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News & Views from the Facilities
Directorate at the University of Leeds.

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS AND GREEN IMPACT

The annual University of Leeds Sustainability Awards were held in June, to celebrate and recognise sustainability initiatives across campus and further afield. Sir Alan Langlands, the Vice-Chancellor presented the Sustainability Awards and highlighted this years' key achievements which included achieving ISO14001 accreditation, the launch of the Community Mentoring Scheme and work with IntoUniversity.

Sustainability Award Winners 2016

Congratulations to the nominees and winners in all five categories.

Embedding Sustainability through Collaboration, this award celebrates working together for example buying collectively and embedding these best practices in procedures and management systems.

Winner: Brenda Frater for embedding sustainability in Deuchars lab through a number of initiatives, including creating a chemical inventory and organising recycled gift exchanges.

Building Knowledge and Capacity, is about sharing ideas, research and knowledge about sustainability to both staff and students, as well as creating an engaging and innovative campus.

Winner: Dr Matthew Davis for leadership in Corporate Social Responsibility teaching and his work with the M&S Company Archive which has helped to promote student engagement with sustainability issues.

Being a Positive Partner in Society is about creating a welcoming and opening campus to all and be an active, responsible member of the city.



Winner: Jen Dyer for developing the Community Enterprise Module which gives students the chance to work with third sector organisations, and her work with the Sustainability Action Group and Community Mentoring Scheme.

Making the Most of Resources is all about efficiency, reducing, reusing and recycling, in relation to resources, travel, energy, and disposal.

Winners: Ellie Cope and Richard Lewis for developing the Flexible Framework and achieving Level 4 of this purchasing framework which integrates sustainability into the University supply chain.

Sustainable Purchasing Award: Joanne Burns for creating sustainability SMART targets within purchasing which record the sustainability benefits from purchasing decisions.

Green Impact Team Success

The end of this year's Green Impact programme was also marked at the Sustainability Awards evening. This year 33 teams across the University were involved in Green Impact, an environmental accreditation scheme that brings together our staff and students into teams to play an active role in making the workplace more sustainable. The teams worked on sustainability actions and criteria to complete the final Green Impact workbook at different levels to win bronze, silver, gold or platinum awards.

Green Impact award winners from the Facilities Directorate were:

- Residential Services (Platinum Award)
- Estates Services (Bronze Award and Silver Project Award)
- FD HR & People Development and Sustainability (Platinum Award)
- Cleaning Services (Bronze Award)
- Facilities Support Services (Gold Award)
- Catering Services (Platinum Award)

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Well done also to the Sustainability Service for their success in raising awareness of and embedding sustainability good practice across staff and students.

If you are interested in learning more about how your team can get involved in Green Impact next year, please contact:

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or sustainability@leeds.ac.uk



BUDDING FLOWERBED DESIGNERS

Three beautiful flowerbeds designed by students from IntoUniversity were officially unveiled by the Vice-Chancellor Sir Alan Langlands in July. The flower beds are the result of a collaboration between IntoUniversity, the Grounds Team and the Sustainability Service who ran a workshop and competition for year 5 and 6 school children to learn about the importance of biodiversity.

Plants in the flowerbeds increase our campus' biodiversity: they are purposefully bright and insect-friendly. Located in three prime locations on campus: each side of the Parkinson steps and on the grass area next to the Michael Sadler

building – the flowerbeds are becoming a focal feature for visitors of both human and friendly bug varieties.

IntoUniversity works with local children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and provides them with inspiring opportunities to raise their future aspirations. At the formal opening, Sir Alan Langlands said: “The University of Leeds encourages collaboration at all levels – that is why it was so exciting to see departments of the university work together with the local community in order to create something long-lasting and joyful for our campus.”



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE FD



The move to the new FD Building has gone extremely well and it's fantastic to see all of those FD staff in their new home, settled in and working together. My thanks go to all the staff members who have helped to make this change possible and organised a smooth transition. I do hope this new environment will prove to be a catalyst for further collaboration and integration across the whole service.

As always the summer months have been a busy period for FD teams. Over 24,000 conference delegates were welcomed onto site, we've opened newly refurbished buildings as

part of the Campus Development plans including Fine Art and the School of Philosophy, Religion, History of Science and Arts, we've created a new gym in the Cityside Hall of Residence, opened a brand new café in Worsley Building (PURE), 3 new innovative lecture theatres are being finalised for the start of term and recently I was delighted to be part of the opening of the flowerbeds located outside Parkinson Court.

