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

Our facilities are top five for student experience!



Earlier this month it was announced that the University has moved into the top five in this year's Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey, from sixth position last year, to fourth this year.

Our FD facilities, activities and societies, and services such as security on campus and sports facilities all feature particularly strongly.

Professor Tom Ward, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Student Education, said:
"The exceptional student experience at Leeds is the result of the University's close partnership with Leeds University Union, which ensures

that students are involved at every level of university life.

"Being voted into the top five feels very encouraging, and I hope reflects the success of Leeds' unique offer to students, which combines dynamic, research-based education with a strong emphasis on extra-curricular activities.

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It's been a great year for the University, fourth place builds on The Times/The Sunday Times

University of the Year 2017 award, in which the student experience at Leeds was singled out for praise.

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It also reflects National Student Survey results, where a record 90% of final year students at Leeds said they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the overall quality of their course in 2016.

Exceptional campus facilities

Students voted Leeds third for its facilities, including quality, convenience, library/opening hours, shop and bar amenities, and sports facilities.

With first-rate accommodation, libraries and teaching facilities, the University is investing a further £520m to developing campus to support world-leading research and teaching. This spring sees the completion of some of the

most recent investments, including a £5m cycling track and the £24.7m refurbishment of the Edward Boyle Library.

Already one of the best student unions in the UK, Leeds University Union was the first union to be awarded 'excellent' status in NUS quality accreditation and will provide even better facilities and opportunities for students following the completion of a £17 million upgrade in 2017.

The Union continues to receive one of the highest levels of satisfaction amongst students.



The Brownlee Centre

The new Brownlee Centre and Cycle Circuit opened its doors this month to staff, students and the local community. Following a hugely successful opening day on 28 April Leeds Alum, Alastair and Jonny Brownlee alongside the VC Sir Alan Langlands officially opened the Centre. The event attracted a considerable amount of interest in the local and national media, including the leading feature on BBC Breakfast.

A mixture of activities will take place at the new facilities including triathlon and cycling and the refurbished changing facilities will be used by football, rugby and lacrosse teams playing on the sports pitches.

The cycle circuit is available for everyone to use and a number of pay and play sessions take place each week. Staff can just turn up to one of these sessions where bikes are available to

hire including a fleet of accessible bikes.

The Brownlee Centre is the UK's first purpose built triathlon training centre and sits alongside a new 1 mile (1.6km) cycle circuit – one of the longest in the country – at the University's Bodington playing fields in north Leeds.

The site has benefited from 420 new trees which were secured by the Sustainability team

through The Woodland Trust and planted by volunteers prior to the facility opening.

Drainage from the site is being managed by a large balancing pond which is the first wetland on the University of Leeds estate, aside from the Roger Stevens Pond and is a great biodiversity addition and ecological feature.

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A bridge has been installed over the cycle circuit which has been re-purposed from the London 2012 Olympic Games. This bridge will allow users of the grass pitches easy access to these across the cycle circuit.

For more details visit www.leeds.ac.uk/bodington



OUR SUCCESS CONTINUES



You will have seen this month that the University has moved into the top five in this year's Times Higher Education Student Experience rankings, climbing from sixth to fourth. This follows on from the University being awarded the Times Higher University of the Year for 2017. These achievements are further testament to the fantastic facilities and services that are provided by the FD and I wanted to personally thank you all for making a contribution towards providing an excellent experience for our

students during their time at the University of Leeds.

This month we opened further world-leading facilities, including the £5M Brownlee Centre, comprising of the new cycle track and triathlon centre at Bodington Playing Fields. It was fantastic to see such a successful opening event attract so much positive media interest.

This centre will provide cycling opportunities for staff and students and having the

internationally renowned Leeds Triathlon Centre (training centre to the Brownlee brothers and other Olympians) based out of Bodington, further cements the University's long tradition of producing world-class Triathlon athletes. We have also recently fully opened the Edward Boyle Library and Worsley buildings after extensive refurbishments and more can be read about these and other projects in our Campus Development update.

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I am pleased to announce the attainment of the ISO14001 accreditation which assesses our Environmental Management Standards. This is at the very heart of embedding sustainability across campus and demonstrates our ongoing commitment in this area. Any ISO accreditation is a fantastic achievement to demonstrate the credibility of an organisation and it is excellent to see our Residences team making great progress working towards another accreditation, the ISO9001 Quality Management Standard.

