



With summer on the horizon it's natural that our thoughts turn to having a well-earned break and, hopefully, a relaxing holiday. For the M25 Consortium we had the opportunity to gather together recently at our 30th anniversary Networking Event at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. It was wonderful to see those of you who were able to attend. I think we all agreed that this was a wonderful setting and that we were very fortunate to have the space to ourselves. So thank you to everyone who attended. This event gave us a strong hint that summer is on the way as the weather was so fine and the venue was spectacular.

Before you take that well-deserved break I want to remind you that our annual conference is taking place on the 14th June with the theme of sustainability and kindness. We have a good selection of speakers and I know that this will be a stimulating event. I hope that you will find the time to attend.

Also coming up shortly will be our AGM. This will take place online so it will be easy for representatives from members libraries to attend. We shall shortly be putting a call out for new members of the M25 Steering Group. If you are interested please look out for this. We are always keen to bring new members onto the Steering Group and it is a great opportunity to become involved in the governance of the M25 Consortium.

I hope to see you at one or both of these events.

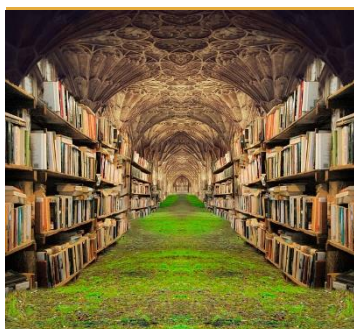
Stuart Hunt, M25 Consortium Chair

M25 Annual Conference 2023
'Sustainability and kindness'
Wednesday 14th June



This year's Annual Conference will be taking place online on the **14th June**, on the subject of **Sustainability and kindness**. The full programme is now available on our [website](#) and bookings are open. One free place for each member institution plus discounted rates for additional places apply. We are also offering **group discounts** and **student rates**.

The deadline for registration is **12pm** on the **13th June**



New members

We are delighted to welcome new member, the [National Gallery](#) to our membership. We look forward to seeing you at some of our events and visits this year.

cpd25 Task Groups

cpd25 is currently seeking a new member to join [Task Group 2](#) and to contribute to the development and delivery of our programme on behalf of the M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries.

Membership of Task Groups is open to all staff in M25 member institutions, with Task Group

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members normally drawn from a cross-section of member institutions, job roles and levels. We are particularly keen to encourage more representation from our members within scholarly institutions.

Each Task Group meets approximately 3-4 times per year, and there is an annual cpd25 planning event when topics are considered to inform the following academic year's programme planning.

[Task Group 2](#) is a group that provide training and development in areas such as equal opportunities, accessibility, disability, health and safety, copyright and data protection. We always attempt to work on events in pairs or more, so newer members can work alongside those with more experience.

Recently we have held events on "Supporting staff and students with autism and learning disorders" which was a repeat event we have run in the past, "The role of prison libraries" and we have had a visit to the Wellcome Library. One of our upcoming events we have organised include "Deaf awareness training with Dot Sign Language which is a repeat of a session we held last year.

Please do circulate to your teams. If anyone interested would like more information before making a decision, please contact the cpd25 Chair, [Sara Burnett](#), for an informal discussion.

Formal expressions of interest, not exceeding 400 words, outlining relevant experience and reasons for wanting to get involved should be made to [Sara Burnett](#) and cpd25@london.ac.uk by **Noon on Wednesday 28th June 2023** please.

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>

WHELP: <https://whelf.ac.uk/>

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