It's pleasing that all of the hard work that teams do across the FD has not gone unnoticed. It has been a fantastic year in terms of recognition from peers and industry

organisations for teams in the FD with many receiving high accolades. Congratulations to all involved in winning awards!

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As we prepare for the new academic year, there are some notable changes within the senior team at the University. Professor Lisa Roberts joins as Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Professor Tom Ward as Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Student Education and Professor Hai-Sui Yu has been appointed as the University's first Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International). We've also said goodbye to some long standing members of the senior team. Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor John Fisher, Pro Vice Chancellor Professor David Hogg and Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Viv Jones all left at the end of July.

And finally, as we go to print, we're learning that the University has performed positively this year in terms of recruitment following the A-Level results day. Colleagues across the campus experienced high levels of demand from high calibre applicants and we remain on course to meet our planned intake for the 2016/2017 year. A full update is expected in due course and will be available on For Staff. I am sure FD colleagues will all welcome the new intake of students and work to ensure that they have the very best experience here at Leeds.

YOUR HELP NEEDED - THIRD SECTOR SEEK UNIVERSITY STAFF MENTORS

Following a recent recruitment drive across the City, the Sustainability Service has received a number of applications from community and third sector organisations who feel they would benefit from having University staff mentors. These organisations provide support to people across Leeds and the wider region in a wide range of issues. They include Left Bank Leeds, Wakefield District Sight Aid, Basis Yorkshire, Leeds Tidal, Yorkshire Dance and DIAL (LEEDS) LIMITED.

As well as seeking mentors from across all professional disciplines and support areas, we are particularly interested in finding mentors with skills in project management, business development and planning.

Any staff member interested in participating in the Community Mentoring Scheme can find more information and access the online application form through the Sustainability Service website, or contact: Amanda Jackson on 0113 3434073 or a.m.jackson@leeds.ac.uk.



THE BIKE HUB



Staff bike hire for £10

Bike hire from the Bike Hub (located next to the Roger Stevens building) is now open to staff as well as students. Bike hire starts at only £10 per month.

The Bike Hub has a great range of services to support everything active travel-related - from bike maintenance to route advice. Open Tuesday to Thursday, 12-4pm.

Join the National Cycle Challenge

Throughout September, organisations across the UK will be competing in the National Cycle Challenge, a fun, free competition aimed at getting more people to participate in cycling. There are loads of great prizes that you can win by riding and encouraging friends and colleagues to take part.

If you haven't cycled for years, don't worry! You only have to ride a bike for just 10 minutes or more for your participation to count towards our team's score. And you can ride anywhere, anytime during the Challenge. Full details are available on the website. Register at www.lovetoride.net/cityconnect

It's free to take part and only takes 2 minutes to register, just visit: www.lovetoride.net/cityconnect




HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORT IN WEST YORKSHIRE






The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) is inviting staff to take part in their public consultation - the outcomes of which -will feed into a 20 year transport strategy for West Yorkshire. Have your say also on the region's Bus Strategy which will set out what the region's bus system should achieve from 2016-2036.

Public consultation events will take place until 21st October including a drop-in session to be held in Parkinson Court on 11th October from 11am - 2pm. Staff are invited to attend and have their say.

For more information on the strategy visit: www.yourtravelyoursay.co.uk



TRAVEL SURVEY RESULTS >>>



The Sustainability Service collects data annually on how students and staff members travel to and from work to help inform the University's transport planning and measure how we are progressing against sustainable travel targets.

This year's travel survey had a fantastic response rate with over 5000 students and staff completing it. The results showed that:

- there has been an increase in staff commuting using public transport
- car sharing and walking to work have slightly increased, however staff cycling rates have fallen slightly
- staff single occupancy car use has fallen 1%

- students commuting patterns have remained relatively constant with a slight increase in walking to University, slight decrease in public transport use and cycling with an increase in single occupancy car use to commute to University from 1.6 to 3%.

The travel focus for the Sustainability Service in 2016-17 will involve increasing cycling amongst staff and students. This will be achieved through a variety of ways such as introducing a new staff bike hire offer at the Bike Hub and engaging with travel suppliers to improve the public transport offer for staff and students.

