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News & Views from the Facilities
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Ambitious plans for £4.7m Cycle Track

Exciting plans for the University to host a new cycle track are underway

The impressive new development, open for use by staff, students and members of the public, will include the development of an outdoor, closed-loop cycling track located on the University Sports Park Weetwood (North) site. There will be a cutting edge 1.6km tarmac cycle track and refurbished pavilion, which will also be used as a base for British Triathlon's elite training centre.

The project will be funded in partnership with UK Sport and British Cycling, who are set to contribute £1m. The aspiring facility will also support elite athletes studying at the University, ensuring they have state-of-the-art facilities to train in to achieve their aim of competing on a world class level.

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Visit: www.leeds.ac.uk/campusdevelopments for more details



Devonshire's Chickens

Residential Services have pioneered an exciting sustainability project at one of its Halls of Residence, Devonshire Hall. The project involves students, assisted by staff members, caring for a brood of British Hen Welfare Trust hens, which were taken into their care in July 2015.

'Project Chicken' has seen part of the residence

garden transformed into a large chicken coop with students and staff taking on new duties as chicken keepers. There has been a real buzz around the project, with students embracing their new feathery neighbours.

The project has not been without drama; persuading neighbours that the hens wouldn't disturb them, waiting for the all-important

planning consent and an unfortunate turn of events when the self-proclaimed 'chief chicken keeper' was diagnosed with a suspected chicken allergy.

When they first arrived, the ex-battery hens had no experience of night and day, having been exposed to 18 hours artificial light. They needed encouragement to go into their coop at dusk and

were often physically put in the coop each night until they got used to living there. Over the summer, Devonshire Hall staff established a strong bond with the newly arrived residents, and in September trained ten students to help look after the hens.

“This project started out with sustainability at its core but has developed into so much more.”

Ian Robertson, Director of Residential Services, said: “Sustainability is embedded in all that the University does. This project started out with sustainability at its core but has developed into so much more. The chickens have brought together teams of students and staff, and given students opportunities to meet new people, learn new skills and have fun! It has also given them an opportunity to work in collaboration with staff and has enhanced the student experience. Those taking part have discovered a respect and admiration for these clever and adaptable birds, and have embraced the opportunity to care for and appreciate them first hand. The chickens' progress has been evident in their improved health and shiny feathers, and egg production has also been amazing, with students and staff remarking on the quality.”



A BUSY SPRING AND SUMMER AHEAD

DALWOOD FRIEZE



The spring and summer months signal the start of important University events such as graduation ceremonies , open days, Celebrate Week and a variety of international conferences, all of which are a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase the University and the campus. Many staff from across the FD help to deliver these important events and ensure that they run as smoothly as possible, but all FD staff can play an important role in helping to improve how the campus looks, particularly during all of the development work taking place, by being the eyes and ears of the FD on the ground. We want the campus to be a place that all of our visitors, students and staff

are proud of, so if you spot something that looks untidy or out of place, please make your line manager aware, who can then contact the relevant team to take action.

The recent successful accreditation to ISO 14001 is a huge achievement for the University of Leeds, becoming one of only a select few institutions in the UK to have achieved this Environmental Management Standard across the whole institution. Staff in our Sustainability Team have led on this project and I would like to say thank you and congratulations to everyone involved in achieving this step change for the University.

I would also like to thank colleagues who have supported our two FD charities for this year (Macmillan Cancer Support and Martin House Hospice). To raise £15,000 is a wonderful effort and the money we have raised will certainly make a difference. Through the FD Sustainability Group, staff are already developing new ways for the FD to raise money for the two new charities selected, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Cancer Research UK.

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Only a few weeks remain now before staff from across the FD will start moving into the new FD Building which is taking shape on the Purple Zone car park. The new offices are a great opportunity to bring together various teams from across the FD in one location and enable much closer working and collaboration throughout the service.

Finally, the Sport & Physical Activity team have been busy creating ways for staff (and students) to get active. Starting on Monday 18th April is the annual Healthy Week event packed with new activities to try. Looking further ahead the team are ready to launch an innovative programme of triathlon specific activity in the build-up to the forthcoming ITU World Triathlon series which comes to Leeds in July.



Our art trail continues to grow across campus following the installation of the inspiring Dalwood Frieze on the side of the stage@leeds building.

The rectangular Frieze, which has a Grade II listing, was originally located on the elevation of the refectory building within the Bodington Hall Campus. The artwork was commissioned from Hubert Dalwood, which he described as ‘a composition in terms of the architecture of the building’.

