

April 2026



David Archer, M25 Consortium Chair



This week we held the Consortium's 2026 AGM and were pleased to see 36 member representatives (or proxy reps) at the meeting - a 62% turnout. Thank you to all those who attended and I'm pleased to share that members agreed to a zero increase in membership fees for 2026-2027 and approved the M25 Consortium's Strategy 2026-2029.

Spring is a busy time for the cpd25 programme and, as a result of strike action, we have rescheduled one of our popular in person events, Moving into Management. This will now take place in June, so you have a second chance to register a place if you missed out previously. Full details can be found below.

A reminder that registration is also now open for

the 2026 M25 Annual Conference. This year our Conference takes place online (so easier to fit around work schedules) and includes inspiring presentations and five lightning talks, plus a lunchtime mindful session and an optional in-person visit to Senate House Library and exhibition in the early evening. All M25 Consortium member institutions are entitled to two free delegate places. Book now!

At this year's Conference we will be showcasing and celebrating successful initiatives that have taken place across our member libraries, however large or small and we invite you to tell us about these via our Conference padlet. Details of how to share your story can be found below.

Finally, a reminder that we can add your job vacancies here (and you will see two below). Send details to m25libadmin@london.ac.uk

Best wishes, David

[M25 Consortium Annual Conference 2026](#)

Tuesday 9th June, Online

10.00am-12.45pm & 1.30-3.30pm

Our programme includes:

Keynote Speaker: Martin Reid, Director of Library Services at the House of Commons

"Truth, trust and democracy: the role of the House of Commons Library and good information in the UK Parliament"



Morning Presentation: Anchal Bhatt and Kate Cheney, UCL "**Plugging the Gap: Learning Experiences in UCL LCCOS**"

Lightning Talks: 5 talks - details will be announced shortly.

Sustainability Group: Jessie McLean (Co-Chair)
"From overwhelm to action: developing a sustainability toolkit"

Closing Speaker: Dr Andy Cope, Art of Brilliance
"The Art of Being Brilliant"

[Speaker, facilitator and contributor biogs](#)

Bonus features:

- **End of lunch mindful reset session**
We're offering a 15 minute end of lunchtime mindfulness 'reset and refresh' session led by Jem Shackelford.
- **In person post-conference visit to Senate House Library & Exhibition: English Print Revolution: Caxton & Beyond**
5-6pm, Senate House, London Book your visit place here:
www.m25lib.org.uk/events/visit-to-senate-house-library-m25/

Register to attend

All member libraries receive two free delegate places. Don't delay, [Register now](#)



M25 Consortium Annual Conference 2026

Share your successes

At Conference we'll hear from voices across the sector, sharing achievements and activities that are making a difference.

Whether you can attend Conference or not, we're calling for contributions from staff at our member libraries to share examples of positive initiatives and activities that have taken place, however big or small.

We will then present these at Conference in our *Sharing the Sunshine* padlet session, facilitated by Sara Burnett, Kingston University and Helen Curtis, Oxford Brookes University.

Add your positive stories, projects and observations here:

<https://padlet.com/kingstonuniversity/m25-conference-2026-sharing-the-good-however-small-we82yzmfmvmbg1vh>

Staff Development Awards 2026 - Awarded

We are pleased to report that we have assessed applications to our Staff Development Awards and are informing successful applicants that they have a free place at their chosen upcoming M25 or cpd25 event. The successful applicants will be providing post-event pieces and we will feature these in an upcoming newsletter.

Congratulations to the successful applicants. If you're interested in the opportunity to attend a Conference or training event free of charge, look out for the launch of our Staff Development Awards 2027 early next year.



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Library staff vacancies at member libraries

1. Academic Services Librarian, University of Greenwich

Closing date 4 May 2026

Come and join an award-winning and friendly team based at the beautiful Greenwich Maritime campus.

Salary starts at £44,260 including London Weighting, with benefits including Wellbeing Days, flexible working, and an excellent range of CPD opportunities.

Find out more and apply here: [5407-E Academic Services Librarian - Jobs at Greenwich](#).

2. Evidence Support Manager at the Royal College of Surgeons of England

Closing date 10 May 2026

We are currently recruiting for my maternity leave cover at The Royal College of Surgeons of England (12 months, full-time, fixed-term contract).

As Evidence Support Manager, you'll lead a lovely, high-performing team of Information Specialists to manage our Evidence Support services such as our literature search service, current awareness service and consultancy work.

You'll also be a key member of the Library Management team, contributing to strategic decision-making, service development, and the promotion of our services across the organisation and to our 20,000+ surgical members.

As this is a leadership role, we're particularly keen to hear from candidates with experience in managing a team or service, literature searching and contributing to the development and evolution of library or evidence services.

Salary: £41,655 per annum

Location: Hybrid working, with 20% of time based in our Holborn office (this can be worked flexibly)

Working hours: 35 hours per week (we support flexible working)

Link to full job description & person spec: [RCS England vacancies — Royal College of Surgeons](#)

If you'd like to have an informal chat about the role, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Megan McCarthy mmccarthy@rcseng.ac.uk

Royal College of Surgeons of England

www.rcseng.ac.uk

Recruiting?

If you have a vacancy in your library that you would like to include in our monthly newsletter (and in the News area of our website) send the details to Jill Howard, Operations Manager:

m25libadmin@london.ac.uk

SpeedMeet Profile for April: Carly Ramirez-Herelle

April's SpeedMeet profile is Carly Ramirez-Herelle, University of Bedfordshire. Find out about Carly's role, the Library Excellence Framework and her TV connection here: www.m25lib.org.uk/m25-resources-and-activities/m25-speedmeet/



Be our next M25 SpeedMeet or Spotlight person

What Member Library do you work at and what's your role? What M25 Group are you involved with and how does it benefit your career? Send an email to m25libadmin@london.ac.uk and we will feature you and your library.



Selection of upcoming events

12 May

[What does it mean to be a Subject/Liaison Librarian?](#)

Online, 10.30am - 12.00pm

26 May

[The GLAM sector: what can we learn from Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums](#)

British Library, 1.30 - 4.00pm

1 & 5 June

[Moving into Management](#)

De Morgan House, 9.30am - 4.00pm

9 June

[M25 Annual Conference 2026](#)

[Sunshine through the rain: celebrating our successes](#)

Online, 10.00am - 3.30pm

23 June

[LISA Conference Change through the lens of self-kindness](#)

Mary Ward House, 10.00am - 4pm

[Browse all our upcoming events, including visits](#)

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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