SETTLING IN, THE NEW FACILITIES DIRECTORATE BUILDING



In June colleagues from various teams in the Facilities Directorate moved into the new FD building based opposite Bright Beginnings Children's Centre on Cloberry Street. Three months in and everyone has settled in comfortably. The teams based in the new building are:

- Estate Services: Capital Projects/Engineering and Energy/Operations/Planned Works/Design
- Facilities Directorate Support & Helpdesk
- Estate Planning and Information
- Sustainability
- FD Marketing & Communications
- FD Finance, Performance & Business Development
- Commercial Services

- Residential Services
- FD Health & Safety
- FD HR and People Development

Key Central Support Teams

There are three key teams within the FD Building that provide an essential support service to colleagues in the building and across the entire FD.

Colleagues in FD Support Services provide a central role to the whole of the Facilities Directorate. Lead by Service Manager Majid Khan and team leader Eloise Barik, the Service comprises of the FD Support Team, FD Helpdesk, and Parking Enforcement. Formerly known as the Estates Office Team the

new FD Support Team provide administrative support for the Estates Services departments and additional teams across the FD. This team looks after meeting room bookings, managing stationery, minuting meetings, general administration tasks and along with the Helpdesk team, ensure the FD Building reception is staffed and run efficiently every day.



FD Support Services Colleagues

FD Helpdesk

FD Helpdesk (formerly Estates Helpdesk) are as busy as usual dealing with all maintenance requests across the whole campus, as well as daily parking bookings.

Car Parking Team

Car parking enforcement is now overseen by James Mortimer. As well as dealing with parking charge appeals, James also creates special parking codes for conference and events, maintains the systems behind parking enforcement and will be responsible for permit renewal. A new email has been created for those wishing to appeal a Parking Charge Notice.

Support Services Manager, Majid Khan said: "The move to the new FD Building has brought about new challenges but also new opportunities to work differently and better. We are adapting to the new environment and want to ensure we provide the best support possible to colleagues"

HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT ACCREDITATION OHSAS 18001



Estate Services will be undergoing OHSAS 18001 accreditation in November. OHSAS 18001 is the internationally recognised standard for health and safety management. In attaining this certification Estate Services will have been assessed as demonstrating high levels of health and safety management across all their activities. Key areas that are assessed by OHSAS certification include:

- Planning and risk assessment
- Staff training and awareness
- Communication of safety management systems
- Response to emergency situations
- Monitoring and continual improvement

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The aim is for the whole FD to eventually achieve OHSAS 18001 certification – Residential Services and Commercial Services already hold the accreditation and other areas of the FD will be assessed as soon as possible. More information will be provided across Estates closer to the time.



Joselyn (centre) with FD colleagues

Keeping the FD building clean and tidy

Colleagues from the Cleaning Team, Joselyn and Brian have been keeping the new building clean and tidy. Joselyn and Brian start their shifts at 7am and ensure that the building is spotless every day. To help make their job even easier staff are reminded to dispose of waste correctly in the recycle bins provided and to keep the sink areas clear of dirty cutlery and crockery.

ACHIEVING CONSISTENT PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE ISO 9001



ISO 9001 is the internationally established standard for quality management. As the world's most widely recognized quality management standard, it outlines ways to achieve, as well as benchmark, consistent performance and service. Estate Services' are currently undergoing a significant project to review and update all their processes and procedures prior to ISO 9001 quality management certification next year.

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The current plan is for master copies of all procedures and processes to be held on EQMS, the FD Electronic Quality Management System, which is currently used for health and safety, and sustainability. If you would like to get involved in the quality management project for Estates please contact Jo Firth.

FD Building Facts>

- The new FD building has been designed and constructed to include features that will improve its sustainability. These include the carpet tiles that run throughout the new building which have been manufactured entirely from recycled materials and once they reach the end of their life will be fully recycled into a new carpet product.
- There are low flush toilets, movement sensors for the lights and sustainable heating and cooling systems, along with the installation of a bike shed and showers to encourage active travel.
- Where possible, such as in meeting rooms, furniture has been reused*
- Over 2000 hot drinks have been consumed since the building opened!
- Did you know 17 people can fit into a seating booth!
- The biophilic design elements of the building including planters help us all to feel connected to nature which makes us more productive and creative at work.

