



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)
 - i. Evolving the Disability Forum (JW)
 - ii. Global Majority Network proposal (SP)

Lunch break - 12:15 – 13:00

5. Key institutional and sector issues – 13:00 – 14:30

- Big Five negotiations/Walkaway
- Shared services/Consortial purchasing

6. Next steps - 14:30

- Call for new Officers

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

8. AOB

Meeting close 15:00