

Newsletter

Membership of the M25 Consortium is a huge value to all our libraries. There are many benefits that flow from the participation in our events, training, working groups and in the governance of the M25 as a whole. This is well illustrated in the increase in members of the M25 that we have been experiencing over recent months. To each library joining us I would like to give a warm welcome to the M25. We are really happy to have you with us. It is heartening that the M25 continues to grow and that our new members help enrich the consortium as a whole.

Membership of the M25 gives libraries access to all our training, events and other activities as well as the mutual support network that we enable. The M25 conference awards are once again available this year enabling colleagues to attend our annual conference free of charge. Our conference promises to be a great time to learn and exchange ideas with and from each other. Similarly, our cpd25 training awards give the opportunity for staff to attend training events free of charge. These are just two practical ways in which membership of the M25 is a value to all.

Let me also remind colleagues of our 30th anniversary celebration and networking event taking place at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, one of our member libraries, in May. I would love to see you all there so that we can celebrate the consortium, the value that our working together brings in such a beautiful setting.

Stuart Hunt, M25 Consortium Chair

Exclusive offer for members - cpd25 training awards and M25 Conference awards Deadline extended to 11th May

We are now accepting applications for **cpd25 training** awards. Three awards are available for free cpd25 training.

We are also awarding two free places at the M25 **Annual Conference** on the 14th June.

This is an exclusive benefit for library staff of M25 member libraries. For further details and how to apply for all the awards please visit the <u>website</u>.

The deadline for applications is the 11th May

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.** The event will be hosted at the **Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew** from 6pm and all members are invited to attend. Please register by May the 11th via our <u>website</u> if you would like to attend.

Library tour - Kew Gardens

We are also planning a tour of the **libary and archives at Kew Gardens** as part of the celebration, shortly before the drinks reception. Places are limited and early <u>registration</u> is advised



New members

We are delighted to welcome new member, <u>Brunel University London</u> to our membership. We look forward to seeing you at some of our events and visits this year.

Peer organisations: SCONUL: <u>https://www.sconul.ac.uk/</u> Mercian Collaboration: <u>https://merciancollaboration.org.uk/</u> White Rose Libraries: <u>https://whiterose.ac.uk/projects/white-rose-libraries/</u> Academic Libraries North (Formerly Northern Collaboration & NoWAL): <u>https://www.academiclibrariesnorth.ac.uk</u> SCURL: <u>https://www.scurl.ac.uk/about</u> WHELF: <u>https://whelf.ac.uk/</u>

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