*For more information on the Sustainable Construction Standard or Reuse contact the Sustainability Service at sustainability@leeds.ac.uk.



CAMPUS DEVELOPMENTS UPDATE

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PROJECTS COMPLETE

With a number of masterplan projects now complete and a few more approaching completion over the coming months, it's rewarding to see the hard work of Estates colleagues coming to realisation.

The School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies

Project completed in July 2016

The £7.6m year-long project involved a complete refurbishment of the former School of Geography site, to create a first class, inspirational learning environment for current and future students. Staff moved into the building on University Road in early August, with the building expected to be fully operational for the start of term.

Paul Cook, Project Manager, Estates Team commented: "This has been a thoroughly rewarding project. We are incredibly pleased with the significant transformation of the original building to what it has become now - which is a modern environment that will enable the School to become a leading Centre for art, heritage and critical humanities and culture in the UK.

Working closely with Abigail Harrison Moore and her team throughout the project has ensured the clients' needs were catered for from start to finish."

Abigail Harrison Moore, Head of the School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies said:

"We are delighted with our new building. The sympathetic restoration of this historic building, — linked through its architect, Paul Waterhouse, to the architectural style that formed the beginnings of the University of Leeds one hundred years ago — has enabled the development of a School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies ready for the next one hundred years of excellent teaching and research.

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"We are very grateful to the teams of builders, architects and engineers who have turned our ideas into reality, and to the Estates team that have made this possible. We thank the Vice Chancellor, University Executive Group and University Council for having the vision to invest in the future of fine art, history of art, cultural studies and museum studies teaching and research. We look forward to welcoming colleagues and visitors to our new building."



School of Philosophy, Religion, History of Science and Arts



The £1m smart refurbishment of Botany House has created a new transformed space for the School of Philosophy, Religion, History of Science and Arts. This new facility provides an inspired environment for Postgraduates and teaching staff to further enhance the School's research capabilities.

The school is the only one of its kind enabling creative and critical future thinkers in higher education. The new site will provide a dedicated space for students to continue exploring philosophy, religion, and history of science in unparalleled depth and breadth.

Louise Hawksworth, School of Philosophy, Religion, History of Science and Arts Manager said: The refurbishment of Botany House is a huge step for the School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science and Arts. It means we have been able to

rethink how we use our accommodation, including existing space in Michael Sadler and Baines Wing, to allow for improved facilities for our staff, undergraduate and postgraduate students, and visitors.

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Up until now the School has been spread out over seven buildings, but now it feels like PRHSA has a home right in the heart of campus.

Astbury Biostructure Laboratory

A £17m investment in the Astbury Biostructure Laboratory was completed at the end of the August. It will allow the University to remain at the forefront of research in the dynamics of cell structures and their ability to modify and treat disease. The investment work has comprised of the refurbishment of rooms and space to accommodate transmission electron microscopy, scanning electron microscopy equipment and the Krios Electron Microscopes.

September opening for PURE cafe, read more on back page.



Stay in touch

Keep up to date on all campus development projects by signing up to the monthly newsletter at campusdevelopments.leeds.ac.uk or follow updates on [@UOLCampusDev](https://twitter.com/UOLCampusDev) or [Campus Development, University of Leeds](https://www.facebook.com/CampusDevelopmentUniversityofLeeds).

Take a tour of the campus

The scale of our campus developments can now be seen via the website – take an online tour of the website and access project information.

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PROJECT MAP
VIEW PROJECTS
BY LOCATION



AWARDS FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICES & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

The University of Leeds received two awards at the annual CUBO (College University Business Officers) awards held at Sussex University in June.

Congratulations go to two Facilities Directorate teams – the Marketing team and Residences Team - who fought off strong competition from other universities to win the prestigious accolades this year.

Leeds were recognised for the Best Marketing Campaign for the Refresh card loyalty campaign and were also joint winners of the Innovation Award for Excellence in Student Experience.

Aimed at keeping customers on campus and business within the University of Leeds, the multi-channel promotional campaign for the Refresh card was a fantastic success and significantly improved loyalty to Great Food at Leeds cafes across campus.

