

## M25 Consortium Newsletter May 2021

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The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is an important fixture of the Consortium's year. It provides an important opportunity for all member representatives to review the past year and hear about the plans for the next one. The past year has been uniquely challenging for us all, but there will I'm sure be some lessons learned and activities that have worked well which we wish to continue. The Steering Group has developed an [action plan](#) for the coming year which continues our vision of supporting staff throughout their careers and it will be useful to receive feedback on other aspects we might consider.

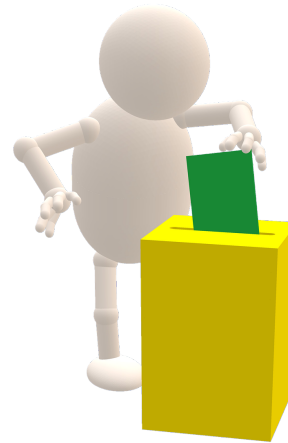
The AGM is also the time for elections to the Steering Group and Trustee positions. One of the key strengths of the Consortium is that it is member led: formally through the representatives but operationally through volunteers giving their time and sharing their expertise in the cpd25 Task Groups, the Wellbeing & Diversity Task and Finish Groups, as well as the Steering Group. There is still time (just!) if you would like to stand in this year's elections, but even if you are interested in getting involved in some way and would like more information please drop a line to [Rachel Telfer](#).

Matthew Lawson, M25 Consortium Chair

## M25 AGM and call for nominations

M25 Representatives are reminded to 'save the date' for the M25 Virtual AGM on 15 June at 10 am.

We are now accepting nominations for vacancies on the Steering Group. Nominees should be the M25 Representative for their institution and the deadline for receipt of nominations is **midday, 20th May 2021**. [Nomination forms and instructions can be downloaded here.](#)



## 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).

## M25 Conference resources 'The Future of Libraries'

We're delighted to share with you the slides and recordings from the M25 Conference, 'The Future of Libraries'. Recordings of the keynote talk from Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Northampton, Professor Shân Wareing, '**The Future of Libraries: what can we learn from Star Wars?**' and from Kingston University, '**Libraries: the most truly democratic space?**' are available exclusively for M25 members in the [Members' Area: Virtual Learning and Development section](#) of the



website. **Slides and conference posters are available [here](#).**

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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. Following the recent Members' Seminar, we have introduced the 'Buddying Scheme'. We will 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](#).



## 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 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.](#)

### 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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