

## M25 Consortium Newsletter June 2021

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The latest Directors' Briefing takes place later this month. These events have been running regularly for the past four years with the aim of providing senior staff at member institutions a new perspective on shared issues affecting both our services and wider institutions. Subjects covered have included GDPR, the REF/TEF/KEF, and staff diversity. Each event offers examples of the lived experiences of library directors along with the views of sector experts from the relevant fields, as well as an opportunity for attendees to ask questions. This month's session focuses on IT Security - a subject which has come to represent a serious service risk for all of us in recent years - even more so while so many of our services are only accessible online during the pandemic. It promises to be a very useful and pertinent session so if you haven't booked already do follow the link below for further details. We are always interested in suggestions for future sessions so please email [Rachel Telfer](mailto:rachel.telfer@london.ac.uk) with your ideas.

Matthew Lawson, M25 Consortium Chair

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### Directors' Briefing: IT Security

**22nd June at 2 pm**

Speakers will present on their own experience and reflections from dealing with cyberattacks,



and the outlook for the future as cyberattacks become increasingly sophisticated and institutions seek to increase their resilience to attack. Directors and Heads of Service are invited to attend - Directors should feel free to send a deputy if unable to attend themselves.

[Book now!](#)

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## M25 Voucher Scheme 2021-22

### Deadline 7 June 2021

The M25 Consortium is once again offering its voucher scheme for the coming academic year 2021-2022. Members may find this a useful way of exhausting funds in the current year's training budget while retaining the allocation for the following year. M25 Vouchers can be used as follows:

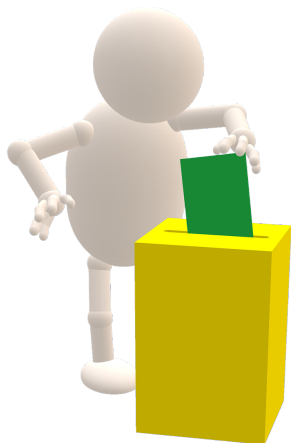
- Membership subscriptions
- cpd25 training
- Annual conference delegate fees
- Directors' Briefings delegate fees

The voucher credit will remain valid with the Consortium until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022. If you wish to take advantage of this scheme please email Jeni Kutaika Billiard at [m25sgadmin@london.ac.uk](mailto:m25sgadmin@london.ac.uk) by **5 pm on Monday 7th June 2021**. Members are welcome to purchase vouchers at any point throughout the year but will need to meet the deadline above to receive the invoice before the end of the 2020-21 financial year.

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## M25 AGM

M25 Representatives are reminded to register for the M25 Virtual AGM taking place on **15 June at 10 am**.



If you did not receive an email from M25 Secretary, Michelle Wake, on 24th May with registration instructions, AGM papers, and the opportunity to vote electronically, please contact us immediately at [rachel.telfer@london.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.telfer@london.ac.uk).

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## **50% discount for members on cpd25 events!**

From 1 August 2021 M25 member institutions will receive a 50% discount on the full cost of cpd25 event rates.\* This is a significant increase on the 25% discount currently in place. We will also continue to provide free member-only events 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).



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## **Search25 update and Buddying Scheme**

This is a reminder that the **Search25 discovery tool will be decommissioned on 31 July 2021**. Please make your staff and users aware of this deadline. We are encouraging members who are not already doing so to contribute their bibliographic metadata to the Jisc Library Hub. We have introduced the 'Buddying Scheme' to match those members not yet using Library Hub with an institution that has already made the transition to Library Hub. The 'buddy' institution will offer informal advice, tips, and support where needed. If you feel you could benefit from this scheme or would like to offer your expertise as a buddy, please contact [rachel.telfer@london.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.telfer@london.ac.uk) to find out more.

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## **Diversity in academic libraries**

The [M25 Diversity Task and Finish Group](#) is gathering case studies and examples of best practice from across member libraries. Our focus is on BAME staff experiences and we're



particularly exploring four strands of work: active allying, starting conversations, diversity training, and positive action. **If your library has done work in any of these areas, we want to hear from you!** Please email 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 and the University of Surrey [View the case studies here.](#)

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## **M25 SpeedMeet**

Every month we meet someone working in an M25 member institution and ask them to tell us a little bit about themselves. In May we met Dr Laura MacCulloch, College Curator at Royal Holloway, University of London. If you're interested in contributing to the SpeedMeet please contact [m25libadmin@london.ac.uk](mailto:m25libadmin@london.ac.uk). [View the latest SpeedMeet interview here.](#)



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### **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>

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

### **Apologies for cross-posting**

\* The full rate is the same as a non-member rate. Members will be charged 50% less than non-members for cpd25 events from 1 August 2021.

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