

Directors Board Meeting

**Venue: Aston University Conference Centre | Conference room 3**

**Date: Tuesday 21st March 2023**

Agenda

10.15 Tea/Coffee available in the Lounge

11:00 Welcome, apologies & introductions

11:15 Operations

1. Update on MUAL: Relationship & issues in the face of changes in ALN/NEYAL (BV)\*  
    (Report shared via email)
2. Update on recruitment of Executive Officer. Start date and working arrangements
3. New SIG Proposals: Library Systems. Update

([First Systems meeting arranged for 22 March 2023](https://merciancollaboration.org.uk/new-sig-library-systems-and-technologies-march-23))

12:00 News from members

An opportunity for members to raise significant issues from their organisations, or to ask questions of the group

12:30 Lunch in the courtyard bar

13:00 Guest Speaker:

Gary Elliott-Cirigottis (OU) the Recruitment Lifecycle - work arising from the Libraries after Lockdown Dynamic Workforce strand.

14:10 Comfort break / refreshments

14:20 SIG Matters and Reports

1. Senior Staff & Deputy Directors Group (D&SSG): Update (Chair)
2. Staff Development Group (MSDG): Update (LP)
3. Metadata Group (MMG): Update (JK)
4. Mercian Disability Forum (MDF): Update (CP)
5. Mercian Copyright Group (MCG): Update (Chair)
6. Marketing & Communications (MarComs): Update (HC)
7. Conference Group (CG): Update (JW) \* *(See also* [*Conference Microsite*](https://merciancollaboration.org.uk/conference-2023/conference-2023)*)*

15:00 Governance

1. [Minutes of the previous meeting](https://merciancollaboration.org.uk/about-collaboration/agendas-minutes-directors-board) actions and matters arising\*
2. Treasurer’s Update: To receive a report & subscriptions update (HC)
3. Annual Report 2022 – Discussions\*
4. Election of new Chair and Steering Group

15:25 AOB

1. Dates, venue & potential speakers for next meeting (Oct/Nov 2023)

15:30 Close

\* items with associated papers

**All items are Chair’s business unless otherwise noted**

**Key:**

*Chair: Chris Porter, Newman, Sponsor Senior Staff and Deputies, Copyright*

*CP: Chris Powis, Northampton, Steering Group Member. Sponsor MDF*

*JK: Judith Keene, Worcester, Steering Group Member. Sponsor MMG*

*JW: Jo-Anne Watts, Wolverhampton, Steering Group Member. Sponsor Conference Group*

*LP: Laura Pilsel, Harper Adams, Vice-Chair, Sponsor MSDG*

*HC: Helen Curtis, Aston, Treasurer. Sponsor MarComs*

*BV: Ben Veasey, Derby, Member of the NEYAL / ALN project team*

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