“Very proud that the FD marketing team have received recognition from our peers across the sector for all of their hard work on the Refresh campaign and the fantastic impact this has had on customer loyalty” – Sue Pimblett, Facilities Directorate Marketing and Communications Manager.

Scooping the Innovation Award for Excellence in Student Experience were Residential Services. The award was presented in recognition of the efforts of Residential staff in setting up an exciting sustainability project at Devonshire Hall, where student and staff volunteers care for a brood of ex-battery hens provided by the British Hen Welfare Trust.

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The CUBO awards recognise the achievements of those working in higher education commercial and residential services and showcase a range of services all dedicated to sharing innovation and best practice whilst delivering an excellent student service.



More Awards for Residential Services

The recent CUBO award comes on top of four residential locations being awarded Gold, by the Green Tourism Business Scheme www.green-tourism.com in February; assisting the University of Leeds to achieve ISO 14001 in March; and receiving a Platinum Award under the NUS Green Impact scheme in June. Residential Services is responsible for accommodating over 8,000 students each year, and seeks to reduce its environmental impacts through its Living it Green brand.

This year has also witnessed the introduction of a food waste collection scheme at Central Village; continuing volunteering work on local Leeds reserves with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust; working collaboratively on a Dig-In project with the Bardon Grange Walled Garden Project



at Lupton Residences; supporting the Leave Leeds Tidy campaign in University Residences; improving the grounds at Central Village; and commencing the refurbishment of Montague Burton, due for completion in Sep 2018.

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Visit: www.green-tourism.com for information.

An Event-ful Summer of Success

MEETinLEEDS having enjoyed yet another busy summer for the conference season, with major events such as International Medieval Conference 2016 and the Teach First Summer Institute, there are still many more to go and the team will have welcomed over 30,000 delegates to the campus by the time student activity resumes in September.

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However, it is not only the conference and events team that ensure the University offers a fantastic delegate experience. The Great Food at Leeds team keep our customers well fed with excellent catering and service, PCB guarantee professional banners, posters and

programmes, Porters and Cleaning Services maintain the wonderful facilities and The Edge give our guests a physical workout after their mental exertion. Every FD department is essential to running a successful event!

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The MEETinLEEDS team would like to extend a special thanks to everyone, from every department that has contributed to another triumphant summer. It wouldn't be possible without you!



MAILROOM CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE SURVEY

The team at the mailroom want to know how they are doing when it comes to delivering an exceptional service for you. Keep an eye out for a copy of their short, customer experience survey in the internal post and please give them some feedback.

OUR IMPACT ON THE RIO 2016 GAMES

We are proud of the impact the University has on world class sport. Our students, staff and alumni have contributed to global sporting achievements for many years and there has been more of the same this summer in the 2016 Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Triathlon stars Alistair and Jonny Brownlee confirmed their status as the sport's pre-eminent stars on the roads of Rio claiming gold and silver in a highly convincing Olympic win.

The brothers, who are both University of Leeds graduates, and who regularly train using campus facilities, performed strongly in the swim and the cycle sections of the race, before dominating the run and pulling away from the pack to complete the last two laps almost alone.

The third member of the TeamGB squad was Gordon Benson, who graduated from the University this summer with a BSc in Nutrition and was performing in his first Olympics.

Over in the pool Rebecca Gallantree competed in the 3M springboard syncro and finished in 6th position.

Our students participating in the Paralympics include Claire Cashmore, who is aiming to beat her silver medal from London and go for Gold in the 100m Breaststroke SB8.

Another silver medallist from London 2012 is Karen Darke who will be competing once again in Hand Cycling. Laura Sugar our final Alumni will be competing in the 200m T44 classification at her first ever Paralympic games after switching from Hockey just 4 years ago.

Finally our current student and Sports Scholar Kim Daybell will be flying the flag for Team GB in the Table Tennis. Kim is feeling confident going into the Paralympic Games after taking a year out from his Medicine degree to focus on Rio 2016.

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Kim Daybell: “It is the culmination of 4 years of blood, sweat and tears to be named as a GB Paralympian and it is such an honour. It is the biggest stage in sport and it feels amazing to be a part of the squad heading out to Brazil.

My aim for Rio is to be the best athlete I can be and do my country proud. Of course I will be aiming to win a medal and I believe if I perform on the day I will be able to achieve it.

