World Unite Festival

Monday 12 February – Sunday 18 February

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Leeds University Union

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Welcome to World Unite Festival 2018.

Immerse yourself in a week of activities dedicated to celebrating and sharing the cultures of everyone on campus here at Leeds.

Unless we’ve said otherwise, all our events are free and wheelchair friendly. Most events you can just turn up too, we’ll let you know if you need to book in advance.

An intro from Natasha, Equality & Diversity Officer, and Jess, Activities Officer.

“Welcome to another year of World Unite Festival. We want to invite you all to experience and share in all the cultures we have here on campus to celebrate our diversity.

This year, it’s set to be another eventful week on campus as UK and International students come together to sample food, learn a language or get involved with activities dedicated to give you a taste of another culture. We like to think of it as a round the world trip without the expensive plane ticket. We’d like to thank our colleagues at the International Student Office for working with us on this project.

It’s amazing to see so many societies come together to showcase and celebrate their cultures at LUU. I know we are so excited to join in with the celebrations and learn some new things on the way.

Now more than ever it is important that we all come together to show love and respect to one another and take time to appreciate and celebrate our differences.”
Monday 12 February

**Intercultural Photoshoot**
Show off the beauty of your culture and explore other cultures through traditional costumes. If you’d like to celebrate diversity, while modelling in a professional photoshoot, get involved by contacting l.t.prodanova@leeds.ac.uk. LUU Room 6. 10:30am – 1:30pm. Wheelchair friendly.

**Hummus Fest**
Hosted by Leeds Jewish Society
In the 1950s, hundreds of thousands of North African and European Jews arrived in the new state of Israel and brought their traditions from their communities, mixing their food into new tastes. We’ll be cooking and enjoying Israeli Hummus, influenced by worldwide and middle eastern traditions.
LUU Room 2. 5:10pm – 6pm. Wheelchair friendly.

**Global Café + Lunar New Year**
Global Café is for both UK and international students – meet friends from every corner of the globe every Monday (except bank holidays). With free tea, coffee and biscuits, the Café is a great place to meet new people or relax with friends.
This week we’ll be hosting a quiz and celebrating Lunar New Year.
LUU Common Ground. 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Wheelchair friendly. Child friendly.

**Night of Persia**
Hosted by the Iranian Society
Get stuck into our night of Iranian food and heritage. Learn about the rich culture and history of Iran, while getting to know your fellow students.

**Women Unite**
Hosted by Leeds Students for Women International
Leeds Women International is working on a documentary which aims to voice different women’s opinions and struggles according to their culture and country of origin. With the help of a cinema student, a series of interviews will be conducted with women studying at our university from diverse cultural, religious and economic backgrounds.
Parkinson Building SR B.08, University of Leeds. 6pm – 7:30pm. £2. Must book. Wheelchair friendly.

**Movie Night**
Hosted by the Filipino Society
Mrs Recto is an acclaimed Filipino indie film about a single mother trying to make ends meet with her daughter in Manila. Grab a seat to watch the movie with us, and enjoy some Filipino snacks.
Michael Sadler Building SR LG.19, University of Leeds. 7:15pm – 9:30pm. Free for members, 75p for non-members.
Tuesday 13 February

Intercultural Amazing Race
Hosted by Intercultural Ambassadors
Discover campus and its range of cultures with this exciting treasure hunt. Complete challenges, mini-games and activities such as yoga, darts, Chinese ‘Jianzi’ and many more to find hidden treasure and win prizes.
LUU Function. 11am - 2pm. Please sign up via the link on the event page at luu.org.uk.

World Unite Feast
Hosted by ESN, Chinese Society, East African Society and Intercultural Ambassadors
Join us for an epic feast featuring delicious foods from all around the globe. While you mingle and meet new people of different backgrounds, we’ll be serving up a one of a kind international drinks menu to suit everyone’s tastes and give you a special taste of home.
LUU Riley Smith Theatre. 4pm - 10pm. Wheelchair friendly. Child friendly.

Bridges of Words: An Evening of Poetry
Our poetry and open mic session features the talented writers and performers of Journeys in Translation and International Creative Writing Society. By bringing the global issues of refugees and immigration on stage, we aim to broaden understanding and enhance our compassion and mutual respect.
LUU Pyramid Theatre. 6pm - 8pm. This event is free, but please sign up via the link on the event page at luu.org.uk. Wheelchair friendly.

Journey to the West: Love Conquers All
Hosted by Intercultural Ambassadors
Let’s celebrate the vast diversity of cultures on campus through an evening of performances and food, with all proceeds going towards Action society. We’ll be enjoying acts including solo hip hop pieces, traditional Filipino dances, singing and martial arts.
School of Music Concert Hall, University of Leeds. 5:30pm - 8pm. £3.50. Wheelchair friendly. Child friendly.