The Frieze has a unique grid like structure within which Dalwood creates the design. There are three distinct motifs that form the design. The two situated in the upper area are reminiscent of eyes and mouth, while that to the left combines elements of Henry Moore’s Glenkiln Cross.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENTS UPDATE

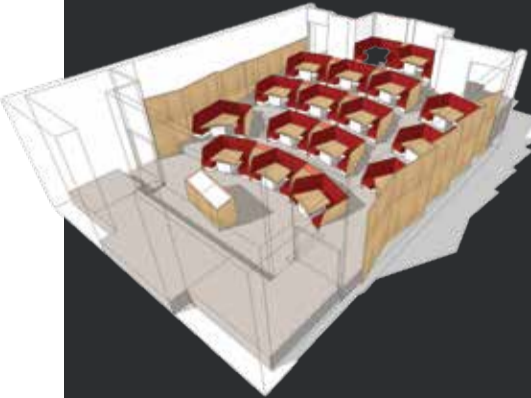
CAMPUS DEVELOPMENTS
PROJECT SPOTLIGHT
A regular spotlight on key projects.

Colleagues across the FD continue to work on many projects and schemes to deliver the University’s ambition of a world class campus. The campus development plan is not purely about new projects, it also encompasses a

huge amount of enhancement, upgrading and maintenance works taking place on campus. As well as the significant ongoing refurbishments across campus, we are also carrying out many smaller projects and works relating to campus infrastructure,

pedestrianisation, separation of traffic, and maximising our green spaces. Current works alone are costing in the region of £150m. Here’s a round-up of some of the exciting developments that are currently underway.

Innovative New Design for Central Teaching Space



Transformational plans are underway for a state-of-the-art £2.8m pilot programme to be delivered this summer that will redesign and refurbish our central teaching space. The redesign of the lecture theatres will reflect sector-leading best practice in furniture, equipment and use of digital technology.

The three lecture theatres in this pilot are Dental Lecture Theatre, Worsley Building; Roger Stevens Lecture Theatre 8 and Mechanical Lecture Theatre B, Mechanical Engineering.

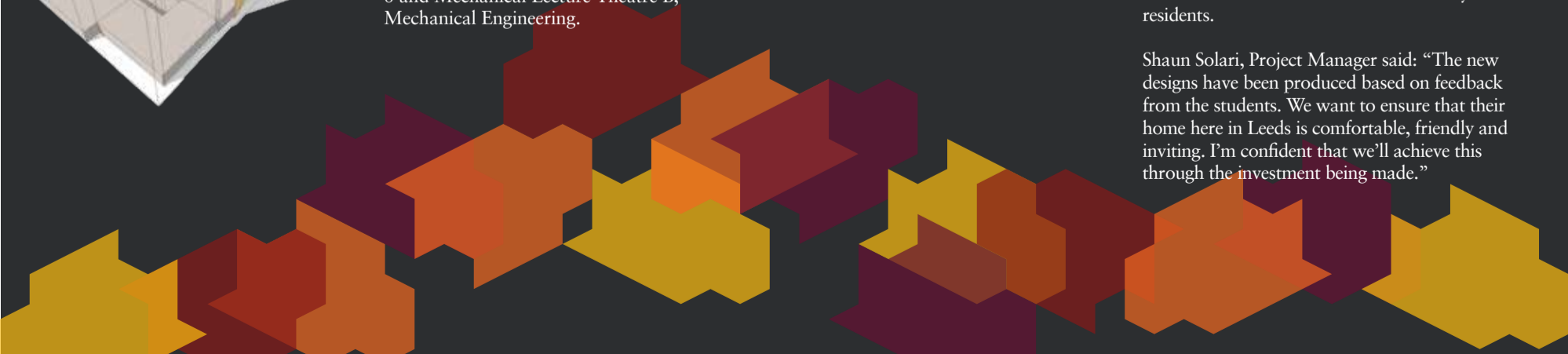


Enhancing Student Experience at Montague Burton Residences

A £7.5m investment is set to transform this well recognised site known for providing a great home to the University’s students.

A 30-month project will involve reconfiguring accommodation space to create larger blocks of living areas, and the creation of a social space which will become a central hub of social activity for residents.

Shaun Solari, Project Manager said: “The new designs have been produced based on feedback from the students. We want to ensure that their home here in Leeds is comfortable, friendly and inviting. I’m confident that we’ll achieve this through the investment being made.”





FD Building Move

The new building is progressing well, the accommodation has now been delivered to the University and is taking shape and being fitted out.

Last month the teams involved in the move, from across the FD, attended a drop-in session to learn more about the building and see floorplan layouts.

The move will take place in three phases across weekends in June. Teams have been busy archiving and planning for the move.

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For more information on the move please speak to your line manager.



University receives ISO14001 Accreditation

The University has now received certification to ISO14001, the principle international standard for environmental management systems.

Developed collaboratively with the University Health & Safety Service, this is now the first ISO system that covers the whole University. Recognising the complexity and breadth of activity across the University, this will allow us to manage our environmental impacts in a more systematic way and allow us to continually improve our performance.

