



M25
CONSORTIUM
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Newsletter

Now that the summer is over and we are back in work it's that time when we start thinking about our plans for the coming year. Hopefully, we are all also thinking about our own and our colleagues' development activities. If you are doing so I would encourage you to participate in the M25 mentoring scheme. What makes our scheme unique is that it is available to staff on all grades within our libraries. We can all benefit from mentoring at some stage in our career whether we are just starting out, are in the middle of our career or have reached a management post. I am keen that you and your colleagues participate in the scheme as I know it will be of great benefit. It is a great way for staff to think about their personal development and to turn that thinking into concrete plans and actions. We have a fantastic group of mentors available to work with staff at all levels. So, if this autumn you are thinking about your own and your colleagues' development do sign up to the M25 mentoring scheme. I know that you will find it worthwhile.

Stuart Hunt, M25 Consortium Chair



M25 Mentoring Scheme

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 \(m25lib.ac.uk\)](#)

cpd25 free events for M25 Consortium members

cpd25 is continuing the series of free online events for members that was introduced during the pandemic, offering informal 1 hour catch-ups. Join us on the 20th October for the next one, themed around what activities are employed for welcoming new students at the start of the new academic year:

[Exchange of Experience - Welcome welcome: how do your students rate their experience of starting university?](#)



To be added to the cpd25 mailing list and receive

weekly event updates please
email cpd25@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. This month we met Stuart Hunt from the University of Reading and recently appointed Chair of the M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries. [View the latest SpeedMeet and past interviews here.](#)

If you're interested in contributing to the SpeedMeet please contact m25libadmin@london.ac.uk.

Diversity in academic libraries

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



We're pleased to share with you case studies from the University of East London, the University of Surrey and the University of the Arts [View the](#)

[case studies here.](#)

The recently drafted report from the survey undertaken earlier in the year can also be found on our website. [View the full report here](#)

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Members' Area

Members are reminded to sign up for the exclusive Members' Area on the M25 website to enjoy additional benefits such as the virtual learning and development resources, including all presentations from the speakers at the M25 Conference.

[Sign up or log in 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/>

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