

Mercian Board Meeting

Friday 28th March 2025 – 10:30 – 15:00

Aston Library, Aston University, Birmingham  
*This will be a hybrid meeting with several Board members joining via Teams*

Agenda

*Arrival and Refreshments 10:00 – 10:30*

1. Welcome and overview, apologies & introductions (Chair) – 10:30
2. Matters arising from November Board – 10:35
   * Will include link to meeting minutes ASAP (when new website is live)
3. Updates– 10:45
   * New Mercian Collaboration website (EW/RJ)
   * Review work – approach and work packages (EW)
   * Financial Sustainability and Treasurer’s Report (PM)
   * Symposium for National and Regional Library Consortia (EW)
4. Core Groups – 11:30
   * Conference Group (SA)
   * Staff Development Group (SP)
   * Mercian Disability Forum/EDI (JW)
     1. Evolving the Disability Forum (JW)
     2. Global Majority Network proposal (SP)

*Lunch break - 12:15 – 13:00*

1. Key institutional and sector issues – 13:00 – 14:30
   * Big Five negotiations/Walkaway
   * Shared services/Consortial purchasing
2. Next steps - 14:30

* Call for new Officers

1. Next meeting date(s), venue, format & suggestions for topics/speaker(s) – 14:45
2. AOB

*Meeting close 15:00*