# M25 CONSORTIUM OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

## Newsletter

With the summer upon us and as the newly appointed Chair of the M25 Consortium this is the first introduction to our newsletter that I will write. I would like to say a huge thank you and acknowledge the work of our out-going Chair, Matthew Lawson, in taking the consortium forward over his period as Chair.

A key activity for the M25 is in supporting all our colleagues in member institutions. That support is available to all staff in all our libraries. Central to this support is the work that the Diversity Task and Finish Group has been carrying out and the final report and recommendations that they have produced. The report will help us all in M25 member institutions to support our BAME networks and our colleagues and guide us as we take forward our work on equality, diversity and inclusion. I would suggest that the report is essential reading for us all. Our diversity both as institutions and as individuals is our great strength and uniqueness in the M25.

I look forward to either seeing you at one of our face-to-face events or in engaging with our collective activities. I wish you all an enjoyable summer and hope that you have some time to relax over the coming weeks.

Stuart Hunt, M25 Consortium Chair

## Diversity Group

The Consortium's Diversity Group have now finished drafting the report from the survey undertaken earlier in the year. You can read the full report from our website.

The Diversity Group is gathering case studies and examples of best practice from across member libraries. If you have examples to share or want to arrange an informal chat, please email the Group Chair, Katie Winter at [k.winter@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:k.winter@surrey.ac.uk)

**[Diversity Group Case Studies and Resources](#)**

## cpd25 Task Group membership

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 members normally drawn from a cross-section of member institutions, job roles and levels.

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.

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 by **Noon on Friday 2nd September 2022** please.

**cpd25 Task Group 2**

## M25 Conference 2022 recordings

'All things being equal: the regional contribution of libraries'

Thank you to all of this year's conference speakers for a diverse range of talks and a brilliant day at the M25 Conference last month. We're delighted to share with you recordings of the talks from the day exclusively in the Members' Area: Virtual Learning and Development section of the website.

## M25 Curator and Exhibitions Network

The Curator and Exhibitions Network supports individuals working in M25 Member libraries with curatorial responsibilities or holding curator roles within the library service. The Network will be holding quarterly workshops to share experiences, best practices and to act as a professional support network.

The next workshop will focus on 'Accreditation', covering museum accreditation, archive accreditation and designated collection status, with a particular focus on the application process.

The first workshop took place on the 24th March with a focus on 'Exhibitions'. You can watch the recording here:
Curator and Exhibitions Network - M25 (m25lib.ac.uk)

If you would like to learn more about this workshop or join the Curator and Exhibitions Network mailing list please contact m25libadmin@london.ac.uk

**Curator and Exhibitions Network**

## M25 Mentoring Scheme



**The M25 Mentoring Scheme is open for mentees to be matched with mentors.**
The scheme is intended to support non-senior staff in the Consortium's member libraries and will dovetail with SCONUL's mentoring scheme for senior staff. The core purpose of the scheme is to support library staff in their professional growth by facilitating mentoring relationships with more experienced colleagues. The scheme also aims to support the progression of LGBTQ+ and BAGM staff by giving mentees the opportunity to be matched with a mentor from a specific group or background. Both partners will learn and gain from the experience.

Full details including guidelines and application forms can be found on our website:

**Mentoring Scheme**

**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/
Northern Collaboration: https://northerncollaboration.org.uk/
NoWAL: https://www.nowal.ac.uk/
SCURL: https://www.scurl.ac.uk/about
WHELF: https://whelf.ac.uk/

Apologies for cross-posting

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