



## Newsletter

In this 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the M25 Consortium I am proud to promote two key events that are taking place this year for us. Our annual conference will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> June with the theme of “Sustainability and Kindness”. Our work in our libraries, our institutions, and in the wider society can help highlight sustainability and the climate crisis. We are addressing economic, environmental and social sustainability in our member libraries and this is a great opportunity to share our knowledge and experience. Our theme of kindness recognises the inter-relation between environmental and social justice. The impacts of the climate crisis upon communities and individuals is felt most by the most disadvantaged. Our conference will give us the opportunity to come together to address these themes and promises to be an engaging event. It is important that we learn and share together to the benefit of all our members. I invite all member libraries to submit proposals for the conference to help us have an inclusive and rewarding debate. On 16<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding our annual networking event, open to all members. As I mentioned last month, this will be a celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the M25 Consortium. This is a key milestone for us all and I look forward to celebrating with you all. More details of the venue will follow but please mark the dates in your diary now.

Stuart Hunt, M25 Consortium Chair

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## **M25 Annual Conference 2023**

Call for Papers and Posters  
**'Sustainability and kindness'**

We are delighted to announce the M25 Consortium's 2023 virtual Annual Conference will take place on **Wednesday 14th June**. Please save the date in your diary.

### **The Call for Papers and Posters is now open.**

The theme this year is 'Sustainability and kindness' and will consider the broad and often connected themes of environmental sustainability and kindness – both to each other and to the environment we all depend on. What role can M25 libraries play in supporting both institutional and international sustainability goals? How can the collective actions of individual users and library staff deliver positive benefits for the environment? What successful sustainability stories can already be told about M25 Consortium libraries, and what role did a supportive, kind culture play? This event will provide an opportunity to share experiences, initiatives and learning. On the basis that the smallest changes can ultimately have a massive cumulative effect on the global challenge of environmental sustainability, all initiatives are of interest.

Full information and application details can be found on our [website](#). The deadline for submissions is noon on the **31st March 2023**. All staff working in M25 libraries are encouraged to apply.

Please share this opportunity with your colleagues.

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## **Networking event 2023**

To celebrate the Consortium's **30th anniversary** this year, we invite all members to attend an in-person celebration drinks reception taking place on the evening of **Tuesday 16th May**.

Further details will follow.....

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## cpd25 Task Groups

cpd25 is currently seeking new members to join [Task Group 2](#) and [Task Group 4](#) 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. We are particularly keen to encourage more representation from our members within scholarly institutions.

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 Thursday 23rd March 2023** please.

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### 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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