

TeachMeet

Librarians learning from each other

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So, what's TeachMeet?

An 'unconference'

By teachers, for teachers

Focussed on sharing ideas

Practical, helpful, inspiring

Everyone participates

Everyone learns

<http://teachmeet.co.uk>



<http://flic.kr/p/uJVbq>



Rules

2- or 7-minute presentations

Something you've tried yourself

No sales pitches

And no powerpoint!

Anyone can speak

Order chosen at random

No hierarchy, no keynotes

No obligation to pay attention

Can have your own conversation
in the corner



<http://flic.kr/p/8tYKQ>



TeachMeet for Librarians?

We teach too!

71% use training skills

50% use teaching skills

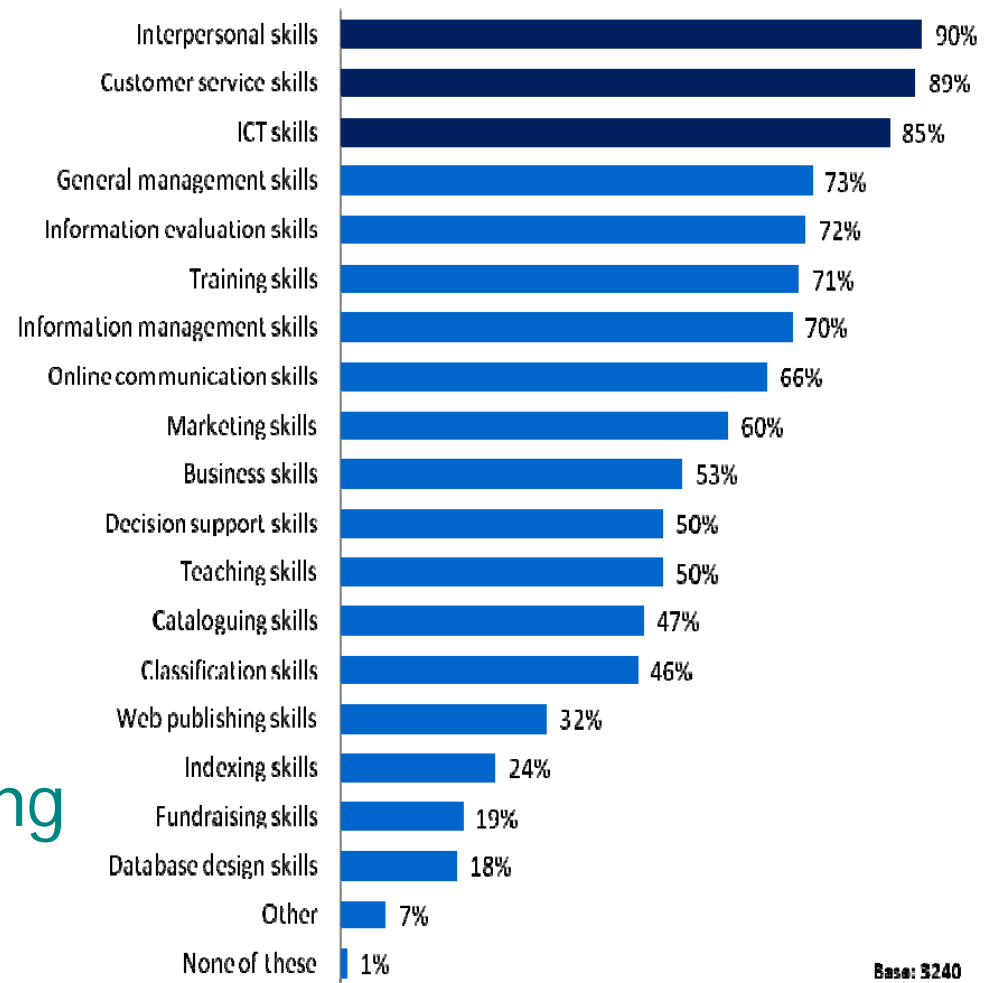
Research by Design (2010)
'Defining our professional future'

We like to share...

