M25 CONSORTIUM OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Newsletter

David Archer, Chair of the M25 Consortium



As you know, cpd25 is the staff development and training programme of the M25 Consortium. The programme is led by four cpd25 Task Groups that develop events in a particular area. You can read about each Task Group's work on our website: www.m25lib.org.uk/cpd25

The Chair of Task Group One, Career Development, is stepping down and so we're looking for an enthusiastic individual to lead this group. This is a great professional development opportunity, and we warmly encourage expressions of interest from anyone working in a member library. You do not need to be a current member of a cpd25 Task Group to apply. The deadline is 11 December 2026 - full details below.

Our Annual Networking Event is taking place next month on Wednesday 2 December, 5-7pm in the

Studio at the Science Museum Library and Research Centre. We're also offering library tours before the event, and there's an open invitation to submit a poster about a project or initiative you'd like to share with M25 colleagues at the event. Register now to reserve your place: www.m25lib.org.uk/events/members-networking-event-2026/

Do remember to check out the upcoming training opportunities on our website (www.m25lib.org.uk/events) which currently include Basic Copyright, AI, Copyright & Cultural Heritage, Deaf Awareness Training and also our Exchange of Experience on Mentoring Matters on 9 December.

If you're attending an event or visit in November or December, we would love to hear how it benefited you. Share your experience and we'll post your report, blog, photos, or short video clips on our website.

Best wishes, David

Vacancy for cpd25 Task Group One Chair

Aniska Kumra, Chair of cpd25 Task Group One, will be stepping down in January. cpd25 would like to thank Aniska for all her hard work and contribution to cpd25, first as a member of TG3, and then as Chair of TG1.

We therefore have a vacancy arising for Chair of cpd25 Task Group One. In addition to leading the

Task Group and chairing Task Group meetings, Task Group Chairs are also required to attend meetings of the cpd25 Working Group, which meets three or four times a year online. Further details can be found in the Guide to Task Group Membership: www.m25lib.org.uk/cpd25/cpd25-guide-task-group-membership

Expressions of interest in this role are now being sought. Please do contact Sally Brock if you are interested in the role but would like more information before making a decision. Aniska will also be happy to answer any questions about her experience as Chair of TG1.

Formal expressions of interest, not exceeding 400 words and outlining relevant experience and reasons for interest in the role, should be made to Sally Brock by noon on Friday 11th December 2026.

Sally Brock, Chair of cpd25
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Diversity Group case studies

The M25 Diversity Group is gathering case studies and examples of best practice from across member libraries. If your library has done work in any of these areas, they would love to hear from you.

If you have any examples to share or want to arrange an informal chat, please email Erika Delbecque or Cliff Van Dort.

The Group has recently added a new case study to our web pages about M25 Consortium member, British Psychotherapy Foundation and their Investors in Diversity programme. You can read that case study and others on our website here: www.m25lib.org.uk/m25-resources-and-activities/task-finish-groups/diversity-case-studies-and-resources/

New Member: Wellcome Collection Library



The Wellcome Collection Library joined the M25 Consortium in October 2026 as our newest provisional member (until our AGM in April 2027). **Hannah Basing, Library Experience and Engagement Manager**, introduces the library:

Wellcome Collection is a free museum and library near Euston Station in London. Although our history spans many different forms, our current home opened in 2007. Through our collections, exhibitions, events, books and online resources, we explore the past, present and future of health. We are part of Wellcome Trust, a global charitable foundation supporting science to help build a healthier future for everyone.

Our library has many thousands of items relating to health, medicine and the human experience, including rare books, artworks, films and videos, personal archives and objects. It is free and open

to everyone, whether you are an artist or writer looking for inspiration, an academic researcher, or just have a general interest in our collection.

We offer study space for visitors through our first come, first serve day card scheme or library membership for those who want to delve deeper and request material from our closed stores/archives.

Our library staff also facilitate access to the collection through activities and events. We promote particular themes and types of material through our 'Discover our Collections' series, collaborate across teams to create the wider Wellcome Collection Lates and also help bring people closer to the collection using drop in events such as zine making and creative writing.

We'd love to welcome more of our M25 colleagues, so please come along and explore!



Member Library Vacancies

University of Surrey's Library Research and Innovation Team

1. Digital Scholarship Manager
A new role that will help shape the area of open research and innovation at Surrey. The post will be responsible for managing the Digital Scholarship Hub activities and equipment to support research at all levels and across the wider university.

Hours: Full time, minimum two days a week on campus in Guildford
Deadline: Wednesday 25th November at 11:59pm
Further details and to apply

2. Head of Open Research and Innovation
The post will be key to shape the strategic direction and development of support for open research and scholarly communications activity delivered by the library and aligned to the University of Surrey's Research Strategy.

Hours: Full-time permanent and will require a minimum of two days in the office in Guildford each week.
Deadline: Friday 4th December at 11:59pm
Further details and to apply

University of the Arts London (UAL)

Subscriptions, Copyright and Licensing Librarian
UAL Library Services is seeking an experienced individual to play a key role in the management of the print and electronic subscriptions and to manage the provision of compliant material under the university's Copyright Licencing Agency agreement, helping to ensure resources are effectively managed and used.

Hours: Full time, fixed-term post for 12 months (Parental Leave Cover).
Location: Based in a small, friendly Resources & Systems team, located at London College of Communication, Elephant and Castle.
Deadline: 29th November 2026, 23:55pm.

Full job description, person specification, and to apply

For any further details about the nature of the role, please contact Sandra Reed s.reed@arts.ac.uk.

SpeedMeet Profile November: Andrew Gray



Find out more about Andrew's day job at UAL, his work with cpd25 Task Group One, and the professional benefits gained from involvement with the M25 Consortium: www.m25lib.org.uk/m25-resources-and-activities/m25-speedmeet

We'd like to hear about you!
Where do you work and what's your role? Share your story and promote your library by sending an email to m25libadmin@london.ac.uk and we will feature you and your library.

A selection of upcoming events

2 December
Pre-Networking event visit to Science Museum Library
4-5pm

2 December
M25 Consortium Annual Networking Event
Studio, Science Museum Library and Research Centre

5-7pm

9 December
Mentoring Matters - an Exchange of Experience session
2-3pm, Online

13 January
Copyright Basics
1.30-5pm, Online

20 January
AI, Copyright & Cultural Heritage
1.30-5.00pm, Online

10 February
Deaf Awareness Training with Dot Sign Language
10am-12.30pm, Online

Browse the full programme of our upcoming events, including visits
www.m25lib.org.uk/events

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
WHELF: https://whelf.ac.uk/

M25 Consortium website

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