



M25 Sustainability Toolkit: Mission & Contribution Guide

Mission Statement

The M25 Sustainability Toolkit is a collaborative, evolving resource that helps libraries across the M25 Consortium embed sustainability into their services, spaces, and strategies.

Our goal is to empower library staff at all levels to take practical, informed, and inclusive steps toward environmental sustainability.

By sharing real-world examples, tools, reflections, and resources from across the M25 community, we aim to:

- Showcase best practices and innovative ideas
- Reduce duplication of effort
- Encourage peer learning and build confidence
- Support libraries in aligning with institutional and sector-wide sustainability goals

This toolkit is built by and for the M25 community. Whether you're sharing a policy, a poster, a supplier list, or a personal reflection — your contribution adds value.

The M25 Sustainability Toolkit is in its infancy, and this document serves as an example of the types of contributions we're looking for to help shape and grow the resource.

Tool kit structure

Practical Guidance

Best Practices

- Practical examples from libraries
- Tips for implementation
- Low-cost, high-impact ideas

Case Studies

- Success stories from different library types
- Lessons learned
- Transferable models

Collection Management

- Sustainable acquisitions
- Green weeding policies
- Digital vs. print considerations

Engagement & Learning

Community Engagement

- Outreach initiatives
- Partnerships with local groups
- Events and campaigns

CPD Activities

- Training resources
- Workshops and webinars
- Reflective practice tools

Resources & Tools

Further Reading and Resources

- Articles, reports, and toolkits
- External links
- Annotated bibliography

Practical Tools

- Templates
- Checklists
- Posters and signage

Measurement & Policy

Metrics and Evaluation

- How to measure impact
- Sustainability KPIs
- Reporting templates

Policies and Procedures

- Sample policies
- Procurement guidelines
- Environmental statements

Procurement

- Ethical suppliers
- Sustainable purchasing
- Lifecycle costing

Suppliers

- Recommended vendors
- Green credentials
- Contact details

How to Contribute

This toolkit is a shared space for gathering, creating, and sharing practical sustainability resources across the M25 library community. Everyone is welcome to contribute — from polished documents to quick tips or useful links.

What you can upload

- Word documents (e.g., reflections, case studies, templates)
- PDFs (e.g., posters, policies, reports)
- Excel sheets (e.g., supplier lists, metrics)
- PowerPoint slides (e.g., training materials)
- Annotated link lists (in Word or Excel format)

Not sure what to share? Start small

- A sustainability initiative you've tried
- A supplier or product you recommend
- A tip or lesson learned from your library
- A link to a resource you've found helpful

How to add value

- Include a short summary or context: *What is this? How was it used?*
- Add your name and institution (if you're happy to)
- Suggest how others might adapt it

[Add to the toolkit via Google Drive](#)

Need help?

If you're unsure where something fits, just upload it — we'll figure it out together. This is a living resource, and your contribution helps it grow.

Your input matters. Together, we can make sustainability a shared success across the M25 community.

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