Finally, the annual Healthy Week campaign starts in May and I would like to encourage all staff to take a look at the activities on offer during the week and feel inspired to get active.

STAFF VOLUNTEERS HAVE PLANTED 600 TREES WITH YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST



Our student and staff volunteers have been busy planting trees in partnership with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (YWT), at Water Haigh near Woodlesford in February, and Willow coppicing at Esholt near Rawdon in March.

Water Haigh is the site of a Woodland Park owned by Leeds City Council, and is managed by YWT on their behalf. The volunteers helped to plant over 600 trees, on a former colliery site that closed in 1970. The trees will help to soak up ground water, and assist in the storage of water in lower ground levels, thereby reducing surface run-off. The trees will also help attract insects and birds with food and cover, thereby improving the biodiversity of the nature reserve.

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The site at Esholt is owned by Yorkshire Water, but they allow YWT to coppice willow for subsequent use on riverbank protection schemes on the Upper Aire Valley, near Bradford, Leeds, and Skipton.

The volunteers coppiced the three year old willow, and cut it to manageable lengths, for subsequent use as vertical posts, or grouped in bundles for use as fascines. The posts will eventually be driven in to the base of river banks in two parallel rows, and the fascines are then dropped horizontally between the posts, with soil back-filled thereafter. The cut willow then takes root in the bottom of the riverbank, reducing soil erosion, and will also sprout leaves and stems the following year, providing further cover for wildlife along the river.



TRAINING FD STAFF TO HELP PEOPLE WITH COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES

Members of staff from Residential Services, Catering Services and Conferencing have recently undertaken expert training with Communication Access UK (CAUK) to help them improve the way they assist people with communications difficulties. The sessions were a national pilot on augmented and alternative communication delivered to 66 colleagues.

For our staff, this training means that we

can assist people with communication difficulties and provide them with an equal and inclusive environment in which to live and work, here at the University of Leeds.

The Communication Access UK (CAUK) project aims to support people who have little or no clear speech and who may use other communication methods to get their message across. CAUK intends to train businesses to become more accessible for people with communication difficulties, and

has the support of the Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists, The Stroke Association, and other partners.

The University's Equality and Inclusion Strategy includes “ensuring a world class student experience through inclusion and academic excellence” and “recognising the range of needs of our diverse student population and integrating these into the governance and practice of student education”.



MEET THE TEAM! When we surveyed you last Christmas to ask your views about this newsletter, many of you said that you'd like to know more about the teams in the FD, who they are and what they do. We took this idea on board and for this edition we'd like to introduce the Grounds and Gardens Team and Security Services Team.



GROUND AND GARDENS TEAM

Tell us about the work your team does.

There are 16 of us in total and between us we work across campus, Bardon Grange nursery and Sports Park Weetwood.

We manage the tree stock on all sites, which includes over 1000 trees on campus.

We look after over 30 Hectares of sports fields and synthetic surfaces, including a newly resurfaced 3G Desso iDNax pitch at Sports Park Weetwood, it is compliant to FIFA and IRB regulations and is similar to the pitches that Leeds Rhinos, Manchester United, Chelsea and Manchester City all have.

We will apply 440 tonnes of sand to the winter games pitches during renovations, as well as 3000kg of ryegrass seed and 4000kg fertiliser.

We plant over 5000 polyanthus, and 2500 bellis on campus as the spring bedding displays. Along with planting over 7000 geraniums and 3000 begonia in the summer displays.

We will grow 400 poinsettias from plugs, at Bardon Grange, for the winter degree ceremonies.

£400K of equipment is used to manage and maintain the University's estate.

What do you all like to do outside of work?

Between them, the team in their spare time like playing snooker, watching Leeds Utd and spending time with family. Going to the horse racing, playing football, bowling, socialising with friends and making an album with the Bondurant's band, a Leeds based alternative country band.

With the arrival of Spring, what are your top gardening tips for us?

Give the garden a general tidy up, remove dead leaves, cut back grasses and herbaceous plants.