It also improves the University advantage when bidding for commercial or research funding and helps assure our stakeholders that we are managing our key environmental impacts. The development of the system has meant a great deal of work within the Facilities Directorate over the last six months

and this reflects well on everyone within the Directorate.

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There is a training module available which introduces the system and which should be completed by all staff with computer access, it can be found at <http://sustainability.leeds.ac.uk/ems/>



ISO
14001
Environmental
Management



ON SITE & PROGRESSING

£16.8m

Leeds University Union Building. Main works to refurbish the Union begin in May 2016.

£24.7m

Edward Boyle Library. Completion in December 2016.

£41m

School of Medicine refurbishment. Completion December 2016.

£7.6m

School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies. Completion expected Summer 2016.

£38m

School of Chemical and Process Engineering. Completion Sept 2017.

£3.9m

Institute of Transport Studies. Completion expected in July.

£17m

Astbury Biostructure Laboratory. 50% complete June 2016.

£1.6m

Refurbishment of the School of Healthcare.

£1m

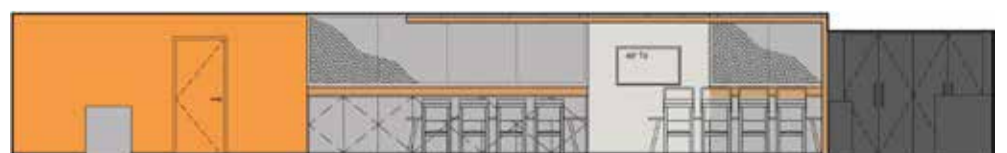
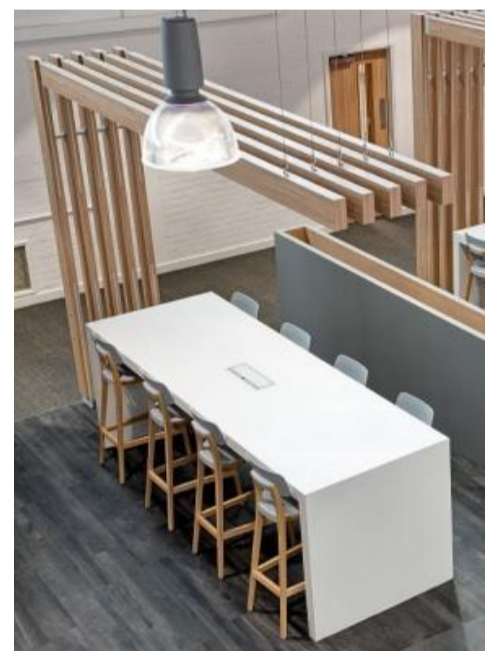
School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science.

For more information on these projects and more visit www.leeds.ac.uk/campusdevelopments and why not sign up to the monthly campus developments newsletter at the same time!

PRINT COPY BUREAU EXCITING NEW LOOK!

An investment of £60k is being made in the Print & Copy Bureau this summer and is set to significantly enhance and improve the customer service space currently accessible to staff and students.

The additional space will include an area for selling stationery, service points for id-cards, collections, general enquiries and new orders, and common work areas for students to administer and manage their orders. The modernised new look to the Bureau will also create a greatly improved and welcoming appeal for the 12,000 customers that use the facility annually.





BLOSSOMING IDEAS FOR FLOWERBEDS

The Sustainability Service recently welcomed back students from IntoUniversity and asked them to become ‘landscape architects’ for the day. The students participated in an active workshop about the importance of biodiversity. We asked them to design flower beds for our campus, to increase its biodiversity and make it brighter and more colourful. Three winning designs were selected by Dennis Hopper (Director of Facilities Management), Louise Ellis (Head of Sustainability) and Jenny Barlow (Sustainability Projects Officer), and will be planted in spring in front of the Parkinson Court for everyone to see! Keep an eye out

on the Sustainability Service’s website to keep up to date with the progress of the planting.

Visit: intouniversity.org and sustainability.leeds.ac.uk for more details.

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STAFF MENTORING HELPS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Since its launch in November, the Sustainability Service’s Community Mentoring Scheme has received a fantastic response from both staff and community groups wanting to be involved.

To date, seven local community organisations have been matched with a University staff mentor. The mentors are working with organisations including: an educational centre for lifelong learning and community support; an educational charity supporting young people from disadvantaged backgrounds; a community arts venue supporting live local music and writers of all varieties; a community interest company promoting social inclusion through mixed ability sports; and an organisation supporting people to live happy, healthy and creative lives through engaging with yarn craft.

Support from the University staff mentors will assist the organisations to develop a marketing plan, gain additional funding, improve volunteer recruitment, develop an improved social media presence, and general business support. University staff from teaching,

research, operational and support services are currently involved.

