

M25 SpeedMeet

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

My name is Joanne Cawkwell and I am a Library Assistant in Library & Learning Services at Kingston University. My job is to support the Librarians in my team, and my duties are varied. I do some book ordering, stock management, I also oversee some message boards for enquiries from students and staff. I post for the department on social media and help on pop-up stalls at key times of the year.

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

I like that the job has some duties that are time sensitive and, in a team, but I am also given a lot of autonomy to work on tasks by myself and develop new things (like the Pause Point project).

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

I think reading and critical thinking are more important than ever; university is a great place to develop these skills and learn about yourself. I hope that we provide a comfortable environment for this to happen for our students.

I also work with some great people, which is not taken for granted.

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

I have enjoyed being able to attend some of the visits over the years (although you must be quick off the mark!). It is a good place to meet people from different institutions and to see

how services are delivered elsewhere. I also had the great opportunity of presenting a Lightning Talk at the [M25 Annual Conference](#) this year.

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

I once dressed up as a Roman woman for a segment on local news about Roman cuisine.

- **Complete the sentence: If I wasn't working in a library I would be**

working for Arts Council England because I have a Masters in Arts Policy and Management.