



Welcome to the M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries

Annual General Meeting

1st June 2007





The M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries

Planning Day 3rd May facilitated by consultant:

- ➔ Looked at development and mission of M25
- ➔ What the M25 does (and does not)
- ➔ What we are good at – what our style and ethos is
- ➔ Issues for the future – Strategy, Aims and Plans
- ➔ SG to work on Strategic plan and bring to January 2008 members' meeting





Key Messages:

- ➔ M25 currently perceived to be safe, trusted, and collaborative
- ➔ We are pragmatic and have an approach and scale to allow us to do things quickly
- ➔ CPD25 offering is appreciated and well-used
- ➔ Our access ideas have been taken up nationally and we now lack a distinctive “big idea”
- ➔ InforM25 while still functional is based on dated technology





Group Breakout Sessions

- ➔ **A** Resource Discovery, Collections and Access
- ➔ **B** Director Level Support
- ➔ **C** Changing role of libraries and librarians
- ➔ **D** Use of the M25 website
- ➔ **E** Identity, boundaries, size





A Resource Discovery, Collections and Access

- ➔ Future direction of InforM25
- ➔ The technology underlying the services
- ➔ Support for walk-in access to e-resources
- ➔ Facilitating “distributed collection” across the region
- ➔ What else should we be doing in this area?





B Director Level Support

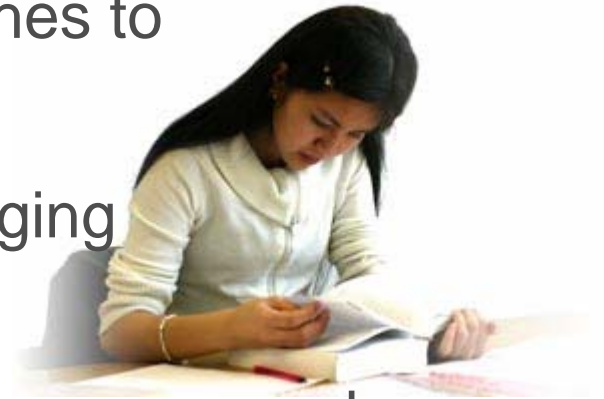
- ➔ Networking and buddying for directors; breakfast or other regular meetings
- ➔ Help with communication and internal lobbying
- ➔ Sharing learning from working groups
- ➔ Would focused or themed events e.g. on the recent RIN report be useful?





C Changing role of libraries and librarians

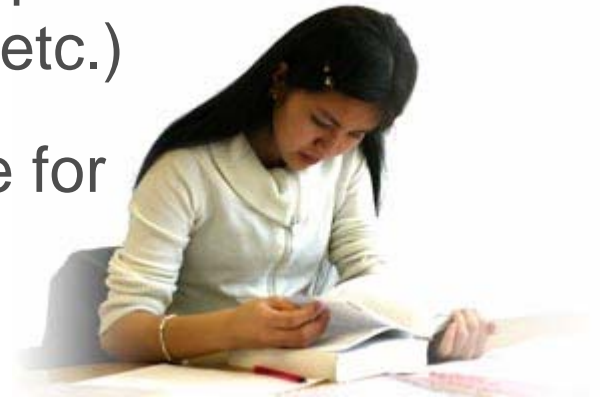
- ➔ Exchange of information and approaches to changing landscape
- ➔ Identification and support for the changing role of library staff
- ➔ What is the place of the Library within a converged service?
- ➔ How do we identify and respond to the needs of the researcher in particular?





D Use of the M25 website

- ⇒ Web 2.0 technologies can be used to provide resources for members (wikis, blogs, etc.)
- ⇒ Dedicated private area on the website for Directors to use to share problems, solutions, etc.
- ⇒ Development of an area of the website for case studies, “white papers”, commissioned research
- ⇒ Should we look at using the website as a portal?





E Identity, boundaries, size

- How do we develop a more focused approach to our collaboration activity?
- More work to help with developing profile of the M25
- Should we expand further (geographically or sectorally) or are we already at the right size?
- What relationships should we develop with other groups and how do we position in relation to them?
- What is the nature of our offering to members not in central London locations?

