

CPD25 Task Group 4 – Member’s Experience

I have been a member of Task Group 4 (TG4) since May 2023, and I have enjoyed every single moment of it. The way I joined the group couldn’t have been more enjoyable either. It all started at the fabulous M25 Consortium 30th Anniversary Networking event, which was hosted in the enchanting Princess of Wales Conservatory at Kew Gardens. That evening, I had the absolute pleasure of connecting with many fellow librarians, including having a chat with Sally Brock, TG4’s Chair, about potentially organising a visit to the UCL Student Centre. No more needed to be said – I was captivated!

Like many of us, I have always loved visiting libraries, learning about the myriad of precious and magical collections, buildings, and archives, as well as meeting many library colleagues from different organisations. So, joining the group and playing an active role behind the scenes of these events was an opportunity I just couldn’t miss. Since becoming a member, I have worked alongside extremely talented, kind, and hard-working colleagues, all volunteering their time to ensure the smooth running of a regular and diverse portfolio of CPD events.

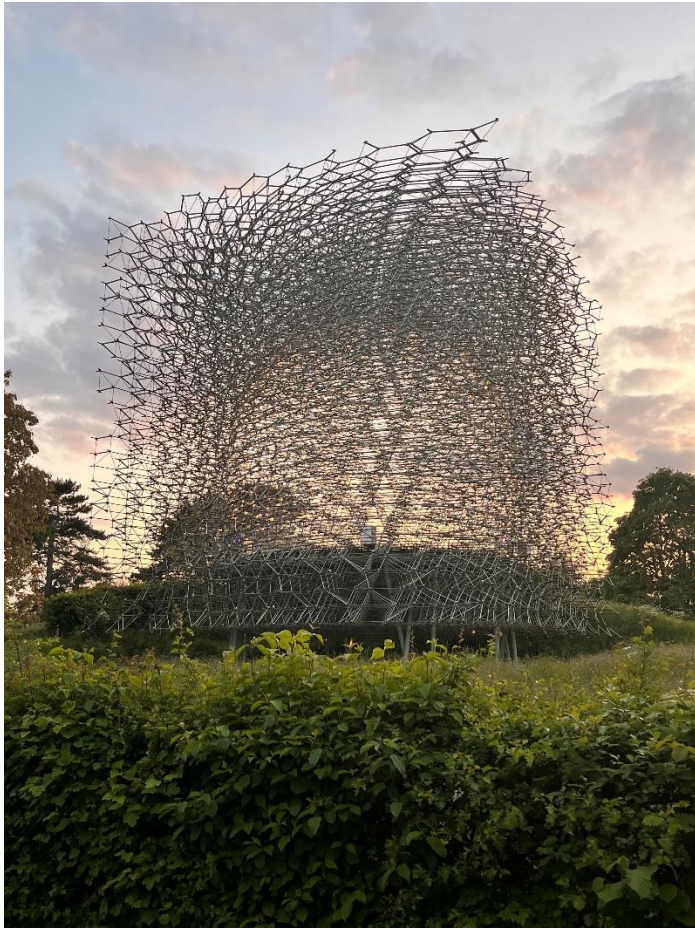
For example, with TG4, I have been involved in organising the 2023 and 2024 Senior Library Assistant Conference, a highly regarded event that brings together many library professionals who supervise staff, services, or both, in a friendly and intellectually stimulating environment. In addition, TG4 has organised very popular visits to the Lambeth Palace Library, the Royal College of Surgeons Library, the Inner Temple Library, the Shakespeare’s Globe Library & Archive and the UCL Student Centre. Becoming a member of TG4 has undoubtedly been one of the best choices I could make, and I am grateful for the many opportunities it has provided. I highly encourage anyone looking to develop their skills and connect with a vibrant, fun-loving community to join any CPD25 Task Group and help shape its invaluable activities.