Install a water butt to keep the plants healthy in the tropical summer months ahead! Make sure the mower is serviced and sharpened to avoid any breakdowns in the mowing season.

What is the most fun or memorable project that the team has worked on?

Preparing the rugby pitch at Sports Park Weetwood for the Scotland Rugby World Cup training camp and turning the pitches around during the 2016 renovations. The University winning Yorkshire in Bloom gold medal in 2007. Working with local school children designing the sustainable flower beds. Taking delivery of our new shiny, 50 horse-power Kubota tractor!

The Team
Dave Evans, James Wright

Weetwood
Robbie Thackray
Galvin Evans
Craig Hazlegrave
Danny Radcliffe

Campus
Ed Hicken
Matthew Moorby
Jerry Hartley
Trevor Long
Sean McDonnell
Matthew Gresham
Geoff Horner
Ben Marwood
Sam Robinson
(newly appointed apprentice Bardon)
Frank Dods

SECURITY SERVICES

Tell us about the work your team does



The security service mission statement is to ensure that the University is a safe and secure environment for all students, staff and visitors, both on and off campus. Student service and supporting the University is at the forefront of what we do and continue to do. Our mission remains as strong as ever!

The team led by Malcolm Dawson, Security Services Manager, is made up of four teams of full time University of Leeds Security staff, with a mix of agency staff, to assist the security operation, as well as a dedicated Crime Prevention Adviser, Car Park and Administrative staff, and a Police Higher Education Liaison Officer. We also have dog handlers attached within the teams.

Security staff patrol the whole 98 acre campus site on foot and mobile patrol, and also all the off-campus Halls of Residences.

“ We spend most of the 12 hours on shift patrolling around campus, giving a reassuring presence to staff and students, and to deter and prevent any crime. ”

Andrew Gordon-Platt, Crime Prevention Adviser, last year delivered over 30 talks to nearly 3500 students on safety and security

We work in close partnership with West Yorkshire Police, particularly with PC Guy, our University Police Higher Education Officer, who is soon moving to pastures new within West Yorkshire Police.

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We have four security vehicles and a dog van, all appropriately marked and liveried.

Four security staff have recently been awarded Police Commendations, one for Bravery and 3 for Excellent Security work. Two of our officers also won the overall Spotlight Awards, organised by Commercial and Campus Support Services.

What are the best things about your job?

The rewarding feeling when all those hours, days and weeks of being patient during training all comes together. Working with colleagues who are now best friends. Creating a great bond with my security dog, where we can work with each other in sometimes difficult situations.

What do you like to outside of work?

The team keep busy in their spare time by keeping fit, seeing live band performances, enjoying holidays abroad and angling.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENTS UPDATE

Our largest schemes are now under way this year, Engineering and Physical Sciences and NEXUS, as part of the £520m campus development programme.

Work has commenced for Engineering and Physical Sciences

A programme of work commenced in March to prepare for the £96m investment to create an integrated campus for Engineering and Physical Sciences. Staff, students and visitors are advised to plan their route as site hoardings are now being installed and access routes to and from Engineering will change.

The new development will bring together research and teaching across Engineering and Physical Sciences, to inspire new ways of working across disciplines, strengthen industry collaboration and support world-class student education.



To include new homes for the Schools of Computing and Physics & Astronomy, this investment will also provide specialised teaching spaces and will be the hub for our new Bragg Centre, providing facilities and expertise to support multidisciplinary materials research involving physicists, chemists, biologists and engineers.

Phase one of the project will see the demolition of the former Estates Building and the Old Boiler House.

For regular updates on this project sign up the Campus Developments newsletter at leeds.ac.uk/campusdevelopments

Our buildings are Architectural awards winners

Three of our building projects were highly commended for their architectural prowess at the 26th Leeds architecture awards and signify the ongoing hard work and commitment of colleagues within Estate Services.



The installation of the untitled Bas-Relief sculpture on the side of the Stage@Leeds was highly commended in the public realm and landscape design category. Bodington Hall's architects, Jones and Stocks, subcontracted Hubert Dalwood to create the frieze for the hall's refectory block in 1961. The sculpture was saved and moved to Stage@Leeds and refurbished in spring 2016.

The Laidlaw Library received a commendation in the New Building Category.

