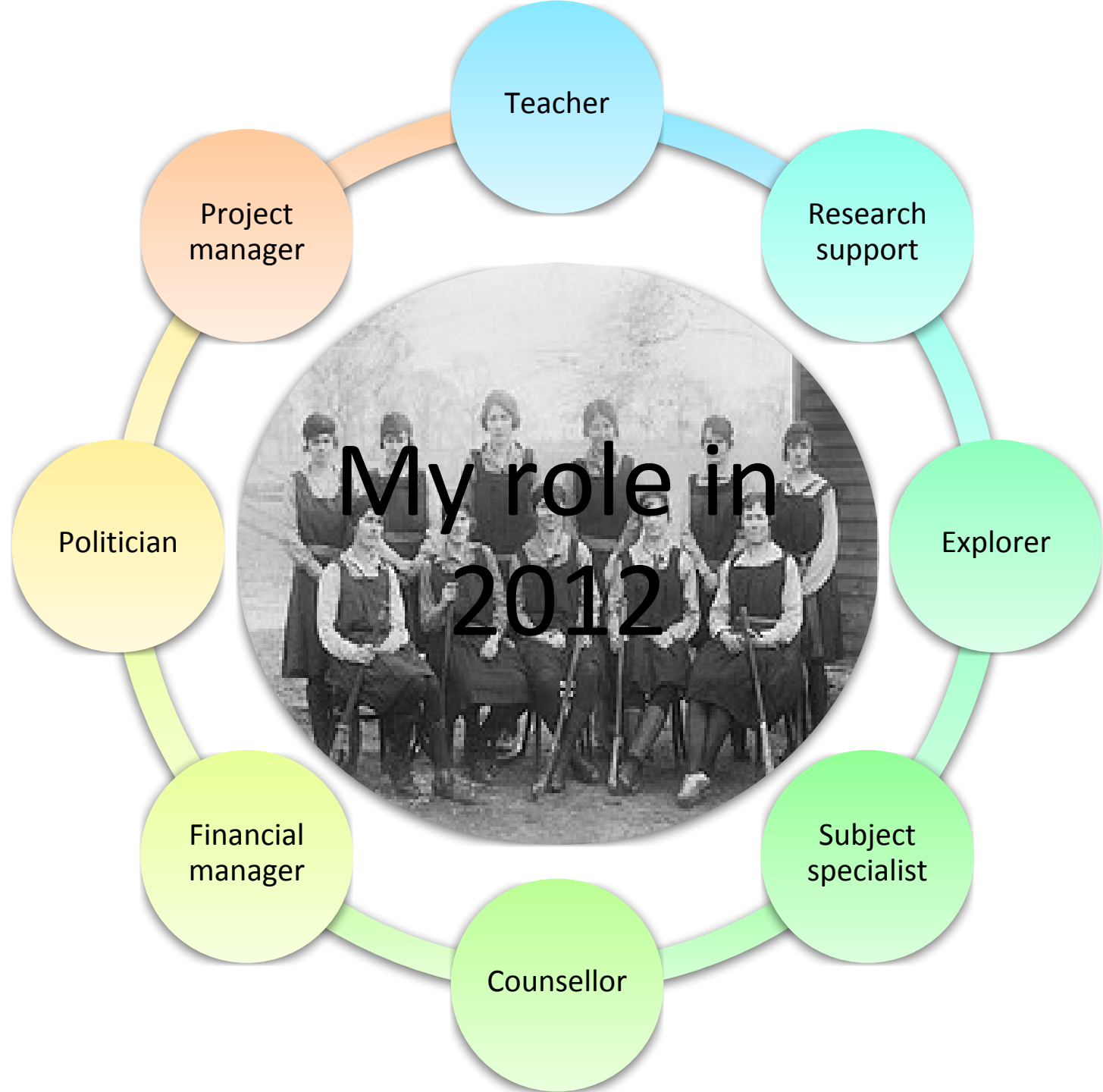
SAgE Library Liaison at Newcastle

2 FTE Faculty
Liaison Librarians

1 FTE Assistant
Librarian
(new post since
2011)

2 FTE Liaison
Assistants





And right now?

More study
spaces

Specifically,
more quiet
study spaces

More access
to IT

And the
survey says...

(but no more
social learning
spaces, thank
you!)

Power supply
to every desk

And yes, we
still want
more books

Challenges?



Newcastle University Research Reserve



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