



**M25**  
**CONSORTIUM**  
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**Newsletter**

I hope that you managed to have some relaxing days away from work over the summer holidays. With the summer reaching its end it is time for us all to start planning for the year ahead both as individual libraries and within the M25 Consortium.

For cpd25, planning is well underway for a series of events over the remainder of 2022 and into 2023. Colleagues in cpd25 have already started to successfully re-introduce in person events and visits and will be able to continue to do this alongside virtual events over the coming year. These training opportunities and visits offer staff in our member libraries the opportunity to learn and develop alongside colleagues from other institutions. They are an ideal way for us all to learn alongside and from each other.

A real strength of our consortium is in providing these training and development opportunities to staff at all levels within our libraries. From training courses, exchanges of experience, library visits to our M25 mentoring scheme, the M25 has opportunities for all that I encourage you to participate in.

I hope that you and your colleagues will take advantage of these development opportunities over the coming year. Working and learning together is key to our success within our libraries and within the M25 as a whole.

Stuart Hunt, M25 Consortium Chair



## **Governance of the M25 Consortium**

A warm welcome to new M25 Consortium Chair, Stuart Hunt, Director of University Library & Collections Services and University Librarian at the University of Reading. And a huge thank you to outgoing Chair Matthew Lawson, and outgoing Treasurer Cathy Phillpotts.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time during 2021-22, especially our Trustees, Steering Group, Task Groups, Task and Finish Groups, and cpd25 Task Groups.

Members who were not present at the AGM can find details of the agreed subscription fees for 2022-23 in the [Members' Area on the website](#).

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## **cpd25 programme of events and visits**

cpd25 is working hard on the 2022-23 programme of online events and is beginning to re-introduce some in-person events. M25 member institutions will continue to receive a 50% discount on the full cost of cpd25 event rates. We will also continue to provide free member-only visits as part of the programme. To be added to the cpd25 mailing list and receive weekly event updates please email [cpd25@london.ac.uk](mailto:cpd25@london.ac.uk).



## **M25 SpeedMeet**

Every month we meet someone working in an M25 member institution and ask them to tell us a little bit about themselves. This month we met Sarah Pipkin from the UCL Special Collections Library. [View the latest SpeedMeet and past interviews here.](#)

If you're interested in contributing to the SpeedMeet please contact [m25libadmin@london.ac.uk](mailto:m25libadmin@london.ac.uk).



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## **Diversity in academic libraries**

The Diversity Group is gathering case studies and examples of best practice from across member libraries. If you have examples to share or want to arrange an informal chat, please email the Group Chair, Katie Winter at [k.winter@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:k.winter@surrey.ac.uk)

We're pleased to share with you case studies from the University of East London, the University of Surrey and the University of the Arts [View the case studies here.](#)

The recently drafted report from the survey undertaken earlier in the year can also be found on our website. [View the full report here](#)

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## **Members' Area**

Members are reminded to sign up for the exclusive Members' Area on the M25 website to enjoy additional benefits such as the virtual learning and development resources, including all presentations from the speakers at the M25 Conference.

[Sign up or log in here.](#)



### Peer organisations:

SCONUL: <https://www.sconul.ac.uk/>

Mercian Collaboration: <https://merciancollaboration.org.uk/>

White Rose Libraries: <https://whiterose.ac.uk/projects/white-rose-libraries/>

Academic Libraries North (Formerly Northern Collaboration & NoWAL): <https://www.academiclibrariesnorth.ac.uk>

SCURL: <https://www.scurl.ac.uk/about>

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