

## M25 SpeedMeet



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

I'm Dave, and I lead university of Greenwich's library and academic enhancement teams as Associate Director. I live in Kent but work across all three of Greenwich's campuses, with most of my time spent in our flagship Stockwell Street Library.

- **What do you most enjoy about your job?**

Meeting people, learning from them, knowing we can help. Our libraries are active and busy places (I'm never that happy in a really quiet library!) so you get to meet students at wildly different stages of their studies, but also their lives. I really value the interactions I get with students, especially as they are fewer and further between now that I have a more senior role.

- **What motivates you in your work?**

It might sound a bit corny, but making a difference. I find it very motivating to work in a role where I am always making choices that either directly or indirectly influence the study and research done by the very diverse community of people at Greenwich. We're very connected in our teams into how students study but how also they are taught, and we strive to improve that every day.

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

I remember attending a session on eResources right at the beginning of my time in libraries, so around 20 years ago now, which drew me into the library technologies space, and made me want to work with collections and systems. Once I was on the path to getting my Library MA, however, I got a job working as the cpd25 Administrator. That role was the most enjoyable job I've ever had – I spent two years going on library visits, listening to expert talks and meeting people from across the South East. It transformed my understanding of the sector and I owe so

much to the people I learnt from during that time, and the Consortium.

- **What would it surprise people to know about you?**

People always think librarians all love books and love to read, but I'm really not very good at it. I just lose concentration! I don't read novels very often at all. I do listen a lot though – podcasts, audio books, the radio. I constantly have something on the go (apart from at work!). I've always thought the content, the message, is the more important thing.

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

There's the realistic answer to this, which is probably working somewhere else in higher education, or somewhere else in public service because that's just where I feel like I've fitted in life, but there's also the money-no-object version, which is travelling the world completing a bucket list of music venues and football stadiums I've always wanted to go to. I'm pretty sure I could make that last a lifetime given half a chance!

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