The multi-storey car park was highly commended in the Young People's Review category.

Inspiring new environment in Worsley

The major investment programme to improve the Worsley building completed at the start of this year within the stated schedule of 15 months.

The significant improvements benefitting staff and students of the School of Medicine encompassed the refurbishment of teaching spaces to create dynamic learning environments, the refurbishment of levels 8 to 11 within the building creating modern office accommodation for Clinical Trials Research Unit, Leeds Institute for Health Sciences and faculty offices. A modernised and more welcoming entrance way off Clarendon Road, a new café and a landscaped garden on Level 9. Over £10m has been invested in replacing outdated building services and plant alongside the internal fit out.

Following on from this a further investment of £5m is now underway on Level 6 in the School of Dentistry.



Edward Boyle Library now fully open

All levels of the Edward Boyle Library have fully opened to students and staff. With all six floors now open, the library offers 2000 study spaces and is already proving popular for exam revision. The Edit Room café provides a place for a welcome break.



Making our Central Teaching Spaces even better!

We will be investing a further £2m into our Central Teaching Spaces this summer. 19 lecture theatres and seminar rooms within the Roger Stevens, Chemistry and Michael Sadler buildings will undergo refurbishment to create modernised and inspiring places for our students to be taught in. The work will include the replacement of AV & IT equipment, as well as a general refresh of the spaces.

Exciting plans for the expansion of School of Earth and Environment

This £7.5m investment will ensure that the School remains at the forefront of research. The expansion will also create a new collaborative space for the Priestley International Centre for Climate and will mark the establishment of both the Priestley Centre research platform and a Met Office Joint Research Unit – which will realise the Priestley Centre mission to promote interdisciplinary climate-solutions research of the highest standard.

FD Green Impact Teams

The Facilities Directorate Building Green Impact Team have been busy working through the workbooks as part of their submission this year, with the aim of achieving a Gold award.

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Although the teams are guiding all building users on how to make a positive impact environmentally, socially and economically, it's everyone's responsibility to get involved. Show your support by looking out for updates in your team meetings and on noticeboards.

Campus Birdwatch

This year's Birdwatch event was a great event, 22 people sent in surveys and 36 attended the two walks despite the weather! We spotted Magpies, Redwings, which were spotted on St George's Field, are on the RSPBs Red List - this is the highest conservation priority, with species needing urgent action. Greater Spotted Woodpeckers were seen on Woodhouse Moor and St George's Field. Blue tits and Robins were spotted in various locations across campus and lots of Goldfinch's at St George's Field.



SUSTAINABILITY 10 TOP TIPS

- ### 1. GET CYCLING!

Swap one car journey a week to walking or cycling to campus. If you don't own your own bike, call in to our campus bike hub to enquire about bike hire.
- ### 2. DITCH DISPOSABLE FASHION

For your next clothing purchase, consider visiting a charity shop or a clothes swap event instead of buying new. The Stitch and Bitch Society offer themed workshops each month during term time.
- ### 3. GIVE TIME TO MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE

Give an hour of your time a month to make a positive contribution. There are many ways to make a difference- from getting to know your neighbours, helping a young person to improve their grades, to helping to preserve local green spaces.
- ### 4. SWITCH TO FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Commit to sourcing at least one item you purchase regularly from a more local and/or ethical source.
- ### 5. GET OUT MORE, GET SOME EXERCISE AND SEE LOCAL WILDLIFE

As well as parks, Leeds has some great urban green walks and nature reserves to explore. On our doorstep is the University campus, which has a combination of green spaces and woodland offering a variety of habitats for wildlife to explore.
- ### 6. GET DIGGING!

Growing your own food is a simple and fun way to reduce your environmental impact and get fresh food all year-round. Call in to the Sustainability Garden on Wednesday afternoons and take part in an edible gardening session to pick up some tips.
- ### 7. DO YOU REALLY NEED THE LATEST SMARTPHONE?