Photos from some of the events mentioned in my piece:

M25 Consortium 30th Anniversary Networking event at Kew Gardens – 16 May 2023







Welcome to the Princess of Wales Conservatory

Explore the patios, steps, bridges and tunnels of this glasshouse as they lead you through ten distinct display zones. Marvel at over 12,000 plant specimens and discover the strategies plants have evolved to survive in their unique environments.

The most technologically advanced of Kew's glasshouses, this space is designed for energy efficiency. The stepped glass roof and south-facing vertical walls maximise sunlight. The glasshouse is embedded deep below ground to prevent heat loss. Three large tanks harvesting valuable rainwater are also buried below the structure. Humidity and temperature are carefully controlled by computer in each zone, enabling this richly biodiverse collection of plants to thrive.

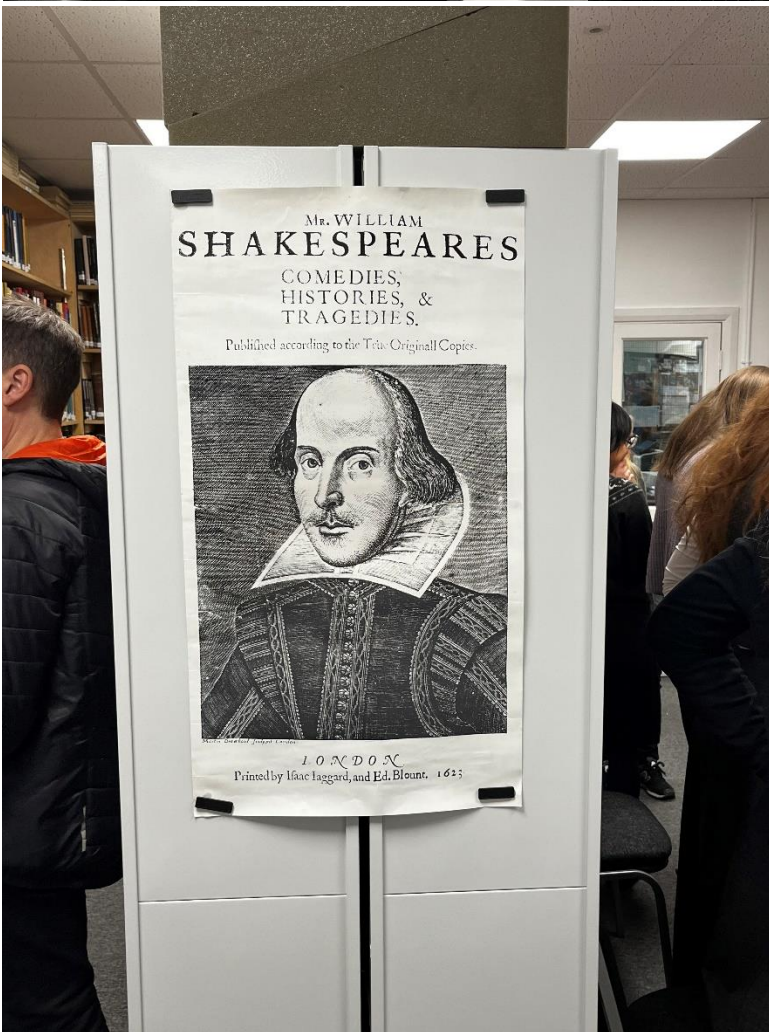
Designed by Gordon Wilson, the glasshouse was named for Princess Augusta (1719–1772), one of Kew's Royal founders. The conservatory was opened by the late Diana, Princess of Wales (1961–1997) in 1967.

Display zones



- Auto
- Alps
- Subtropical zone
- Temperate conservatory
- Temperate conservatory
- Tropical rainforest
- Temperate arctic
- Temperate forest
- Temperate forest
- Temperate steppe
- Temperate steppe
- Arctic (1000 above the ridge)
- Alps
- Temperate forest
- Temperate forest
- Temperate forest
- Temperate forest

Shakespeare's Globe Library & Archive Visit – 30 November 2023



Lambeth Palace Library Visit – 25 April 2023 & 25 April 2024

