



M25
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Newsletter

This month sees the publication on the website of our 18th Speed Meet. Originally launched in 2020 during lockdown these short profiles of member staff have been completed by staff at all stages of their careers and working in libraries from across the academic, scholarly and specialist libraries that make up our membership. The impact of the pandemic on the M25's normal activities has been profound. Networking and bringing people together has always been an important benefit of membership and the Speed Meet profiles are just one example of how the Consortium has adapted. Now that Covid restrictions are lifting, the Trustees and Steering Group have recently discussed how our events and activities might adapt. Feedback from our recent conference indicates that members views are split, with even votes for a face to face and an online conference next year. We will be considering how we can retain the flexibility which online events has brought (lower costs, more time-efficient etc.) while reintroducing in person events with the benefits of impromptu conversations. Cpd25 is leading the way and the Research Forum is planned as an in person event at the end of June. We'll canvas opinion further but if you have any suggestions please email us at m25libadmin@london.ac.uk

Matthew Lawson, M25 Consortium Chair

M25 Mentoring Scheme

The M25 Mentoring Scheme is now 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 - M25 \(m25lib.ac.uk\)](https://m25lib.ac.uk)



M25 Voucher Scheme 2022-23

This is a reminder that the M25 Consortium is once again offering its voucher scheme for the coming academic year 2022-2023. If you wish to take advantage of this scheme, please email Jeni Kutaika Billiard (Administrator – Finance & Reporting) by **5pm on Monday 13th June 2022** at: m25sgadmin@london.ac.uk

Members may find the scheme 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 for: **Membership subscriptions, cpd25 training, Annual conference delegate fees, Directors' Briefings delegate fees.**

Vouchers can be used from 1 August 2022 and expire on 31 July 2023.

Members are welcome to purchase vouchers at any point throughout the year but will need to meet the deadline above (13th June 2022) to receive the invoice before the end of the 2021-22 financial year.



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 Anna Gillis, Research Support Librarian at the Royal Veterinary College. 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 m25libadmin@london.ac.uk.

M25 Treasurer and Chair roles

The current Treasurer and Chair of the Consortium will come to the end of their terms of office in summer 2022. The date for the AGM has now been confirmed for the 30th June and a call for nominations for vacant positions has been circulated. If you're interested in joining the Consortium's governance and would like to have an informal conversation about either of these roles please contact Cathy Phillpotts (Treasurer) at catherine.phillpotts@londonmet.ac.uk or Matthew Lawson (Chair) at m.lawson@mdx.ac.uk.

cpd25 Research Forum

cpd25 are organising our first research forum: an opportunity for library and information studies graduates and library workers to present research they have conducted either as part of their studies or in the workplace. We are seeking to provide a forum where research in and on libraries can be disseminated, and a networking opportunity for students, graduates and professionals interested in library research.



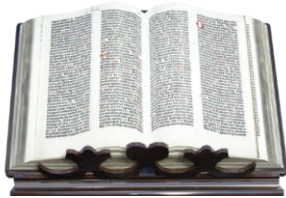
The event will be taking place on the **28th June** at 20 Cavendish Place, London W1G 0RN and the full programme with registration details can be found on our website [here](#)

We are still accepting submissions for the poster display - up to A1 sized posters summarising the aims and outcomes of your research. The application form can be found by following the link [here](#).



Diversity Task and Finish group **Recruiting new members**

The M25 Diversity Task and Finish Group are recruiting new members. If you're interested in joining the group or have any questions, please email Katie Winter at k.winter@surrey.ac.uk. You can read about the group and look at case studies gathered by the group [here](#).



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 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

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/>

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