Throughout my time at Leeds the University has provided me with the support and backing to study and compete at the highest level, I can't thank them enough.”

Feeling inspired?

If you're feeling inspired by the Olympics visit www.leeds.ac.uk/sport to find out more about all the opportunities, from volunteering to joining The Edge.



SALARY SACRIFICE EDGE MEMBERSHIP GET FIT, HEALTHY, FEEL RELAXED AND MAKE A SAVING!

The University offers access to Edge membership through salary sacrifice as part of its benefits scheme.

This means costs such as fitness membership fees can be taken from your gross salary before tax, therefore significantly reducing the amount that you, as a member, pay.

For an example of how little you could pay and for further information please visit: <http://sport.leeds.ac.uk/the-edge/>

To arrange sign up onto a salary sacrifice Edge membership please email: edgemembership@leeds.ac.uk



The team at The Edge have launched a set of beginner and intermediate squash courses; a great opportunity to hone your court skills or learn the basics of a new sport with an expert squash coach.

The lessons are taught in groups of four and are a great way to make new friends, have fun and get fit whilst learning a new skill.

The courses cost only £72 and are available on

your lunch break or after work, consisting of 45 minute lessons running over a set of six weeks.

Rackets are provided, you just need to show up in your gym kit and you are ready to go!

Book onto these exciting new courses in person at the Edge Reception or call 0113 343 9095.

Non-members of the Edge are also welcome to sign up! You simply have to pay for use of facilities at reception before each lesson.



Nine students and three staff members had the trip of a lifetime this summer, travelling to South Africa to change the lives of children who are less fortunate. The Gryphons Abroad team raised over £30k to deliver the projects in South Africa which aimed to raise aspirations through sports leadership.

One of the main projects the team delivered was teaching children how to ride bikes. The children were given their own bike and taught by our Leeds students not only how to ride it but also how to maintain it. The aim being to increase the number of children able to attend school. Having access to their own bike and having learnt the skills needed to both ride and fix the bike means that they no longer have to walk two hours to get to school.

“It was easy to see the kids grow with confidence as we worked with them”

The Leeds students also taught the students in three South African primary schools how to create games, teach new skills and lead a group of people. These invaluable skills will be passed on long after The University students have left.

Shona “We’ve had a long lasting impact, not only teaching them new skills but also teaching them how to teach others.”

The project not only had an impact on the students out in South Africa but also on our students from Leeds. They have learnt how to adapt to new situations and gained a huge amount of confidence as well as developing leadership skills, working with children and also how to effectively work as part of a team.

“Being part of this team has been a life changing experience, I have gained in confidence and my leadership skills. I will look at things differently and seize every opportunity from now on!” Sophia

This project shows the great opportunity's Leeds Sport provides to ensure students have a great experience while here in Leeds as well as developing their employability skills to support their future careers.

After such a successful first year the Gryphons Abroad programme will continue next year and the team are currently recruiting students to join them in South Africa 2017.

STAFF VOLUNTEER WITH THE BROWNLEE FOUNDATION



The triathlon fever that hit Leeds in the build up to the World Triathlon Series event wasn't lost on a team of staff from across Commercial and Campus Support Services, who spent time volunteering at one of the Brownlee Foundation school triathlon days at the John Charles Centre for Sport.

The team worked with colleagues from Leeds Active Schools and the Brownlee Foundation to provide over 500 children, aged 6-12, with their first taste of triathlon. The day's activities catered for children of all abilities. This year, in particular, children with physical and mental disabilities took part from the local specialist inclusion learning centres.

"I had a brilliant time volunteering today! Seeing how much the kids enjoyed it, especially those that didn't think they could do it at first has been really rewarding."



Children Take Part in FREE Swimming Gala at *the*EDGE

The Edge welcomed 150 primary school children to the hugely successful Mini Gryphon Swimming Gala in July.

The gala was a finale event following the school swimming lesson term and was the first of its kind in the area. The children taking part found it fun to put into practice their swimming skills learnt throughout the term, in a fun and friendly environment. The aim of the gala was to give the children a great experience and encourage them to continue to participate in swimming.