Filipino: Games Night
Hosted by Filipino Society
Have a taste of the Filipino culture. We’ll be playing Filipino games with refreshments served throughout the night, and everyone is welcome, whatever your background.
LUU Common Ground. 6:30pm - 9:30pm. Wheelchair friendly. Child friendly.
Taiwan Day
Hosted by the Taiwanese Society
Taiwan Day is a night market based event, recreating the traditional nightlife of Taiwan through its stalls and culture. There will be food, games and the opportunity to meet new people, as well as plenty of bubble tea, which is of Taiwanese origin.
LUU Riley Smith Theatre. 11:30am - 5:30pm. Wheelchair friendly. Child friendly.

‘Let’s Talk About HIV - and the New HIV Prevention Tool’
In this workshop we will be discussing all matters relating to HIV – how to protect yourself, where to get an HIV test and how people living with HIV can be supported. We will also explore Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a game-changing new HIV prevention tool being trialled in Leeds which will have huge implications locally, nationally and globally.
Baines Wing SR 3.06, University of Leeds. 1pm - 2pm. To book please email M.A.Clowes@leeds.ac.uk. Wheelchair friendly.

‘Silenced Voices’: Exhibition
The exhibition ‘Silenced Voices: Syrian Women in Assad’s prison’, organised by Manchester-based organisation Rethink Rebuild Society, will be showcased at LUU to raise awareness of the real-life stories of women who have been imprisoned in Syria since 2011. The exhibition will be presented by Bayan Shorbaji, a Syrian refugee living in Leeds, and will be in Arabic with provided English translation.
LUU Function. 6pm - 8:30pm. This event is free, but please sign up via the link on the event page at luu.org.uk. Wheelchair friendly.

Buddhist Meditation
Want to offload some stress and learn to focus your mind and body? Learn meditation and mindfulness in a relaxed environment, being guided through the process by an experienced facilitator, with some eating meditation and a mindful tea-break.
LUU Room 6. 5pm - 7pm. Wheelchair friendly. Child friendly.

Movie & Debate Night
Hosted by the Romanian Society
We’ll be illustrating Romanian culture in an interactive way with a short movie. Pull up a chair, have a discussion, or just relax.
Baines Wing SR 2.16, University of Leeds. 5pm - 7pm. Wheelchair friendly. Child friendly.

Kurdish Language Workshop
Hosted by the Kurdish Society
Come to our Kurdish language workshop to learn how to use basic but essential Kurdish phrases – you never know when they might come in handy. Take a small gift home with you at the end.
Baines Wing SR 2.06, University of Leeds. 6pm - 7pm. Wheelchair friendly.
Friday 16 February

**Chinese Dumpling Cooking Demonstration**
Great Food at Leeds, The Business Confucius Institute and Global Community will be helping you celebrate the Lunar New Year with a fun, interactive session cooking traditional Chinese dumplings. You'll have a chance to taste them too, so be sure to come along with an appetite.


**Libyan Society Meet & Greet**
Potential members can hear from the committee about how the society will be run, with icebreakers, fun activities and a takeaway at the end of the night.

Maurice Keyworth Business School LT G.02, University of Leeds. 6pm – 8pm. Wheelchair friendly. Child friendly.

**The Show of Unity**
The Show of Unity, hosted in association with the chaplains, is a coming together of performers from a range of LUU societies and promises to be a spectacular end to the World Unite Festival. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.

LUU Riley Smith Theatre, 7pm – 10pm. £4 for adults, £2 for under 18s. Wheelchair friendly. Child friendly.

Saturday 17 February

**Pakistani Society: Basant**
Basant is a kite-flying event which occurs in February every year in Pakistan. This event will give national students an idea of what it's all about, and give an opportunity to international students to feel at home and celebrate tradition.

LUU Common Ground. 12pm – 4pm. Wheelchair friendly.

Sunday 18 February

**Gavin & Stacey Night**
Hosted by the Welsh Society
Welsh society would like to invite everyone to take part in a binge night of the classic sitcom and Welsh favourite, watching as many episodes as we can.

LUU Room 6. 6pm – 11pm. Wheelchair friendly.
Throughout the Festival

International Photography Exhibition

Hosted by Intercultural Ambassadors

Explore the day-to-day lives of people from opposite ends of the world: students of the University of Leeds, and Chengdu University in China. Join us at the Grand Premiere on Monday 12 February 4pm – 8pm, or drop by anytime during the week to see the photographs.

Visit our Facebook page for details: facebook.com/leedswithchengdu

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University of Leeds Intercultural Ambassadors

Intercultural Ambassadors are student volunteers, creating interesting opportunities to involve students and local people with different cultures. This year, 50 international and UK students from 23 different countries and all study levels took part. You can have a look at some projects the Intercultural Ambassadors developed by coming along to their events during World Unite Festival. They will also be running events with schools and community partners in February and March.

If you want to gain intercultural insights, employability skills and make new friends while inspiring others to get the most out of being part of our global community, why not consider applying to next year’s programme? Recruitment will start in October 2018.

To find out more about what it’s like to volunteer, visit leeds.ac.uk/interculturalambassadors or speak to one of this year’s Ambassadors at their events.

The Intercultural Ambassadors Programme was developed with funding from Leeds for Life and the Higher Education Academy, and is run with support from Santander Universities.