...but isolated in our teaching

...and often lack teacher training

Which of the following skills do you currently use in your role?



Base: 3240

<http://bit.ly/9BBPaB>



TeachMeet for Librarians?

TeachMeet can help:

Quick and cheap

To attend...

...and to organise

Share ideas

What worked? What didn't?

Opportunity to present

Networking



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Cambridge: beginnings

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teach me(et)!

just heard about **teachmeet** – a tool where teachers with responsibilities in schools come together in a flashmob (not scary as it might sound, just a bit less formal than a formal event) at a volunteered school and volunteers contribute 10 minutes presentations or 3min short presentations about things that worked (or not) in their schools. They have to have tried, succeeded (or failed) but at least tried.

All attendees can't be selling things, or be getting gain for themselves – they're just trying to spread good practice and sponge off colleagues!

It's a wiki where people contribute their venue and co-ordinate contributions, and there's also a google map which shows where events are held.

wonder if it could work for librarians in Cambridge and be

Dug Hall explains all about TeachMeet from mrhandley or

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Isla Kuhn heard about TeachMeets from some teacher friends

She blogged briefly about it

Lots of other local library folk liked the idea

They decided to run with it and see where it went

<http://bit.ly/b2TWqx>



camlibtm was born

People met up to discuss ideas

Agreed some basics

Ethos: fun, friendly, welcoming

Committed to encouraging new speakers

Capitalising on momentum and contacts from 23 Things Cambridge programme



<http://flic.kr/p/5JnLdn>



Development of the event

August 2010...

Opened bookings

Self-signup via [pbworks wiki](#)

Started small to see how it would g(r)o(w)

Room held a maximum of 50

Presentations of 2 or 7 minutes

Some built in networking time (at the beginning and half-way through)

More relaxed about rules to encourage participation



<http://flic.kr/p/6fXV8W>



camlibtm I: 27 September 2010

Amazing response!

Bookings made before we even had a confirmed venue

Fully booked well in advance

A self-organised waiting list even formed itself!

Almost more speakers than could be accommodated.

Funding from CILIP East of England & Cambridge Library Group



<http://flic.kr/p/ibFGd>



But what did people think??

"...an interesting, informative, fun and friendly evening."

"I was thrilled that it was so informal and so unhierarchical"

"There was a real variety of presentations, so plenty of food for thought, some of which I took away to look at possibly adopting."



But what did people think?

**Very useful, sometimes
contradictory feedback!**



<http://flic.kr/p/B7TmB>

Venue

Too big / too small

Talks

Too long / too short

Friendly / too informal

When to have it?

Weekend / weekday

Full day / half day

Networking

More please!



camlibtm II: 29 March 2011

We acted on feedback

Bigger venue

60 participants

More food!

Less strict on timings

More informal seating

More networking



<http://flic.kr/p/9vVTkx>

Funding from
Schlumberger Research Centre and the
Arcadia Project



The idea has spread...

Confirmed TeachMeets:

Huddersfield, 9 February

Newcastle, 4 May

Liverpool, 26 May

London, 20 June

Ideas in the pipeline:

Oxford, Bournemouth, Brighton,
Leicester...



<http://flic.kr/p/6sK4Hc>



...and not just to libraries



TeachMeet Museums (#TMMuseums)
Organised by the Digital Learning Network
4 February at the British Museum

Keep in touch

[#LibTeachM](#) is the hashtag for all things LibTeachMeet

Individual event tags:

#camlibtm, #hudteachmeet,
#toonlibtm, #livlibtm, #imeetdmu,
#ldnlibtm

[LibTeachMeet calendar](#)

(Work in progress)

[TeachMeet forum](#) on the [LAT Network](#)



<http://flic.kr/p/6fJGQU>



How to make your own

Get some friends together

(Or people you've only ever met
on Twitter/blogs)

Have a glass of wine

(Or some chips, or some cake...)

Select a date, time, venue

Tell people about it

And hunt down some funding

Have fun!



<http://flic.kr/p/7QBGb9>



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