Hosted by Sport and Physical Activity, the free event was jointly led by The Edge Aquatics team and Operations team, led by Rachel Wilson (Aquatics Co-ordinator) and Jake Harrison (Swimming Teacher). Schools from across the local community who come to The Edge for swimming lessons were

invited with five attending in total; Rosebank Primary, Little London Community Primary, Quarry Mount Primary, Brudenell Primary and Blenheim Primary.

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"It was amazing, the kids were great and the staff made sure everyone got change to take part." Rosebank Primary School Head Teacher.

National Racketball CHAMPION Paula Arrowsmith!

Congratulations to Paula Arrowsmith of the FD HR Team, who took the title of National Racketball Champion, for her age group, at the National Racketball Championships in July. Paula is a member of the Chapel Allerton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club and has held the national title for 3 years now. Paula has also represented England in squash for a number of years.

Did you know?

Racketball is played on a squash court with a larger bouncier ball and shorter racket than the ones used in squash.



THOUSANDS RIDE THROUGH UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

This year's Sky Ride Leeds was another great success, not only helped by the glorious weather in Leeds but also a number of staff from the Facilities Directorate.

The event saw over 8,000 people descend on the city centre where they were able to cycle a traffic-free route which included passing historic city buildings, such as the University, Town Hall and Civic Hall.

The University was one of three activation zones together with Millennium Square and Woodhouse Moor which allowed riders to watch mountain bike stunts, challenge family members in the sprint zone and learn about cycling opportunities in Leeds.

The University's activation zone was based on the University precinct outside Leeds University Union and there was lots to do. Hugo was open selling coffees and ice cream for people to

refuel, Table Tennis England were giving riders the chance to play a game of Table Tennis. While the sustainability team had over 50 people stop to make their own smoothie using their famous smoothie bike and fruit donated by Great Food at Leeds, and you could also visit the 'Bling your Bike' stall.

Patrick Craig, the University's Assistant Head of Sport, says: "We are delighted to support this fantastic cycling initiative and welcome the Sky Ride participants who cycled through our university campus. We hope that everyone had a great day and is inspired to continue taking part in the future."

A number of University staff came together to ensure the city wide event was a success, from various services within the FD including Health and Safety, Sustainability, Sport & Physical Activity, Great Food at Leeds, Security Services and Estates.

FD CHARITIES UPDATE



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

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FACILITIES STAFF RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY

On Sunday 12th June, Bob Douglass, Louis Hynes and Jo Hynes competed in the World Triathlon in Leeds, aiming to give the Brownlees a run for their money and supporting the Katie Piper Foundation. The team raised £1600 and the proceeds will go towards a weekend of support, advice and activities for up to 12 people currently trying to live with scars or burns.

The team would like to thank everyone who donated to this wonderful cause. Congratulations also to Graham Evans from Sport and Physical Activity who recently completed a mammoth cycle trip from Lands End to John O Groats. Graham took part in the challenge to raise funds for Macmillian Cancer Support and Alzheimer's Society. In total he raised a whopper £1800 – well done Graham, put your feet up now!



SECURITY SERVICES JOIN COMMERCIAL AND CAMPUS SUPPORT SERVICES



In July Security Services joined Commercial and Campus Support Services (CCSS). The service, led by Malcolm Dawson, currently comprises of: four shift managers and their respective teams; a dog team; residences team; Car Park Officers; administration team; a specialist Crime Prevention Adviser; and a mix of contract security officers.

The teams mission is committed to ensure the safety and security of students, staff and visitors, on the campus in which they work and study, and in the halls of residence in which they live.

The four main priorities of the security service are: the protection of people (students, staff and visitors); the protection of property (buildings, contents, equipment and sensitive materials); the protection of information (electronic and paper data) and the protection of the academic process

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Malcolm and the security team work in close partnership with a number of other services across the Facilities Directorate and of course CCSS. Malcolm will now join the CCSS Senior Management Team and we look forward to welcoming the wider security colleagues into our team.

