

M25 SpeedMeet

September 2025 Spotlight: Eloise Carpenter



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

I'm Eloise Carpenter, Collection Services Manager at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. My role includes responsibility for the procurement, acquisition and management of collections, access to and promotion of resources, and management of the Collection Services team.

What M25 Groups are you involved with, what is your role and what tasks are you doing?

I have two roles: I've been a member of cpd25 Task Group 3: Operations Management for several years (having defected from TG4!), and more recently became Co-Chair of the M25 Sustainability Working Group.

What motivates you in your work?

[The Sustainability Group](#) is working on ideas and feedback from our session at the M25 Consortium Annual Conference 2025. Priorities are creating a toolkit of sustainability resources, promoting best practice and sharing information about sustainability initiatives.

[cpd25 Task Group Three](#) has been discussing organising a sustainability-related event for a few months but waited to see what came out of the conference. I'm hoping to do a joint Task Group 3/Sustainability Group event. Other ideas in the pipeline for TG3 include AI, OERs, quality assurance, collections management/decolonisation, LGBTQ+, qualitative data, and exchange of practice. Watch this space!

What are the benefits of being involved with an M25 Consortium Group and are any specific skills required?

There are many benefits! I joined cpd25 TG4, and then TG3, because I wanted to try something new, step outside my comfort zone, and contribute to the cpd25 staff development and training programme (having benefitted from attending events). I've been able to connect and network with library and information professionals, gaining confidence and knowledge along the way. The M25 Consortium is very welcoming, positive and supportive.

You don't need to be in a senior role or an expert to join a group, just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved. I'd recommend it to anyone thinking about joining a task/working group.

To support your professional development, what subjects and/or activities would you like the Consortium to cover in the next twelve months?

There are many issues and challenges facing library and information professionals. Priorities for me include:

- the impact of AI on the information profession and on information users
- commitment to sustainability and achieving the UN's SDGs
- diversity and inclusion in the workplace and services
- optimizing collection management (including publisher negotiations e.g. TAs, sector finances, advocacy, TNE licensing, decolonization, metadata), and
- developments in open science

If I wasn't working in a library I would be

playing the bassoon because that's what I spend most of my spare time doing! You'll often find me donning mess dress or 'Red Sea Rig' and tootling with the [Central Band of the Royal British Legion](#). Please do come along to a concert.

