

**M25 SpeedMeet**

**December 2025: Lydia Harris**



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

Hi, I'm Lydia Harris, Collections Manager at King's College London, I primarily manage the teaching and research physical collections across our seven libraries, AKA the books on shelves.

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

The ability to work across sites and different teams, I really enjoy getting out to our different campuses and talking with so many colleagues from across Libraries & Collections (and beyond). It's a great opportunity to learn more about the collections and work with different people across the King's Community. It's also extremely satisfying when a project is completed, or a move has taken place that makes our collections more discoverable.

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

The ability to make a difference, however small, to the discoverability and access of our physical collections. It can sometimes feel like a Sisyphean task, collections management; the weeding, and moving, and analysing will never end BUT every time our resources are made more accessible and relevant to both our users and colleagues it makes a positive difference.

My mantra is 'A small amount of progress is still progress' and every time progress is made, it's intrinsically satisfying.

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

The M25 Consortium is such a great networking opportunity and way to increase skills, understanding and knowledge with colleagues across the sector. Talking with, and learning from, others is always such a great way to gain experience and understanding of roles, trends and potential avenues for future career development.

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

I am, and always will be, an RPG obsessive, with a particular penchant for playing chaotic-good characters. Dungeons & Dragons, Call of Cthulhu, Planet of the Apes – I'll give it all a go. I'm currently channeling the magnificence of Frank Finlay as Porthos in Three Musketeers campaign. If none of this makes sense, think Stranger Things on Netflix.

- **Complete the sentence: If I wasn't working in a library, I would be...** Head Capybara Feeder at any wildlife park across the land...because...well, they're the best, aren't they.



**Lydia Harris, Collections Manager at King's College London**