WELCOME TO SUZANNE GLAVIN - HEAD OF SPORT



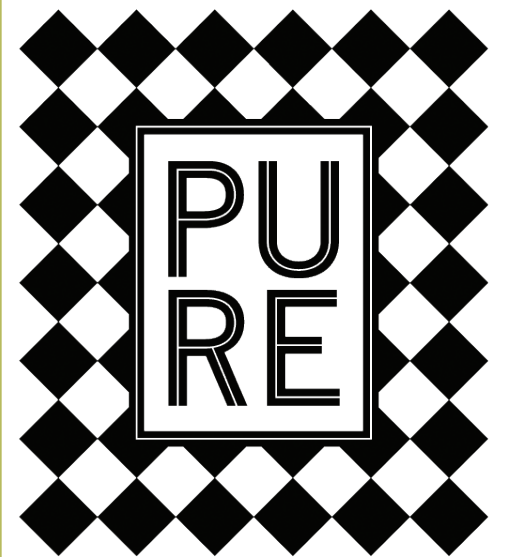
Suzanne joins us as the University's new Head of Sport, following her role at Sport England where she was the Head of Youth and Education.

“We're delighted to have appointed Suzanne to become Head of Sport at the University,” says Stewart Ross, Director, Commercial and Campus Support Services. “She brings with her a very wide range of experience at national level with governing bodies, sports charities and agencies and, of course, from her latest role in Sport England as Head of Youth and Education. Suzanne will lead our ambitious strategy to become the number one University for sporting experience in UK higher education – we're currently ranked fifth - and we feel sure she will help take Leeds to the next level in its sporting performance.”

Suzanne says: “I'm delighted to have been given the opportunity to undertake this exciting role. I very much believe that sport and physical activity can impact significantly on an individual's well-being, character and ability to succeed in life, be that academically or in a professional role. I'm looking forward to joining the team and to using my experience and skills to benefit students, staff and the local community. I'm also keen to contribute to the overall success of the University.”

Suzanne has also worked as Director of Development at British Cycling, CEO of a volunteering trust, a leisure consultant and sports facilities manager. She is an ex-international rugby player and has coaching experience.

NEW CAFE OPENS IN WORSLEY IN SEPTEMBER!



TASTE SOMETHING GOOD

Coming this September, a brand new café will be opening on Level 9 of the Worsley Building. With a focus on healthy, field-to-fork food options, PURE stands apart from the other food outlets on campus with unique salad and sandwich combinations you will struggle to find elsewhere.

Serving up superfood fuelled smoothies and fresh herbal infusion teas, the café follows a shifting trend towards health and wellbeing amongst students and staff. With a special deli salad alongside other delicious PURE products made fresh each day, the café provides convenience food without compromising on quality.

PURE will also feature a unique coffee blend specially commissioned by craft roasters Dark Woods of Huddersfield. Combining beans from India, Guatemala and Brazil, we expect PURE's coffee to cause quite a stir on campus.

Also promising a sociable and relaxed environment to meet, the café space has been designed with style and function in mind.

PURE is scheduled to open on Monday 12th September. Follow its progress at gfa.leeds.ac.uk and on twitter @GreatFoodLeeds

RIO 2016 OLYMPICS QUIZ

Put your Olympic knowledge to the test and take part in the Rio 2016 quiz. A winner will be drawn on the 7 October and will win cakes for up to 10 people.

1. Which country won the most medals in the 2016 Olympics?
2. Which sport made its debut at the 2016 Olympics? Was it Rugby Sevens or bowling?
3. How many medals did team GB win at the 2016 Olympics?
4. What colours make up the 5 Olympic rings?
5. Which country held the first ever Olympic games?

Email your answers to fdmatters@leeds.ac.uk by the 7 October.

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WELCOME TO NEW COLLEAGUES!

A warm welcome to new colleagues that have joined the Facilities Directorate.

The Marketing and Communications Team welcome Liam Shrivastava, Great Food at Leeds Sales and Marketing Executive, along with this year's interns Rebekah Leahy and Jordan Griffin. New team members in the Estates team include interior designer Nonsie Ncube and interns Laura Goodrick and James Hobkirk. The Sustainability Team is also joined by two new interns Isabella Petersen-Adams and Rebecca Ewan.

Farewell to...

Colleagues gave a fond farewell to Dot Stokes and Dave Mara from the Estates Team, along with Gina Gabor and Catherine Graves who left the Sustainability Service, following completion of their internships.

Have we missed anyone? Let us know and we will include in the next edition!

IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY ACROSS CAMPUS

Read all about the projects taking place to improve and further maintain accessibility across campus in the latest edition of Access News. Download the newsletter at:

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