



M25

CONSORTIUM OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

The M25 Consortium is a collaborative organisation geared to improving library and information services within London and the South East of England. The M25 Consortium has 60 members: small colleges, large universities, national institutions, museums, societies <http://www.m25lib.ac.uk>

Directors' Room

<http://www.m25lib.ac.uk/directorsroom>

Directors' Room went live in 2009 as a web-based communication tool for Directors of M25 library services. M25 Directors can find colleagues with particular skills and experience, discuss current issues and share their own knowledge in a confidential environment.

Discussion topics:

- security staff, student sit-ins, green agenda
- office space, cafes, opening hours
- cashless libraries, shared services, walk-in users
- copyright, licences, open access
- e-learning, risk registers, benchmarking
- institutional audit, model toilets

Benefits

- 83% of Directors have signed up
- consistent usage suggests a new dimension for communication and shared learning for many Directors

"I have posted a number of questions...looking for a bit of guidance and advice from experienced colleagues....Personally I've benefited from responses on budget matters, key performance indicators and the proper tendering process for a new café facility."

**Emma Bull, Director of Library Services
Queen Mary, University of London**

Staff Room

<http://www.m25lib.ac.uk/staffroom>

The M25 Staff Room went live in October 2010 as an online communication and networking tool for every member of staff throughout M25 Consortium libraries. Convenient, welcoming, and easy-to-use, the Staff Room enables staff to find and communicate with colleagues at all M25 libraries. It provides a forum to encourage collaboration, information sharing, and general discussion amongst library staff across job roles and institutions.

Discussion topics:

- research support
- customer services
- 24-hour opening
- administration
- staff development

Benefits

- sharing best practice
- problem solving
- hot topics feed cpd

"The Directors' Room has a real place at this time. It enables discussion about the issues that are important to us as Directors of library services"

**Philip Payne, Librarian,
Birkbeck College, University of London**

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