

M25 SpeedMeet September 2024



Questions

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

I'm **Laura Scullion** and I'm Events and Programmes Administrator at the M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries. I work closely with the cpd25 Task Groups on organising their programme of events and visits, and with the Consortium's Operations Manager, Steering Group and Trustees on organising events and activities for members of the Consortium.

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

The people! Everyone I work with: from the cpd25 Task Group members, to the Trustees and Steering Group, event attendees and presenters, trainers and colleagues are the loveliest, kindest bunch of people I've ever worked with. I like working for a small organisation too and the Consortium is such a nice community. The work itself is very varied and I feel as though I'm constantly learning.

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

Getting good feedback from the cpd25 events I help run. It's great to hear how attendees have benefitted from an event. And working with such passionate, committed people is always a great motivator.

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

The cpd25 programme of events has such a wide range of subject areas, and as I manage all the logistics of each event, I also get to benefit from the training – I've already learnt some sign-language, how to produce engaging presentations, and how to stay happy and positive in trying times! There are also loads of networking opportunities, particularly for members to share ideas and experiences.

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

I sing in a local choir. We sing covers of modern pop/rock songs. As I mainly work from home now, it's great to get out and join a crowd of friendly people each week – plus it's very informal and no audition was required! If I've had a tough day or feeling particularly tired, it always perks me up.

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

Well, I don't actually work in a library but if I wasn't working in my current role I would be working in a museum. I started studying for an MA in Heritage Management a few years ago but had to drop out due to personal reasons. I worked at the National Gallery for about seven years and loved the environment and culture.