



We're here to help you make the most of your time at Leeds. Send thoughts and feedback to the [student communications team](#). You can also join our [Facebook group for current students](#), follow [@UoLStudents on Twitter](#) or visit students.leeds.ac.uk for everything you'll need while at Leeds.

University opening times during the winter break

The University will be closed on Monday 24 December 2018 and will re-open again on Wednesday 2 January 2019. Although many buildings including the libraries will be closed during this time, The Edge is open on many of the days during this time.

[Find a full list of holiday opening hours](#)

Have your say on the Curriculum!

Are you an undergraduate student? We would like to hear about your experience of the Leeds Curriculum. Please take part in the [questionnaire](#) or via Minerva - this is a great opportunity for you to influence the University's thinking about curriculum developments for the future!

The survey takes 5-10 minutes to complete, is anonymous, and as we would like as representative a view as possible, please take the time to complete the survey. There is also a chance to enter a prize draw for three participants to win £50 of shopping vouchers of your choosing.

Professor Tom Ward,
Deputy Vice Chancellor: Student Education

Are you staying in Leeds over the winter break?

Christmas in Leeds is an annual programme that allows students staying in Leeds over the holidays to meet others, experience Christmas traditions and find out about useful information and support.

From film and games nights, volunteering opportunities and trips to see sports matches, the [Christmas in Leeds programme](#) has something for everyone – they even have a Christmas social that you can attend and a meal on Christmas day that you can join. Many events are family friendly and welcome students and their families.

For more information, visit the [Christmas in Leeds webpage](#), download the [Christmas in Leeds Guide](#) [pdf download] or join the [Christmas in Leeds Facebook group](#).

Keeping your property safe over the holiday

There's a number of things you can do to keep your items safe if your room or house is empty during the holidays, this includes:

- Making sure all windows and doors are locked.
- Keeping valuable items away from windows where they may be seen.
- Consider lighting timers. They are cheap and can be set to turn a light on and off when you're not in.
- Taking valuable items such as jewellery and electrical items with you.

If you're worried about the security of your property, then speak to your landlord. If you would like some independent advice first, [Unipol](#) offer support for University students who are renting. As well as calling or emailing, you can speak to LUU's [Student Help and Support](#).

What's on over the next few weeks:

- [Gingerbread decorating](#) – Monday 17 December, 12 – 1pm, LUU's Common Ground
- [Festive Film Screening \(Elf\)](#) – Monday 17 December, 5 – 7.15pm, LUU's Pyramid theatre
- [Tote Bag decorating](#) – Tuesday 18 December, 11am – 1pm, LUU's Common Ground
- [Felt Stocking making](#) – Wednesday 19 December, 3 – 5pm, LUU's Common Ground
- [Campus Christmas Treasure Hunt](#) – Friday 21 December, 11am – 2pm, Meet by Wok & Go in LUU
- [New Year Painting](#) – Wednesday 2 January, 1.30 – 3.30pm, LUU's Foyer
- [Global Games night](#) – Thursday 3 January, 6 – 8pm, LUU's Common Ground
- [Global Community trip to Saltaire](#) – Sunday 6 January, 10am – 3pm, Booking required

You can find out more about what's going on at [LUU Events](#) and the [student calendar](#).

Christmas in Leeds Photography competition

How are you getting in the festive spirit this season? Whether you have been to a Christmas market or spent some time with good friends we'd love you to share these moments with us as part of our Christmas in Leeds Photo Competition.

To enter, share your photograph in the [Christmas in Leeds Facebook group](#) or on Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag #UniLeedsChristmas The winning entry will receive a £20 LUU voucher, and there will be prizes for the runners up too.

Shaping Leeds for the future

Leeds City planners need to have a better understanding of student accommodation and lifestyle preferences to make sure they provide the appropriate facilities in the future.

Fill in a short, [anonymous survey](#) (it needs contact details if you want to enter the prize draw). There are 10 vouchers to the value of £15 each up for grabs!

Registering to vote – local and national democracy

LUU is a member led organisation, meaning any one of the 38,000 members can make a change to what is done, how it is done and who represents them. In the past big improvements have been made across the Union, University and City, from £1 bus fares to banning landlords who charge extra fees. Find out how you can [get involved and submit your ideas](#).

As a student in Leeds, you can also vote in any upcoming local Leeds elections. [Register to vote on the council website](#).

In case you missed out

With exam season coming up for many students in January, remember that there are a number of resources that can help you plan your revision during the break:

- [Past exam papers](#) – get an idea of what to expect from your exams
- [Key dates and locations](#) – Find out when and where your exams will take place, plus when you'll get your results
- [Exam preparation and arrangements](#) – a quick guide to everything you need to know
- [Examination section on the For Students website](#)

If this will be the first time you've done exams at the University, don't worry. Our next newsletter on Wednesday 9 January will be full of helpful links, tips, plus plenty of things to support you across campus during the exam period.

Winter break

Whether you're traveling this holiday, staying in Leeds or seeing your friends and family, enjoy your break. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