Commit to not buying any new electronic goods for at least a year. As well as the environmental impacts of involved, there are significant labour issues associated with the production of TVs, phones, computers and other electronics goods.
- ### 8. RECYCLE

Commit to recycling your waste and donating any unwanted items to charity. Visit sustainability.leeds.ac.uk for handy recycling guides and tips about recycling on campus and city-wide.
- ### 9. BECOME A PART-TIME VEGETARIAN

Cut back on Meat, swap one meal a week to a meat and dairy free one. See Meat Free Mondays website for recipe tips and ideas.
- ### 10. CONVINCE THREE FRIENDS TO DO LIKEWISE

Take one of these tips and share this post through your social media and encourage your friends and colleagues to also make positive change!

University of Leeds achieves ISO 14001: 2015 accreditation

Earlier this month we celebrated achieving the accreditation to the new ISO14001: 2015 standard following a successful external audit by AJA Registrars.

The accreditation system assesses our Environmental Management System, which is at the heart of embedding sustainability, at the University. It offers a systematic and transparent way of managing environmental objectives and targets, reducing the impacts and supporting compliance against environmental legislation.

This is a huge accomplishment as it covers all activities within the University campus, including the University residential portfolio and University sports and conferencing facilities. Achieving the 2015 standard further demonstrates the commitment and leadership for sustainability which exists at the University.

On receiving the accreditation, Director of Sustainability Services, Dr Louise Ellis says: "This is an amazing achievement and is a huge step for the University to achieve

accreditation to the new standard across such a large and diverse organisation."

For more details on the work of the Sustainability service at the University of Leeds visit: sustainability.leeds.ac.uk



FIRST SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE



On the 3rd February 2017, the University of Leeds hosted its first Student Conference on Sustainable Futures – Sustainable Perspectives on Future Challenges.

The aim of the event was to highlight the research excellence at Leeds, bringing together projects from students at all levels, covering the full spectrum of environmental, social and economic sustainability challenges.

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all eight University faculties took part in the event, sharing their work through a mix of oral presentations, poster exhibitions, art displays and performance workshops throughout the day. There were projects to suit all interests, spanning themes from 'Biodiversity and Climate Change', to 'Society and Community'.

Open to all, the event enabled students, staff and visitors the chance to collaborate, exchange ideas, and experience the diverse topics that sit within the sustainability field.

CHARITIES UPDATE

As we come to the end of the year fundraising for our FD charities, the totals are:

Yorkshire Air Ambulance	£9,448.84
Cancer Research UK	£9,701.53
Collective total	£19,150.37

Thank you to everyone who has given money or time to this great total. Although short of our ambitious £24,000 target it is still a great achievement that we can all be proud of.

In the past months alone we've had a Valentine's Day sweet sale which raised £166, a pre-loved clothes sale raising £32 and the Fairtrade Fair which raised £567.52.

A big thank you to everyone who has taken part or organised activities this year, especially the Great Food at

Leeds and Meet In Leeds teams who have made a huge contribution.

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We are now supporting our two new charities you voted for: Alzheimer's Society and Children's Heart Surgery Fund at the LGI.

To get us kick started we want you and your team to make one pledge to help fundraise this year. This could be to do anything from having a coffee morning in your office to running a marathon!

Send your pledges to Tilly Hall n.c.hall@leeds.ac.uk and we'll showcase them all in the next FD newsletter.

Leading the fight against dementia
Alzheimer's Society



CHILDREN'S HEART SURGERY FUND

FD COMMITTED TO EQUALITY AND INCLUSION NEW TRANS EQUALITY POLICY UNVEILED

The University recently circulated a new Trans Equality Policy that outlines our principles and commitment to providing an inclusive environment for our trans staff, students and visitors.

The University celebrates and values the diversity of its staff and students and believes that the employment and inclusion of trans people at all levels of responsibility and trans students within our community will enrich our University environment.

The University will treat all trans employees and students with respect and strive to provide a positive working and learning environment free from discrimination, harassment or victimisation, to enable them to achieve the best outcomes.

The full policy can be viewed at www.equality.leeds.ac.uk

Trans staff and students in HE and colleges: improving experiences



COMMERCIAL AND CAMPUS SUPPORT SERVICES HAVE BEEN SHORTLISTED FOR THREE NATIONAL AWARDS

CUBO Commercial University of the Year

CUBO Best Marketing Campaign

Cost Sector Catering University/College of the Year



Finalists at the Employee Experience Awards

Congratulations to the People Working Group, who were finalists at this year's UK Employee Experience Awards. The awards entry was the CCSS People Working Group, celebrating the work the group, that is made up of colleagues from Cleaning, Catering, Security, HR, Marketing and Communications and Sport and Physical Activity, does across the Service and its

positive impact on employee engagement.



