

## M25 SpeedMeet

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### Questions

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

I'm Louise Savage, the Collections Coordinator within the Collections Transformation team at King's College London (KCL). I coordinate the activities of the Collections Transformation team and work alongside the managers and other teams within Libraries & Collections at KCL to coordinate the management and preservation of our libraries' print resources, overseeing life-cycle collection management procedures around processing, storage and the sustainable withdrawal of items.

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

It sounds very cliched, but rarely are two days ever the same, which can bring its own challenges too and you often have to think on your feet in the case of an unforeseen event. But, I enjoy the opportunity to work at different sites (there are seven libraries at King's College London), work in different spaces, and discover on a daily basis interesting and sometimes long-forgotten items within these spaces. Conversely, I enjoy the flexibility of my role in that I can work from home and on site and thus prioritise and plan my work location and work activities accordingly.

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

I like to discover new items within our collection and having the opportunity to coordinate and complete worthwhile space organisation projects, which enable items to be discoverable and accessible to our users. Plus, it is quite satisfying to be part of and coordinate projects related to the weeding of items that are no longer suitable for our users and seeing them being sustainably withdrawn in the hope of gaining new readership elsewhere.

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

The M25 Consortium gave me the opportunity to present a Lightning Talk at last year's Conference. I was also able to attend the whole Conference and listen to some insightful and motivating talks. The event was also good for networking, especially as it was held in-person at the beautiful University of Greenwich. I have also attended visits to other member libraries which have been arranged by CPD25.

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

I try to keep it under wraps at work, but since adopting Willow, an ex-racing greyhound two-and-a-half years ago, I'm not afraid to admit that I am a bona fide 'Dog Mum' and am obsessed with all things sighthound- and longdog-related. My weekends are regularly taken up by group greyhound walks in the Surrey and Sussex countryside, and my hard-earned wages pay to keep Willow in the safe and secure life she is now accustomed to (quite frankly, her wardrobe is better than mine!)

- **Complete the sentence: If I wasn't working in a library I would be** the owner of a greyhound rescue and rehoming centre. I told you I was obsessed!