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Activists' Group  
(PALIAct)**

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The African Progressive Librarian and Information Activists' Group (PALIAct) is an initiative of a group of progressive African librarians and information workers. We recognize that current 'leaders' in the African information field have done little to break the colonial and imperialist policies and practices in meeting the information needs of working people in Africa, or to make the profession more relevant to the needs of African librarians and information workers. We have therefore decided to take the initiative to set up an alternative organization – the Progressive African Library and Information Activists' Group – PALIAct.

PALIAct will provide a new vision to help create a people-orientated information service that can meet the information needs of workers and peasants. It will work towards providing an anti-imperialist and a Pan African world outlook among African librarians and information workers. It will also seek to set up an alternative information service in partnership with the potential users of the service as a way of showing what our 'official' libraries and information workers should be doing. PALIAct will form partnerships with progressive information and other workers within Africa and overseas.

The Project will bring together the resources, skills, and labour of those who accept its vision for a relevant information service, based on the principles of equality, equity, social justice, and democracy. Membership of PALIACT is open to all who agree with the Vision and Principles of PALIACT, and agree to contribute their labour, skills or other resources to the Project.

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