Well done everyone and thanks for all the great work you do!

Stewart Ross, Director of Commercial and Campus Support Services said: "We are delighted that the huge amount of work our staff have done to reshape our facilities and services across campus is being recognised nationally in this way by CUBO.

As a service it is critically important that what we do meets the needs of students staff and public users so that they choose our offer in a highly competitive market. To continue to be marketing-led to offer the very best experience for all of our customers across all of our services has been crucial to this. It's an extra bonus for the Catering team to be recognised by Cost Sector Catering for the fantastic service they provide year round in the cafes, refectory, delivered catering, fine dining and the support they offer throughout the conferencing season."

Good luck to all staff who will be representing the University at the Awards ceremonies.

CUBO is the professional association for senior managers in higher education whose responsibilities include the strategic development, management and administration of an institution's commercial and business activities. <http://cubo.org.uk/>

The Cost Sector Catering Awards are one of the highlights of the foodservice and catering calendar. To win one of the coveted award categories is a stand-out achievement, something that fully recognises an outstanding contribution to the catering industry and is one of the highest acknowledgements of merit that can be bestowed from within the foodservice sector. <http://costsectorcatering.co.uk/awards>

Our multi-storey car park receives national Park Mark Award

We were recently awarded the Park Mark award for the multi-storey car park. The Safer Parking Scheme is a national standard for UK car parks that have low crime and measures in place to ensure the safety of people and vehicles. A Park Mark is awarded to each car park that achieves the challenging standards. The distinctive Park Mark signage helps drivers find car parks where they can confidently leave their vehicle, knowing the environment is safer.



BRITISH PARKING AWARDS



The University was a finalist at the recent British Parking awards in the category of Best New Car Park. The multi-storey car park was pipped to the post by Rose Lane car park in Norwich that boasted toilet cubicles for use by night clubbers. The event took place at the Lancaster London Hotel and was hosted by impressionist Debra Stephenson.

Majid Khan, Support Services Manager said 'It is a great achievement to be recognised by the car parking industry for our car parking facilities. I never knew how big the car parking industry was and indeed, that they have their own magazine too!'

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE UNIVERSITY PARKING STRATEGY

The Parking Consultancy have been commissioned to review the University car parking strategy, with consideration of the current £520m Campus Development Programme.

Part of the project is to consult staff on the current car parking strategy, its operation and challenges that will be faced over the next 5-10 years as the development of the campus progresses to deliver a world class academic and social environment.

The forums will be for an hour and will cover the following topics:

Forum Topics

- An overview of the Campus Development Programme
- Associated losses in car parking capacity
- Key principles of the car parking strategy over the next 5-10 years
- The mitigation strategy
- Staff feedback
- Questions and answers

The Staff Car Parking Open Forums will be held at the following times, dates and locations:

12-1pm and 1-2pm on Monday 8 and Wednesday 10 May 2017 in Oak Room (FD Building)

12-1pm and 1-2pm on Friday 12 May 2017 in room G.37 Baines Wing

Places are limited so please register your attendance in advance to take part in one of the six forums. You can do this by emailing parkingforum@leeds.ac.uk providing your name, job title and time and date of the session that you would like to attend.

STUCK FOR IDEAS FOR KIDS ACTIVITIES?

Did you know The Edge offers a kids climbing club and learn to climb courses as well as a complete set of swimming lessons for all ages.

Open to non-members.

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sport.leeds.ac.uk/the-edge/climbing/kids-climbing
sport.leeds.ac.uk/the-edge/swimming/swimming-classes/

EXCITING PLANS FOR HEALTHY WEEK

Plans for this year's Healthy Week, set to take place on 15-21 May, are firmly underway.

A University-wide project team, made up of colleagues from Sport and Physical Activity, Marketing and Communications, the Logik Centre, Great Food at Leeds, HR, Wellbeing, Safety and Health, have a huge range of activities planned for the week from outdoor yoga and rooftop gardening in the sunshine, to a slimming support group and mindful flash-mob.

