

M25 SpeedMeet



Who are you, where are you based and what do you do?

Birgit Fraser, Assistant Director – Academic and Content Services, Anglia Ruskin University. I'm based at the Chelmsford site and I lead our teams across academic and content services in delivering high quality academic liaison and research support, acquiring and managing print and online collections, delivering content to users and providing a comprehensive range of information and digital skills training to support our staff and students.

What do you most enjoy about your job?

I like the large variety of the job, the opportunity to make a strategic contribution to the areas I'm involved in, and working in collaboration with a large variety of colleagues across the university.

What motivates you in your work?

I find it endlessly motivating to know that my work, in combination with the work and expertise of my colleagues, can have a positive impact on our students' university experience.

How can/has the M25 Consortium supported you in your career?

I have always found the varied professional development programme, and all the networking this entails, very beneficial throughout my career.

What would it surprise people to know about you?

I used to be a bass player in a band before I started university, although we never graduated beyond the rehearsal room and a couple of gigs at the local youth centre.

I like crochet and sometimes spend evenings working on a new blanket or winter accessories.

Complete the sentence: If I wasn't working in a library I would be ...

If I wasn't working in a library I would be working as a political researcher or sociologist, because I very nearly ended up going down that route as a university student.

Birgit Fraser, November 2022