

Conference Programme

Thursday 9th September

9.00 Welcome Chair of the Mercian Collaboration			
9.10 -10.00 Keynote – “Coach yourself through challenge and change.” Emma Cragg (Personal Development Coach)			
10.00 – 10.10 Short Break			
10.10-11.00 Parallel Sessions			
Parallel 1A	Blurring boundaries: supporting our students from home Gillian Siddall and Hannah Woods University of Northampton		
Parallel 1B	The Resource List Engagement Project: evidence-based approaches to resource list design Kristy Millard, Madalene George and Allie Taylor University of Worcester		
11.00-11.20 Refreshment Break and Virtual Networking			
Parallel Short Sessions	11:20-11.30 1A1	11.30-11.40 1A2	11.40-11.50
Short Sessions 1A1 and 1A2	Inclusive online teaching for ‘one shot’ academic skills workshops: a differentiated approach Sam Thomas University of Northampton Recording	Transition (and adaptation): supporting students to make the leap to an online world via academic skills and peer learning. Polly Harper University of Birmingham Recording	Q and A

Parallel Short Sessions	11-20-11.30 1B1	11.30-11.40 1B2	11.40-11.50		
Short Sessions 1B1 and 1B2	Research libraries and external funders: the impact of a pandemic on stakeholder relations Mark Ecclestone University of Birmingham	Everyone’s talkin’ at me: growing your own podcast? Gaz Johnson Mercian Recording	Q&A		
12.00-12.50 Parallel Sessions					
Parallel 2A	Escape [to] the Library Goes Digital Scott Chesworth Keele University				
Parallel Short Sessions	12-12.10 2B1	12.10-12.20 2B2	12.20-12.30 2B3	12.30-12.40 2B4	12.40-12.50 Q & A
Short Sessions: 2B1, 2B2, 2B3 and 2B4	Creating a connecting thread while witnessing a pandemic in progress – a sense of fragmentation felt and experienced Anna Pelekanou University of Nottingham	The new Biomedical and Health Sciences Library - a journey Lesley Thompson and Sam Greasley, University of Lincoln	Covid-19, digital technology and sharing research data – the perfect storm? Alison Ashmore and Beth Montague-Hellen University of Nottingham	Building our PGRs’ sense of belonging Steve Bull, Deborah Munro, and Georgina Hardy University of Birmingham Recording	Q & A
12.50-13.10 Closing Comments Mercian Chair and Committee					

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9.00 - 9.10 Welcome to Day 2 Mercian Chair and Committee					
9.10-10.00 Parallel Sessions					
Parallel 3A	Creating a virtual and screen-to-screen service to replace face-to-face information skills teaching during COVID times and beyond. Teaching and Learning Support Team from the University of Nottingham				
Parallel 3B Short Sessions					
Parallel 3B Short Sessions	3B1 9.00-9.10	3B2 9.10-9.20	3B3 9.20-9.30	3B4 9.30-9.40	Q and A 9.40- 9.50
Parallel 3B Short Sessions	“You're always bringing your work home with you!” Running the Enquiry Service from home. David Palmer Aston University Recording	Making the unseen seen: how Mercian institutions have stepped up to support the accessibility needs of students during Covid-19 <i>Simon Satchwell Giles Newman University</i>	Feeling at home in the online office - forging an online community for your department Andrew Manton-Maud, University of Worcester. Recording	Copyright at BCU: during 2020 Tom Rowley Birmingham City University	Q and A
10.00 -10.10 Short Break					

10.10-11.00 Session 4A			
Session 4A	Library communication at University of Birmingham in times of adversity Steve Bull and Claire Browne University of Birmingham		
11.00-11.20 Refreshment Break and Virtual Networking			
11.20-11.50 Parallel Short Sessions			
	11.20-11.30 4A1	11.30-11.40 4A2	11.40-11.50 Q & A
Short Sessions 4A1 and 4A2	Academic skills in an online world: lessons learned for the 'new normal' Joe Carey University of Wolverhampton	Supporting students online: Discovery Sessions Allie Taylor University of Worcester	Q and A
	11.20-11.30 4B1	11.30-11.40 4B2	11.40-11.50 Q & A
Short Sessions 4B1 and 4B2	Unlocking library resources and research skills through a virtual treasure hunt Rhiannon Taylor, Kate Courage, Catriona Matthews University of Warwick Recording	#ebookSOS: how the pandemic has impacted on learning resources and what we're doing about it Phil Jones and Dr. Sarah Pittaway University of Worcester	Q and A
12.00-12.50 Parallel Sessions			
Parallel Session 5A	Any other duties: personal perspectives from the last service standing Helen Curtis and Claire Townsend University of Aston		

Parallel Session 5B	Student partnership in the online world Kate Courage, Kat Halliday University of Warwick
12.50-13.00 Conference Closure Mercian Chair and Committee	