

## **Review of UK Higher Educational Library Consortia**

**(excluding M25)**

**(based on web sites, conducted in December 2009)**

**Eastern England (Association of Universities of East of England) <http://www.auee.ac.uk>**

### **No active Group**

No links from this web site were found to any library oriented group/committee. All web site pages of this (potentially parent) body are dated 2002, so assumption must be that there is no active Consortia operational in this Region.

**East Midlands (East Midlands Universities Association – Libraries Group**

**<http://www.emua.ac.uk/pages/special.html>**

### **Potentially active Group**

Libraries Group exists, with committee listed – but nothing on the web site about recent activities. Person communication from Ian Snowley (temporarily Head of Library at University of Lincoln) indicates that the Libraries Group committee has met recently, and the Group might be starting up/increasing its activities.

**North East England. Universities for the North East. <http://www.unis4ne.ac.uk>**

### **No active Group**

No links to any library group!

**Northern Ireland**

### **No active Group**

**North West England (North West academic Libraries) <http://www.nowal.ac.uk>**

### **Active Group**

Large up-to-date web site, Annual Reports produced (latest is 2007/8), Blogs, Tweets, access scheme via SCONUL Cards – with some borrowing available for ‘some groups of users’. Full list of contacts, plus projects, events, training courses. Latest web page found was updated in October 2009.

**Scotland (Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries (SCURL) <http://scurl.ac.uk>**

**Active Group**

Extensive web site, with most pages updated recently. Access scheme (with a jpg file of a membership card available on the website), projects, contacts, meetings etc. etc.

**South East England (South East University Librarians) <http://seul.open.ac.uk>**

**Appears moribund**

Outdated web pages (last updated 2003). Minutes of meetings – last posted again 2003. May have been partly absorbed into the M25 Consortium?

**South West England (South West Higher Education Libraries –SWHELs)**

**Not active**

**AULIC (Avon Libraries in Cooperation) <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/library/aulic>**

**Semi active?**

Four members -with a web page linking the catalogues/opening hours pages. Last updated in 2007, with many of the links no longer functioning. Pages maintained by UWE, but not recently!

**Wales (Welsh Higher Education Forum – WHELP) <http://whelf.ac.uk>**

**Active Group**

Up-to-date web pages, contacts, access scheme, training events.

**West Midlands (West Midlands Higher Education Association (Libraries Group))**

**<http://www.wish-uk.org/limkfiles/westmidland.pdf>**

Unable to judge if active. Web page undated – claims of running a regional access scheme – but none of the links from the page are functioning.

**Yorkshire and Humberside**

**Not active**