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Sign up to Become a Mentor

This scheme supports the University’s commitment to be a positive partner in society and share our knowledge and expertise to the benefit of local communities. Staff across the FD have extensive skills and experiences that can be shared with community organisations, so why not give it a go and reap the rewards of knowing you’re help is changing others’ lives for the better.

For more information about the scheme and how you can make an application visit: sustainability.leeds.ac.uk



Sustainable Labs Working Group and the Sustainability Forum returns

The Sustainable Labs Working Group brings together researchers, technicians, academics and services from across the university to work together to improve the sustainability of the University's labs and to share best practice. The group held its first meeting of the year in February to share updates and identify the key issues with creating a more sustainable laboratory network.

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The Working Group would like to engage with many lab users as possible in the sustainable laboratory network. Linking up with the Working Group's return, the Sustainability Forum is back on - next month's theme will be 'Sustainability in the Lab'. It will be a fantastic opportunity to find out more about how technicians and researchers at differing campus laboratories are reducing the negative environmental and social impacts their facilities impose. If you are interested in joining the group or finding out more about the opportunity, please email Joshua West at j.west1@leeds.ac.uk



GREEN IMPACT PROGRESS

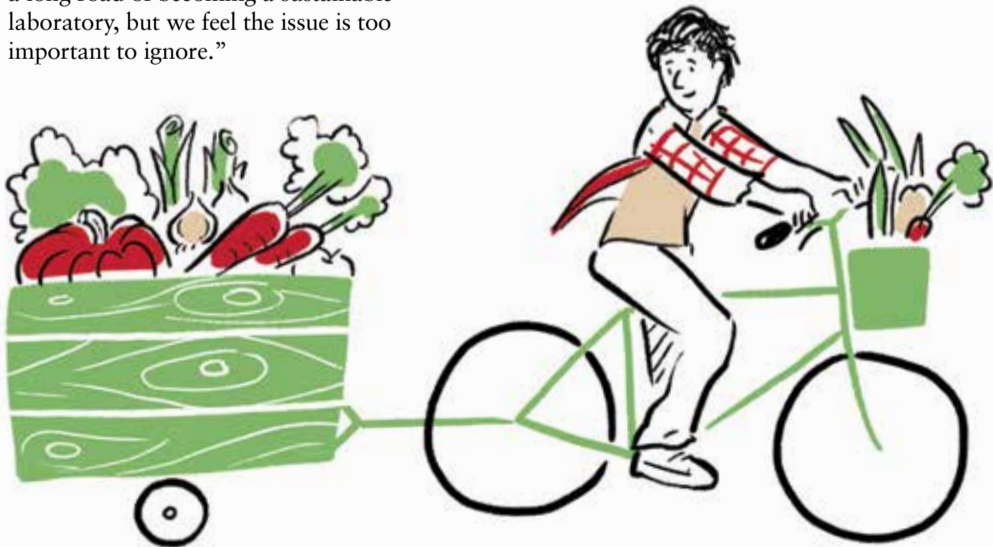
Green Impact teams across the University are nearing the submission deadline for the Green Impact Scheme this year. Good progress is being made and many teams are already well on their way to increasing the sustainability of their department or service. The number of teams involved in the scheme has increased from last year and there are more student volunteers helping than ever before!

There are some interesting project ideas this year. For example, Andy Connelly from the Cohen Labs Green Impact Team has been working on a project to drastically decrease the amount of plastic purchased, used and ultimately disposed of within his laboratory.

"Most of us in the Cohen Laboratories are environmental scientists, so we try to be environmentally responsible lab users. We wanted to reduce the plastic waste stream, so we are working with manufacturers and suppliers and will educate and train lab users in sustainable behaviours. It is only a start on a long road of becoming a sustainable laboratory, but we feel the issue is too important to ignore."

Submission deadline is Friday 22 April. If you'd like to get involved with Green Impact or find out more information about making your workplace more sustainable, contact Catherine Graves at c.a.graves@leeds.ac.uk. Sign up to the Sustainability Service's newsletter to find out more about the individual Green Impact awards over the next few weeks.

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CAMPUS ALIVE WITH BIODIVERSITY

With the ducks back at the pond next to the Roger Stevens building, a pair of peregrines nesting on Parkinson Tower and the recently held RSPB Birdwatch walks, biodiversity is alive and well on campus.

Crocuses are also bringing vibrant colours to our campus, as well as providing 'food' for our bees. Keep an eye on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages for more photos and updates!

HOW DO YOU GET TO WORK > > >



The University online travel survey opens this month and you could win a Fitbit chargeHR for taking part!

The survey, conducted by the Sustainability service, is really important as it helps us to gather data on travel patterns whilst receiving vital feedback from staff and

students on how we can reduce the impact of University travel from commuting to business travel. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete in and helps to shape future priorities, projects and research as part of the University Travel Plan. The survey will run from Tuesday 26 April to Tuesday 3 May.

