



Call for Lightning Talk Presentations and Posters for M25 Consortium's Annual Conference 2025

The [M25 Consortium's 2025 annual conference](#) will take place in person on **Tuesday 24th June** at the Old Royal Naval College campus, University of Greenwich, London.

We are developing a great programme for the Conference. Confirmed Speakers include:

- Keynote Speakers: **Lawrie Phipps**, Senior Research Lead at Jisc and **Dr Donna Lanclos**, Researcher and Speaker, Anthropologist and Folklorist: *The Wolves are at the Door: An argument for a trophic cascade in libraries*
- **Banji Adewumi**, Director of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Greenwich
- **Jon Ray**, GLAM Environmental Sustainability Manager, Oxford University Gardens, Libraries & Museums (GLAM)
- **Helen Rimmer**, Kindness and Wellbeing Coach on Wellbeing in Libraries: Steps to Creating Kind, safe workplaces
- **Regina Everett** on the successes and challenges of delivering library space projects

Visit the [Conference event page](#) for the latest programme details.

We are very pleased to announce that the call for lightning talk presentations and posters at the Conference is now open.

The theme this year is “Shaping the Future”

What issues are shaping our future services, library collections and buildings, institutions, careers and professions? How are technology and sustainability influencing our work? How can library staff and institutions collaborate regionally to provide the best range of services in the current financial climate? What role can the M25 Consortium play?

Present a Lightning Talk or a Poster

Your paper or poster could detail a particular project your library service is leading on or look at higher level developments in the sector as a whole, reflecting the theme of the Conference.

In either case, our aim is that delegates to return to their institutions with practical ideas or issues for discussion to follow up and consider in their own service.



The conference is attended by a wide range of library staff, from library assistants to directors of library services. The type of libraries they represent reflect the diversity of the M25 Consortium membership: there will be Higher Education libraries represented alongside scholarly, national, museum, research, GLAM and special research collection libraries.

In submitting your Abstract or Poster, please consider the diverse audience your paper or poster will have.

Lightning Talk Presentations

If you would like to present a paper, apply for one of our three lightning talk slots. These will be short 5-8 minute presentations. The presenters can, if they are happy to, form part of a Panel at the end of the session to answer questions and discuss issues arising from the Lightning Talks.

As the talks are short, there will be limited time for the use of lots of slides to support your presentation, but if you would like to use them, they need to be in PowerPoint format (this is due to the need for consistency in running the technical side of the conference).

Posters

Posters need to be printed (at least A3 size) and, if appropriate, also shared to the Conference organisers digitally as a PDF.

Above all, a poster should be a networking tool. As Tullio Rossi, LSE academic, said in a blog about [Conference posters](#): “The primary purpose of a poster is not to communicate every little detail of your fantastic research, but rather to attract people’s attention and serve as a conversation starter.”

How to apply

We warmly encourage individuals from all levels and types of role to apply, particularly if you have not previously presented at a Conference. We encourage submissions from those working outside the Higher Education sector, to reflect the diversity of M25 membership.

Applicants must currently work for an M25 Member library. Jointly-authored submissions are acceptable (maximum two persons per paper or poster).

Abstracts outlining the subject of your talk or poster, of not more than 250 words, should be submitted to the Conference Planning Group via email to M25 Consortium Operations Manager M25libadmin@london.ac.uk.



Please submit your abstract as a Word file (not in the text body of an email), which is saved with your surname and 'M25 Conference 2025' in the title. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **Wednesday 30 April 2025**. All applicants will be notified of the outcome in the following weeks.

Free Place at Conference!

Successful applicants will be awarded with a free delegate place to the conference.

Please share this opportunity widely with your colleagues.