



Queen Mary  
University of London

How management  
are destroying  
your libraries

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**A**long with five other departments, library staff at Queen Mary University are facing restructuring. Although 26 out of 82 jobs are on the line, the “consultation” took place during the summer holiday when term-time only staff were on break — a clear act of discrimination against part-timers and staff with childcare commitments who don’t have the time or money to push for a say.

While all cuts must be fought, the situation at QM is especially wrong. Last year the university made a profit of £10 million while paying for a massive library refurbishment. Apparently management view buildings as worthy of investment, but not staff.

Last year, the Principal of QM made £168,000 on top of £39,000 in expenses, whilst the pay of 91 senior managers topped £100,000. Low-wage employees — who actually keep the university ticking — are being sacrificed to prop up those salaries.

Queen Mary’s restructuring is an attack on students, too. The univer-



sity has opted to charge £9,000 for tuition while cutting services.

Embracing a private sector model, students will no longer be service users, but will instead be customers. As jobs are cut self-service technology will replace human help, leaving students further alienated in this new order of corporate “degree mills.”

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Help us, help yourself.

We plan to fight this, organising staff, students and supporters to publicise the cuts, pressure the management and if necessary take direct action in our interests. Get in touch: [nelsf@solfed.org.uk](mailto:nelsf@solfed.org.uk)



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