

The logo for the M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries Newsletter. It features the text 'M25' in a large, bold font, with 'M' in grey and '25' in orange. Below this, 'CONSORTIUM OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES' is written in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the word 'Newsletter' is written in a bold, grey, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a white background within a gold-bordered box.

**M25**  
CONSORTIUM  
OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES  
**Newsletter**

### **David Archer, M25 Consortium Chair**

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Happy New Year to you all – I hope you had an enjoyable break. The M25 Trustees and Operations Manager are heading to Birmingham this week to take part in the Symposium for Regional and National Consortia. The day will include updates from each of the consortia on their key priorities, and discussions around collaboration and demonstrating the value of libraries in challenging times. Outcomes will feed into the M25 Planning Day on 28 January.



This month we are also putting the call out for members to join our new Sustainability Working Group. We are seeking representation from across the M25, and from staff working at all levels. The initial focus of the group is on environmental sustainability, with a view to scoping best practice within the region and sharing this with the membership, as well as identifying areas where the

Consortium, with its regional focus, can support our member institutions. Please encourage staff working in your library, in whatever role, to get involved - or consider signing up yourself.

The cpd25 programme is off to a flying start in 2025 with the return of its popular Moving Into Management training. This two day course is a fantastic opportunity for staff in member libraries who are looking to take a step up into a senior role to find out more about what management entails and to identify and develop the skills required to enable them to make that next move. Details on how to sign up are below.

Best wishes

David



### **Sustainability: Call Out for Members**

M25 is looking for colleagues to join our new [Sustainability Group](#), to support a major theme of the M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries' Strategy 2023-2026 - "Sustainability: Acting sustainably". This theme was formed in response to member needs around information sharing and best practice in this area.

Our current focus will be on environmental sustainability, however this will be reviewed by the Group and expanded to consider sustainability more broadly as needed, with economic, social and environmental sustainability interlinked.

We are seeking a Chair, as well as members, who will be supported by Michelle Wake from the M25 Steering Group.

**Key responsibilities for the M25 Sustainability Group:**

- Regularly gather information from member institutions, and other relevant organisations, about sustainability initiatives, analyse responses and disseminate via reports and events.
- Provide opportunities for staff at member institutions to network and share initiatives, needs, and challenges around sustainability in London and the South.
- Provide an online toolkit of sustainability resources.
- Highlight guidance and recommendations of best practice.

**Members**

The Group will have about six to eight members to represent the diversity of the Consortium and all levels of staff within our member institutions.

**Meetings**

Meetings will take place six times a year via Zoom. Guest speakers will contribute throughout the year.

**Join Now!**

If you have knowledge in this area or just want to

know more about sustainability and would be interested in joining, or would like more information before committing, please contact [Michelle Wake](#).

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### [Moving into Management](#)

**In person training course back by popular demand!**



**Dates: 19 & 20 February**

**Venue:** London Mathematical Society, De Morgan House  
57-58 Russell Square  
London WC1B 4HS

Fee for members: £350 (including lunch and refreshments)

How do you harness the power of a team? Motivate others and deal with challenges?

This interesting and engaging training course will provide an insight into what it means to be a manager.

This two-day workshop will be led by trainer Nicole Godetz, Director of Management Consultancy, Noo Thinking Ltd. The purpose of the workshop is to equip new managers to develop their skill set and to give those who are thinking of moving into management, a sense of what is involved. It is designed to address both the practical and the interpersonal elements of management.

#### **Previous delegate feedback**

*“The whole two days was excellent and a lot of*

*these techniques feel like they could benefit non-managers too”*

*“It was very successful in that you were given the techniques and then asked to go into deeper understanding by practising it”*

**Don't Miss out, [Book Now!](#)**

Looking for more cpd opportunities for 2025?  
Browse our events taking place in January and February: [www.m25lib.org.uk/events/](http://www.m25lib.org.uk/events/)



### **LMS suppliers to M25 Consortium members**

In the Members' Area of our website, you can look at which LMS suppliers our members use: [www.m25lib.org.uk/members-area/current-lms-suppliers/](http://www.m25lib.org.uk/members-area/current-lms-suppliers/)

We are currently reviewing the list and will be reaching out to members to ensure that we have the correct information. If your LMS supplier has changed, please let us know so we can update the information.

Send an email to:

<mailto:M25libadmin@london.ac.uk>

Many thanks!

### **Discover member-only resources**

To access the members' area of the M25 Consortium website, you need to register. Go to

['Access Members' Area'](#) on the home page and click on the link to fill in the registration form.

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### **cpd25 Task Group membership**

cpd25 is currently seeking a new member to join [Task Group 2](#) and to contribute to the development and delivery of our programme on behalf of the M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries.



Membership of Task Groups is open to all staff in M25 member institutions, with Task Group members normally drawn from a cross-section of member institutions, job roles and levels.

Each Task Group meets online approximately three to four times per year, and there is an annual cpd25 planning event when topics are considered to inform the following academic year's programme planning.

[Task Group 2](#) provides training and development in areas such as equal opportunities, accessibility, disability, health and safety, copyright and data protection.

We always attempt to work on events in pairs or more, so newer members can work alongside those with more experience. Recent events have included "Copyright essentials", "The role of libraries in supporting refugees and asylum seekers", "Licensing for overseas-based students", "The Customer Service Excellence Standard:

sharing hints and tips” and “Deaf awareness training with Dot Sign Language”.

We have had visits to the Kew Gardens Library, HMP Wandsworth Library, the Aga Khan Library and the Imperial War Museum Library.

Please do circulate this great opportunity to your teams. If anyone interested would like more information before making a decision, contact the cpd25 Chair [Sara Burnett](#), for an informal discussion.

Formal expressions of interest, not exceeding 400 words, outlining relevant experience and reasons for wanting to get involved should be made to [Sara Burnett](#) by **Noon on Thursday 27th March**.

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### **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 meet Delilah Wallbank, Weekend Services Assistant for the University of Greenwich. Delilah attended her very first M25 events in December 2024.

You can read more about that, why student feedback motivates her, and what her link to Woodcraft Folk is, on our [M25 SpeedMeet page](#)

### **Jumpstart 2025 with an M25 SpeedMeet Profile**

We'd love to feature you! It's easy to do and a great way to increase your professional profile.

If you'd like to be featured on our M25 SpeedMeet page, send an email to [m25libadmin@london.ac.uk](mailto:m25libadmin@london.ac.uk).

[Browse past interviews](#)

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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: <https://www.academiclibrariesnorth.ac.uk>

SCURL: <https://www.scurl.ac.uk/about>

WHELP: <https://whelf.ac.uk/>

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