



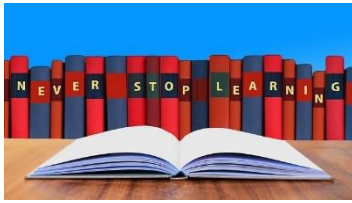
## Newsletter

I'm delighted to announce that Jill Howard will be joining us as M25 Operations Manager on 20 May. Jill is currently Training Manager at CiLIP, where she has also worked on policy, and has a wealth of experience and extensive knowledge of the sector. The M25 Operations Manager heads up the M25 Support Team, and works closely with the Trustees to deliver our strategic objectives and support our members. My thanks again to Jeni and Laura for all their support during the interim. I'm sure you'll all join me in welcoming Jill to the team and the Consortium at our AGM on 20 May.

The M25 Steering Group met at LSHTM for our Annual Planning Day this month. It was great to meet in person and spend a few hours taking stock and agreeing priorities for the coming year. We had a combined lunch with the cpd25 Working Group and Task Group members, who then met in the afternoon for the cpd25 Planning Day with some of the SG members also taking part. This crossover between the two groups was really beneficial, and this may be a model we continue with in future years.

This year's Annual Conference is fast approaching. Taking place online on 6 June, the theme is "Libraries Transformed and Transforming: technology, space, people." The wide-ranging programme includes something for everyone, and the event is always a highlight of the year. It's a great opportunity to explore new ideas and to network with colleagues across the M25 region. Booking opens shortly. There's also just still time to apply for a Staff Development Award before the end of April, offering free places at the conference and cpd25 events. Get your applications in now!

David Archer, M25 Consortium Chair



**[Staff Development Awards](#) - deadline extended, to Tuesday 30th April**

We have extended this year's deadline for applications for our **Staff Development Awards**. 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 **midnight on Tuesday 30th April**

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**[M25 Consortium Annual Conference](#)  
Thursday 6th June, 10am-3.30pm, online**

This year's conference is entitled '**Libraries Transformed and Transforming: technology, space, people**'. The full programme will be available on our website shortly, along with booking forms.

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### [M25 SpeedMeet](#)

Every month we meet with an M25 member institution and we ask them to tell us a little bit about themselves. This month we will meet **Cliff Van Dort** from the University of London Archives. [View the latest SpeedMeet interviews here.](#)

If you're interested in contributing to a SpeedMeet please contact [m25libadmin@lon.ac.uk](mailto:m25libadmin@lon.ac.uk)

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### [M25 Consortium AGM - save the date, 20th May](#)

All member representatives are invited to attend our AGM, taking place online on Monday 20th May 2024.



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### [The GLAM Sector](#) - in-person event at the British Library, 14th May

cpd25 will be running an in-person event at the British Library on ['The GLAM Sector: what can we learn from galleries, libraries, archives and museums'](#). This workshop will celebrate the successes and diversity of four key cultural organisations and the lessons we can learn from each other, in terms of service relevance, modernisation, professional practices and audience engagement. M25 members receive discounts on attendance.

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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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