



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