TRIATHLON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS, HAVE A GO!

On June 12 Leeds will welcome the ITU World Triathlon Series to the city. To celebrate this event, the University of Leeds has launched an exciting programme of triathlon-inspired activity for all staff to get involved in.

There's something for everyone – from taking part in a Go-Tri event for the very first time, to a rousing talk from world famous athletes to learning how to coach triathlon.

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We have developed an exciting programme of activities and events for staff, students and the wider Leeds community to be involved in Triathlon in the lead up to the ITU event. We'd love for you all to join us and have a go.

Oliver Hylands
University of Leeds Triathlon Development Officer

For University staff considering their first triathlon, there's a special bursary available to support entry fees. You can find out more

about this and everything you can get involved in at www.leeds.ac.uk/triathlon

On race day itself, the city will welcome the world's elite triathletes, and there will be a huge amount of interest in our Leeds-based athletes.

The University is a key partner, together with British Triathlon and Leeds Beckett University, in the world-renowned Leeds Triathlon Centre (www.leedstriathloncentre.co.uk) which already has four athletes who have pre-qualified for the forthcoming Olympic Games in Rio (Alistair and Jonny Brownlee, Non Stanford and Vicky Holland). This select group, plus the likes of Gordon Benson, Tom Bishop, Lucy Hall, Mark Buckingham, Jess Learnmonth and Richard Varga, are all expected to compete in front of their home crowd as the squad and coaching team continue their preparations for Rio.

Patrick Craig, Assistant Head of Sport, said: “The investment we have made over the last five years has placed the University at the forefront of world triathlon, in terms of training facilities, coaching and also in providing of opportunities for our students to study a world-class degree and be engaged with the sport at every level.”



INTERNATIONAL RUGBY TEAM TRAIN AT THE EDGE



Staff at The Edge were delighted to welcome World Champions the North Queensland Cowboys. The team trained in Leeds Sport's newly refurbished strength and conditioning room in the lead up to their Dacia World Cup Challenge Clash against treble winners, the Leeds Rhinos.

£100K has been spent renovating the existing space to create a purpose built, top quality facility where strength and conditioning coaches can work with the Leeds Gryphons clubs and individual Sports Scholarship athletes to maximise their performance. The renovations were completed by Estate Services alongside an external company, Perform Better who supplied the new equipment.

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The Edge provided the ideal training facility for our elite team's strength and conditioning session. The set up was first class and allowed the North Queensland Cowboys to optimally prepare for our World Club Challenge against Leeds Rhinos.

Andrew Croll, Queensland Cowboys S&C Coach

Welcoming the international side to the University is a fantastic endorsement of the quality of the facilities and showcases the investment we continue to put into sport at the University. Ensuring our students have first-class facilities which rival that of other institutions and even professional clubs.

Leeds Sport is the partnership between Leeds University Union and the University of Leeds to deliver student sport at the University.

GIVE YOUR FAMILY THE EDGE!



ENJOY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY AT THE EDGE

Do you know there are a number of Edge membership options available for family members? If you are already a member you can sign your partner up and treat them to 15% off normal public fees and no joining fee. Also, under 16s and under 18s can enjoy our fantastic sporting facilities alongside opportunities such as our swimming lessons and kids climbing club programme.

PRICES

Under 18 - £23.75 per month

Under 16 - £14.25 per month

Partner Promo - 15% discount

To purchase a membership and for further details please contact the team on

Email: edgemembership@leeds.ac.uk

Tel: 0113 343 7406

Leeds Student to compete at Rio Olympics 2016

Congratulations to Kim Daybell, University of Leeds student and Sports Scholar who has been selected to represent Paralympics GB in Table Tennis at the Rio 2016 Games. Kim will compete alongside 11 others as part of the Great Britain team and was thrilled to receive the news he had been selected.

“It feels amazing. It is the culmination of four years of blood, sweat and tears and to be named as a GB paralympian for a second time is such an honor. It is the biggest stage in sport and I’m over the moon to be 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. The level in the world is so high but we have had great preparation and I will be quietly confident going into the games.”

Kim is part of the Leeds Sport Scholarship Programme which is funded by the Leeds Alumni department, and specifically by Alumni Dr. Steve Ledger. He is currently

taking a break from studying Medicine at the University to train with the national able-bodied team in Slovenia.

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On receiving the news Kim tweeted to thank Leeds Sport and the University for their support!

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ORIENTEERING ARRIVES ON CAMPUS



On Easter Friday the University of Leeds campus played host to Day 1 of the 50th Annual Jan Kjellström International Festival of Orienteering. Jan was a young Swedish orienteer responsible for pioneering the sport in the UK. The four-day festival of orienteering commemorates him and has become the most prestigious event in the UK orienteering calendar.

