

M25 Consortium Newsletter November 2020

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Welcome to the new M25 newsletter which we intend to circulate regularly so that colleagues at member institutions are kept up to date with new activities and development opportunities across the Consortium. This month we are launching a series of informal information sharing events for staff related to service provision and support during the pandemic. We are facing similar challenges across the sector and so the opportunity to share experiences and pick up tips on how we can support students and staff can benefit everyone. The sessions are aimed to be practical and future sessions will focus on different service areas and be aimed at staff at various stages of their careers. I am very grateful to the cpd25 task groups for organising these events and hope they will be both popular and useful. Please feedback comments and ideas on these and other initiatives to m25libadmin@london.ac.uk.

Matthew Lawson, M25 Chair

Supporting our members during the pandemic



Members are invited to attend a new series of free events, aiming to provide a safe and supportive space for staff to meet and share issues and experiences of library work during the pandemic.

The first in the series focuses on sharing and caring during the pandemic. For further details and bookings please visit the [website](#). We welcome suggestions from members for future sessions to support you during this challenging time.

You can also visit the [virtual learning and development](#) page in the Members' Area where you can access free videos and handouts with tips and training to support our members. You will find a presentation by Thierry Moschetti from the Resilience Institute Europe and a free 50-minute course 'Working from Home with Ash Charlton'.

[View all cpd25 events here](#)

New member

We are delighted to welcome the Royal College of Surgeons of England to the Consortium. To learn more about the RCS visit their website <https://www.rcseng.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 meet Linda Coombs, Library and Learning Resources Manager at Buckinghamshire New University. If you're interested in contributing to the SpeedMeet please contact m25libadmin@london.ac.uk.

[View the latest SpeedMeet interview here.](#)

Staff Development Awards

We are now accepting applications for cpd25 training awards. For further details and how to apply please visit the [website](#).



We've moved!

The Trustees and staff continue to work hard to reduce costs in order to progress the work of the Consortium and offer members the best possible benefits.

2020 has been a particularly challenging year due to COVID-19. With this in mind, the Trustees took the decision to move out of the office space in Senate House and move to permanent home-based working for all staff. After the initial outlay for setup costs, this annual saving will contribute to the Consortium's sustainability. We feel this is a much more worthwhile use of funds and are pleased to say we are able to continue all of our activities as normal without a physical office space. Although COVID-19 has prohibited us from holding face to face events in 2020, we are growing our online offering and will resume face to face activities as soon as it is safe.

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