

M25 Consortium Newsletter October 2021

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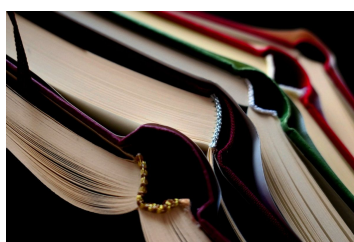
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When the Steering Group planned the current [M25 strategy](#) one of our aims was to provide opportunities for staff at member institutions to play a greater role in taking forward initiatives. The [Wellbeing](#) and [Diversity](#) task groups were the result of this – run by member staff and supported by Steering Group champions. I would like to thank everyone involved with the groups, especially the chairs Pete Williams for Wellbeing and Charlotte Low and now Kate Winter for Diversity.

The idea was for the groups to produce agreed outputs and then to stop: the Wellbeing group has now reached that point. However, we would like [the Wellbeing blog](#) to continue and are now calling out to the wider membership: if there are initiatives happening at your library which you would like to share please get in touch. We would love to hear from you and if you haven't written a blog before we can provide help and guidance.

Matthew Lawson, M25 Consortium Chair



Staff Development Awards

Apply now! Deadline 8 November 2021

We're now accepting applications for cpd25 training awards. Two awards are available for one and two days of cpd25 training. The awards are valid for one year and all staff at M25

member libraries are eligible to apply. For further details and how to apply please visit the website.

[Apply now](#)

New cpd25 events for autumn 2021

Training and development opportunities for autumn 2021 are now on the website and new events are being added regularly. From 1st August 2021 members will receive a 50% discount on the full cost of cpd25 events.*

To subscribe to the cpd25 events newsletter please email cpd25@london.ac.uk.



[cpd25 events](#)



Would you like to write a post for our wellbeing blog? Get in touch!

We invite members to share case studies on wellbeing in your libraries for the [M25 Wellbeing blog](#). If you would like to contribute to the blog please contact rachel.telfer@london.ac.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

The M25 Task & Finish Group on Wellbeing has made available a number of excellent resources on the M25 Wellbeing Blog and M25 website looking at the ways academic libraries can promote student and staff wellbeing. You can view the resources by clicking the button below.

[M25 Wellbeing Resources](#)

cpd25 Task Group vacancy

cpd25 is currently seeking a new member to join [Task Group 1](#) 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 members normally drawn from a cross-section of member institutions, job roles and levels.



Each Task Group meets approximately 3-4 times per year. 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](#) by **Noon on Friday 22nd October 2021**.



Join the M25 Curators' Network

We're developing a Curators' Network to support individuals working in M25 Member libraries with curatorial responsibilities or holding curator roles within the library service. The aim of the network is to share experiences, best practices and to act as a professional support network. We would love to hear from staff working at M25 member institutions who would find this network useful.

We encourage members of staff from all levels of experience to contact us to express their interest in being part of the Curators' Network. Please email your name, job title, and institution to rachel.telfer@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. We're delighted to share with you the recent SpeedMeet with Louise Ellis-Barrett, Librarian Acquisitions and Projects at the British Museum. To read the current and past SpeedMeet interviews please [click here](#).

This opportunity is open to staff at all levels working at M25 member libraries. If you're interested in contributing to the SpeedMeet please contact rachel.telfer@london.ac.uk.





Search25 update and Buddying Scheme

This is a reminder that the **Search25 discovery tool was decommissioned on 31 July 2021**. 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. If you feel you could benefit from this scheme please contact rachel.telfer@london.ac.uk to find out more.

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.



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](#).

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/>

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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