“*The event was awarded World Ranking Status, which ensured the competition was also graced by world class athletes in addition to over 2000 orienteers competing in age categories ranging from 8 to 85.*”

On the day the campus event was the culmination of 18 months of collaboration between the JK organising team and key Sports and Physical Activity and Leeds University Union staff. The event was awarded World Ranking Status, which ensured the competition was also graced by world class athletes, in addition to over 2000 orienteers competing in age categories ranging from 8 to 85.

An enthused participant said, “The number of positive comments I heard over the course of the day are a testament to all the hard work you and your teams put into the event. University of Leeds Campus is a great sprint area with a new updated map, challenging courses, assistance of the University and the excellent organisation all made for a memorable event”.

Sport Relief Success

The Edge played its part in raising money for Sport Relief on Friday 18th March by organising a Campus Mile Run, where customers of all running abilities were invited to join Edge staff in completing a one-mile route around the university campus. Runs took place on the hour, every hour between 9am and 5pm, with large numbers of university

staff and students getting involved and making generous donations. In total £230.97 was raised for the charity, which will go towards numerous good causes in both the UK and around the world.



LEADING ON EQUALITY AND INCLUSION



In the FD we are committed to demonstrating best practice in equality and inclusion. We have a dedicated Equality and Inclusion Forum that has been established in line with the University’s Equality and Inclusion Framework and Strategy.

The forum, chaired by Ian Robertson, meets quarterly to consider and plan ways to promote equality of opportunity amongst staff and students; develop equality and inclusion activity in line with FD and University priorities; ensure University equality policies are disseminated widely to staff and students; contribute to share good equality practice with other schools/services; respond to equality issues requiring action and, where appropriate, act on recommendations from the University’s Equality and Inclusion Committee as they relate to the implementation of policy and good practice.

Regular progress is also reported to the University’s Equality and Inclusion Committee which ensures that FD’s good practice is recognised across the entire University

Key achievements to date include the publishing of Access News, roll out of a programme of E&I training for all FD staff and the development of an E&I impact assessment process.

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Access Newsletter

The first edition of Access News, the University’s newsletter that shares the progress being made to improve physical accessibility for students, staff and visitors using the campus, is now available.

Visit www.leeds.ac.uk/estate_services/downloads.htm



Equality and inclusion matters are critical if the FD is going to maintain and develop a campus that is welcoming and accessible for all. The newsletter brings to life some of the stories of accessible projects and the positive impact they make.

Equality and Inclusion Training

To support the FD commitment to embedding Equality and Inclusion, over 100 members of FD staff have now taken part in an Equality and Inclusion Awareness drama based training workshop, which was well received by all attendees.

The training focuses on Equality and Inclusion issues including dignity and respect, inclusion in the work environment and challenging inappropriate behaviour. Actors perform scenes which the audience can then make comments on and ask questions. Some scenes are re-directed by the audience so that inappropriate language and or behaviour can be challenged.

Prior to the training 72% rated themselves as confident or very confident in their understanding of the importance of Equality and Inclusion at work. Following the workshop this increased to 94%.

Before the workshop participants were asked about how confidently they understood the importance of Equality and Diversity within the working environment.

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When asked about their confidence in understanding the consequences of failing to create a culture of dignity, respect and

wellbeing at work, the level of those that were confident or very confident increased from 77% to 92%.

Attendees also commented as follows

“An Excellent well-presented course”

“I found the method of training really inspiring.”

“I liked the dramatic representations of scenarios far better than any dry speech.”

“The style of training helps you remember the content better.”

“This was very interesting and enjoyable.”

What happens next?

Look out for more sessions starting in April 2016 running through to March 2017 for all FD staff.

Please contact FDHRsupport@leeds.ac.uk if you have any questions.

BIG SCREEN VISION AVAILABLE FOR HIRE



The Facilities Support Services Team have recently purchased an 80" interactive Touchscreen which is now available for hire.

The exciting new touch screen will create a significant presence and impact as part of any events activity. It allows you to display

and freely annotate a huge variety of documents and presentations with up to four people able to write onscreen at the same time. It also has a whiteboard function. To find out more or to hire the screen contact the Estates Helpdesk eshelp@leeds.ac.uk

TEN DAY PASSES WORTH £100, FOR ONLY £15 AT THE EDGE!



Take the plunge and enjoy 10 day passes at The Edge, the University's state-of-the-art health and fitness centre. Day passes can be used for the 250-station fitness suite, 25m eight-lane swimming pool, sauna, steam room and one bookable exercise class per visit. Situated in the heart of the city centre, on the University campus, this is an opportunity not to be missed.

