



Newsletter

March has been a busy month for the Consortium. We recently interviewed for our vacant M25 Operations Manager post, and the position attracted a strong field of candidates. A further announcement will be made shortly. The M25 Support Team plays a vital role in keeping the wheels turning across all of our activities, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeni Kutaika Billiard (M25 Administrator – Finance & Reporting) and Laura Scullion (M25 Administrator – Events & Programmes) for all their work on our behalf, particularly whilst we have been carrying this vacancy. The Consortium is privileged to have such a dedicated team.

This month we also welcomed two new members to the M25 Steering Group. Fiona Ainsworth (Head of Library & Archives - Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew) and Richard Espley (Chief Librarian - National Art Library, V&A) have been co-opted to serve on the Steering Group until the AGM, when full elections will take place. We're delighted to have Fiona and Richard on board. If you're the M25 Rep for your institution and are interested in standing for election to the Steering Group or as an Officer/Trustee and would like to have an informal chat about what's involved please do get in touch.

Early feedback from attendees at our M25 Leadership Briefing on Digital Transformation has been extremely positive. Colleagues particularly liked the mix of aspirational talks and practical tips. Our thanks to the speakers and organisers for putting on a great event. Look out for details of our next M25 Leadership Briefing coming soon. Our cpd25 programme has also continued to attract good numbers across a diverse range of events, and feedback has again been excellent.

The deadline for applications for the 2024 M25 Staff Development Awards is fast approaching. Please encourage your colleagues to apply for either or both of the 2 awards on offer. Applications should be submitted by midday on 28 March 2024. A reminder too that the M25 Mentoring Scheme is open for applications from both potential mentors and mentees.

And finally, a save the date for our 2014 Annual Conference, which will take place online on 6 June 2014. I look forward to seeing you there.

David

David Archer, M25 Consortium Chair



Staff Development Awards - deadline 28th March

We are running our **Staff Development Awards** again this year for our members. Three awards are available for **free** attendance at [cpd25 training events](#), plus two **free** places at the [M25 Annual Conference](#) in 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 [website](#).

The deadline for applications is the **28th March**

M25 Consortium Annual Conference - call for papers and save the date
Thursday 6th June, 10am-3.30pm, online

We are pleased to announce the call for papers

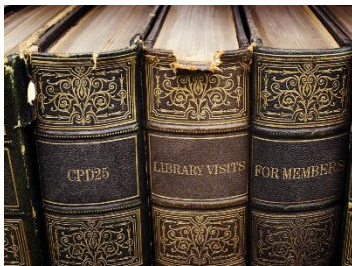


and posters is now open for the **2024 Annual Conference**.

This year's conference is entitled '**Libraries Transformed and Transforming: technology, space, people**'. The deadline for applications for papers and posters is Sunday **21st April** at 9pm. Full details can be found on our [website](#).

Abstracts of not more than 250 words should be submitted to:

Laura Scullion,
email: m25libadmin@london.ac.uk



[Visit to the Aga Khan Library](#)

In November 2023, cpd25 organised a visit to the Aga Khan Library as part of its popular programme of visits for members. One of the attendees from UCL has written a report of the visit, which was very well attended. You can read the full report [here](#).

If you would like to host a visit for members, please get in touch: 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 **Camilla Churchill** from the British Medical Association. [View the latest SpeedMeet and past interviews here.](#)



If you're interested in contributing to the SpeedMeet 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>

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