Keep an eye out for more details and perhaps even become a Healthy Week Hero! Follow the Staff Twitter account for more news: @UniLeedsStaff



New deli(very) MENU LAUNCH



Great Food at Leeds (GFAL) have launched their new Spring / Summer menu for the Deli(very) service. The entire menu has been refreshed to reflect value for money, without compromising on quality.

Customers can choose from an extended range of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options, along with The “Taste of Yorkshire” menu, which is created from the finest produce of the region, changing with the seasons.



A HELPING HAND FOR UNITY

Students and staff from the University used their handprints to help create five ‘Unity pledge’ artworks that will soon be displayed around campus as a visual demonstration of a shared commitment to unity.



The Unity Canvas Roadshow asked people to take a ‘Unity pledge’ and make a verbal commitment to unity



The Unity Canvas Roadshow asked people to take a ‘Unity pledge’ and make a verbal commitment to unity. Pledgers acknowledged

their responsibilities and duties towards all the people who work and study at and visit the University, before putting their hands in paint and making a handprint.

Those making the pledge also made a donation to support the charity Medicins Sans Frontieres – sometimes known as Doctors Without Borders – the international humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency medical aid in war-torn regions and developing countries affected by endemic disease. So far, £10,000 has been raised!

In the FD Building staff pledged their commitment to unity, donated to Medicins Sans Frontieres and in turn created our very own canvas.

SUPPLIERS EASTER FAIR 2017

The University of Leeds Suppliers Easter Fair celebrated its 17th Annual event.

Organised by MEETinLEEDS, in collaboration with the University of Leeds Purchasing department, over 500 University staff and PhD students visited the Exhibition Centre to meet our suppliers. The feedback from exhibitors and visitors was very positive, and will increase awareness of all internal and external providers. Natasha Rahanu, MEETinLEEDS Event Manager, said: “Thank you to everyone that came the event: it was a cracking - excuse the pun - success!”



Our Staff

A warm welcome to our news starters, Jonno Bateman, Alison Whelan and Sophie Dancer in Marketing and Communications. Thom Cooper and Romain Cames, in the Sustainability Team and Russell Allen and Adam Ives in Estates.

We also wished a fond farewell to Jane Holmes, Health and Safety Adviser, who has moved on to the University of York and Alan Johnson and Derrick Redmond, from Estates, who retired in February.

If we have missed anyone please let us know at fdmatters@leeds.ac.uk

TOUR DE YORKSHIRE QUIZ

Put your cycling knowledge to the test and be in with a chance to win a hamper, up to the value of £100.

1. How long was Stage 1 of the first Tour de Yorkshire held in 2015?
2. What nationality was the winner of the Women’s 2016 Tour de Yorkshire?
3. Which two UNESCO World Heritage Sites did the tour pass through in 2017?
4. How long was the complete Tour de Yorkshire route in 2017?

Email your answers to fdmatters@leeds.ac.uk by 10 June 2017.

DRIVING OUR IMPACT ON SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

In December we shared with you details of the FD Social Media Policy, and in delivering this, staff across the FD have been working together to ensure we have a consistent approach to social media.

We currently maintain 29 different social media channels and to bring these together colleagues from the FD attend monthly social media meetings. The meetings aim to share good practice, offer help and advice where needed to professionalise our channels. Since the introduction of the meetings we have seen a significant improvement in the quality of

content going out across our channels, including the use of more video, and successfully improving overall reach, engagement and impressions that result in more followers.



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OPT-IN TO RECEIVE ONLINE PAY SLIPS

In preparation for the move to online-only pay slips for staff who have access to the Self Service system, volunteers are wanted to help with testing and make the move early. The advantages of accessing your pay slips through the Self Service system, include

added security, instant remote/global access, access to previous pay slips and a reduction in carbon footprint.

Email the project team at essmss@leeds.ac.uk to volunteer.

New Waste and Recycling Contract



The University has signed a new waste and recycling contract for a period of five years with effect from the beginning of June.

The contract with Associated Waste Management will focus on reducing total waste and improving segregation at source. Over the coming months we will be informing staff and students about what can now be recycled.

your views matter!

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