Available on the Living Social website during April
www.livingsocial.com
Any questions about the deal please contact
edgemembership@leeds.ac.uk

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CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEYS

Commercial and Campus Support Services (including Sport & Physical Activity, Catering Services, Print and Copy Bureau, Cleaning Services and Facilities Support Services) have been busy conducting their annual customer satisfaction surveys over the last month. These surveys, conducted by an external research company, are a fantastic way to gauge customer satisfaction with the services that we provide and deliver. The suggestions made from customers in the survey are used as a basis for making changes and improvements to each service every year.

The results will be out shortly and we will update you on progress in the next edition.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Please give us two minutes of your time and let us know how your experience was today, good or bad – it's the best way for us to improve our service to you. Thanks!



FAREWELL

Colleagues in Estates Services wished a fond farewell to David Fox who retired last month.

David started work at the University in 1979 in the Mechanical Maintenance Section as a Maintenance Fitter, and his 37 years of experience has spanned across a number of different roles.

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David said: “It has been good to meet and work with so many different people in my time at the University and I have made a lot of lifelong friends. Some of the characters I have met in my 37 years at the University had to be seen to be believed, but that is another story!

I decided to retire to have the opportunity and freedom with my wife to basically do what we want, when we want. We have looked at visiting family in Australia and at longer holidays abroad at times of the year when we usually wouldn't go and shorter trips in the UK to places we have never been. I have been volunteered for numerous family building renovation and repair jobs which I am looking forward to as these don't have to be squeezed in at weekends or holidays now.”



Suppliers Easter Fair 2016

Last month's annual Suppliers Easter Fair took place in the Exhibition Centre at The Edge, with 500 staff and visitors to the University taking the opportunity to speak to over 50 exhibitors, including MEETinLEEDS, Great Food at Leeds, The Edge and the IT Service Desk.

Organised by MEETinLEEDS, in collaboration with the Finance and Procurement Department, the event provided a unique opportunity for staff to speak to suppliers directly, enabling them to highlight, explain and showcase their products and services in a tailor-made forum.

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If you have any questions please contact:
enquiries@meetinleeds.co.uk

AWARD RECOGNITION FOR OUR EXCELLENT WORK

The accolades are flowing for teams and colleagues across the FD – nominations, shortlists and medals have been phenomenal! Congratulations to all staff behind the projects, schemes and activities that have been recognised in regional and national awards.

Laidlaw Library and Multi-Storey Car Park shortlisted for prestigious architectural awards

Shortlisted for a Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) 2016 Yorkshire Award is the Laidlaw Library. The Library is amongst eleven other buildings competing for the prestigious accolade of ‘Building of the Year’, which recognises buildings that demonstrate outstanding architecture. Judges will be visiting the Library over the next few weeks and a winner will be announced in April.

Alongside the Laidlaw, the multi-storey car park, which opened earlier this year, has also been recognised for its inspirational design. The car park is shortlisted in the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) 2016 Awards. As part of the process, judges visited the University to view the car park last month, with a winner to be announced in May.

Dennis Hopper, Director of Facilities Management said:
 “I’m delighted to see our buildings being recognised in the RICS and RIBA Awards. To be shortlisted for these awards is testament to our ongoing commitment to create outstanding architectural buildings within our ambitious plan to create a world class campus.”






Rick's Medal Winning Discovery

Rick Jones, the Head Chef at Devonshire Hall, has been a keen metal detectorist for the past eight years. Recently he discovered a World War One Medal, an exceptionally precious find, and with the help of a friend was able to reunite it with the soldiers living relatives.

“When you find something that’s been in the ground for many years, for me it’s the story that’s behind it. At some point in the past, these objects were owned and used by people and it’s how they came to be where they are that interests me.”

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Rick’s friends and family enjoy the regular updates he shares about the treasures he discovers, from Roman coins and brooches, 13th-century pendants, Elizabethan belt buckles and coins dating back to James 1.

Well done Rick!



PALACE DATE FOR MALCOLM



Malcolm Dawson pictured above 3rd from the right

Congratulations to Malcolm Dawson, Acting Head of Security, who received the prestigious honour of a British Empire Medal for Services to Higher Education and Students in the Queens 2015 Birthday Honours List.

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Malcolm was presented with his medal in a ceremony in September last year from the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mr. Barry Dodd, CBE, the Queens Representative. To conclude his celebrations he will be attending a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 10th May, 2016.

“The award is a huge honour for me personally, and it not only reflects on me, but on my team as well, who all work tirelessly to ensure that Leeds University is as safe as possible for staff, visitors and all the students we serve”

Malcolm Dawson

OUR FACILITIES OFFER THE BEST STUDENT EXPERIENCES IN THE UK

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCES SURVEY 2015 - 16 TOP 5

Students have voted the University of Leeds as offering one of the best student experiences in the UK. The 2016 Times Higher Education student experience survey puts Leeds in sixth position, up from ninth last year, after students rated it highly across all areas of student life.

