





## The Digital Library: **Redefining Access and Engagement**

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#### Context - UWTSD

- UWTSD
- IICL (Institute of Inner-City Learning)



- UWTSD and IICL London physical library and online resources.
- IICL Birmingham Online.
- Work alongside our colleagues in Wales to help all our learners across the campuses.
- How are we approaching the future today?











#### Why do we stand out?

- Student age range and backgrounds.
- Digital only since day one (despite students' varying needs)
- A collaborative effort UWTSD Academic Services Team including Academic Liaison Librarians and Digital Skills Advisors.











## Why we do what we do

"Investing in the teaching and support services offered by the library can increase the employability of a university's graduates. The ability to source and manage information, and to use electronic resources and technology effectively, are skills which are highly valued by employers." (SCONUL, 2024)







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"The library continues to fulfil its role as the **heart of the university** ... the work the library undertakes contributes directly to the institution's academic mission and to equipping students with the skills and knowledge they need to achieve academically and to maximise their employability." (SCONUL, 2024)







#### What do we do now that is 2030 ready?

Fully Online Library Infoskills Programme

**DigiCentre** 

Embedding into curriculum

Personalised support for staff and students







#### What we would like in the perfect world







ACCESSIBILITY FOR E-BOOKS AND ONLINE MATERIALS.



MORE TIME TO VISIT



MORE STAFF TO INTERACT
WITH STUDENTS







# What's next?



- Financial obstacles (e.g. lack of laptops, open access to learning resources and materials)
- Confidence in oneself (Students and staff)
- Building digital usage (e.g. number of clicks)
- AI challenges it brings for students and staff, as well as ethical and environmental concerns.









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