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How we ranked

- **GOOD CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT**
Joint 3rd. Students voted Leeds joint third for having a good environment in and around campus. The £520m investment in campus will inevitably build on this position.
- **GOOD ACTIVITIES AND SOCIETIES**
Joint 3rd. With more than 300 activities to choose from, students are spoilt for choice, which is why Leeds was ranked joint third for its extra-curricular opportunities.
- **GOOD SPORTS FACILITIES**
As well as The Edge our investment in the £4.7m cycle track will further enhance our offer.

SUCCESS FOR GREAT FOOD AT LEEDS



Leeds beat off stiff competition from other UK universities to win two awards and pick up a silver medal at the Annual National TUCO (The University Catering Organisation) Awards earlier this month.

Great Food at Leeds (GFAL) won the TUCO Best Marketing award for the relaunch of the Refresh loyalty programme campaign. The 12-month campaign improved customer loyalty, retention and customer satisfaction scores across

the GFAL portfolio of cafes and outlets on campus.

GFAL also performed exceptionally well in the prestigious Chef's Challenge competition. Our top chefs Simon Wood and Lisa Hall represented Leeds, and had 30 minutes to provide an innovative menu in front of judges from a set ingredients list. During the competition the team impressed the judges with their hygiene standards, picking up the TUCO Hygiene Award.

The judges were also hugely impressed with the quality of the cooking and the innovative flavours, awarding Leeds the silver medal.

GFAL were also victorious in the U Dine Awards. The awards recognise and reward innovative student dining and bar concepts in the University and College Sector. GFAL achieved the award for the positive impact that the new Refectory concept, launched in January, has had on customer satisfaction.



Shortlisted AWARDS

We are shortlisted finalists for two categories in the CUBO 2016 awards.

- Best Marketing Campaign – Re-launch of the GFAL Loyalty Programme.
- Innovation Award for Excellence in Student Experience – Residences, Devonshire Chickens Sustainability Programme.

Congratulations to all staff involved!



LAUNCH OF NEW MENUS

Deli(very), the delivered catering service from Great Food at Leeds, have launched their new menu, including many new items and two new seasonal summer selections.

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Visit gfal.leeds.ac.uk/delivered-food



Facilities Directorate 2016 Charities Announced!



Last year we raised over £15,000 for our local and national charities, this is a fantastic achievement and we would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has been involved. From April 1 we have two new charities to support, and after counting up all of your votes we're pleased to announce that the charities you have chosen are Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Cancer Research UK.

Yorkshire Air Ambulance is a rapid-response emergency service charity serving five million people and it costs £12,000 per day to keep both of Yorkshires Air Ambulances in the air.

Cancer Research UK funds scientists, doctors and nurses to help beat cancer sooner and also provides information to the public. We're really excited to help these two brilliant charities over the next year.

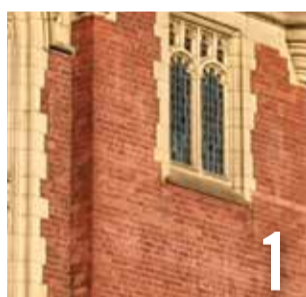
Lots of events will be taking place throughout the year for you to be involved in. Let us know if you have any ideas, want to help organise something or are doing an event in aid of one of our charities – we'd like to hear all about it!

Send your stories to Tilly Hall (FD Sustainability Group) at n.c.hall@leeds.ac.uk

GUESS THE CAMPUS BUILDING?



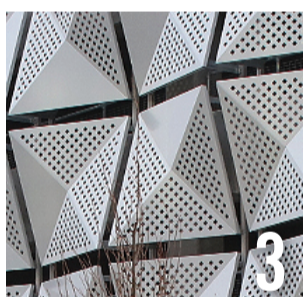
Can you spot the University buildings disguised in the images below? Give it a go and win cakes for your office for up to 10 people.



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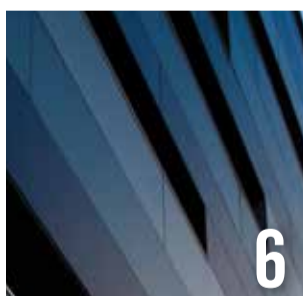
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PACK FOR GOOD

MAKE PACKING EASIER BY DONATING UNWANTED STUFF

More Funds raised for British Heart Foundation

Staff and students at St. Mark's Residences received a heartfelt thank you for their fundraising efforts in aid of the British Heart Foundation (BHF). The excellent partnership resulted in many items being donated to the BHF.

During the move out of international students from the site in September, a total of 898 bags of items were produced for re-sale in the BHF

charity shop in Headingley. This means 7.2 tonnes were diverted from landfill, and an estimated value of £12,572 generated for the charity. The money raised is then used to aid research and purchase equipment to combat coronary heart disease, both of which are evident in some of the research taking place at The University of Leeds, and in the hospitals in the city.



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