



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.

A new year of teaching

Welcome back, and with the first week of teaching under your belt, whether you're a new or returning student, the memories of queuing for free pizza outside the union are a distant memory as the focus turns towards work.

If you're new to uni, then get yourself off to a [flying start](#), and find out about independent learning at university and what to expect in your first year.

Regardless of what year you're in, the library has an excellent set of resources, guides and sessions to attend to help you with your studies. With everything from academic writing and critical thinking, through to note making and referencing, it's definitely worth checking out the [academic skills](#) section of the website.

New password reset system

We're improving our IT security, and as part of this we've introduced a new [Self Service Password Reset system](#). When you've registered with this service you'll be able to reset your password (if you forget it) and unlock your account if you have given an incorrect password too many times. You'll need to register for this service as soon as possible – if you haven't registered by 10 October you'll be prompted to do so each time you login to office365.leeds.ac.uk. Read our [FAQs about the system](#).

Learning analytics

Learning analytics is how we measure and analyse data about you and your learning. We do this to make sure you get the most out of your education and so that we can support you in your studies. We've published a new [strategy and code of practice](#).

Hats off to new mobile voting tool

We're introducing a new mobile voting tool provided by Top Hat, to enhance your learning experience at the University. If Top Hat is being used in your learning activities, you'll be invited to sign up for an account using your University username and password. The tool includes the ability to ask and answer questions during teaching - students have said this has changed the pace of their lectures in an engaging way. Watch our [video introduction to Top Hat](#).

Settling in

With the whirlwind excitement of Freshers' week behind you, it's perfectly normal to feel a bit homesick. [Looking after your emotional and physical health](#) is really important, and that way you'll be more likely to enjoy all aspects of student living. Additionally, [sport can be a great way to help you settle in](#). With a huge range of activities available to people of all ability, you're sure to find something for you.

Leeds University Union (LUU) has a wide range of [clubs and societies](#) to join – they're a great way of meeting people with shared interests and try something new. If you're not keen on committing to becoming a member, why not look at their [Give it a go](#) (GIAG) opportunities to try something new without any obligation to sign up.

Settling into a new place can take some time. Explore the '[Feeling at Home in Leeds' online guides](#) to help you find support when you need it and get fully involved in University life. The guides will be particularly useful if you are studying in the UK for the first time, but everyone is welcome to explore them. Don't forget to read how other international students felt about [moving to Leeds](#) for the first time.

Careers and volunteering fairs

Careers

Looking for a career in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM)? No matter what your degree or discipline - there could be a role for you. Come to our [annual STEM Careers Fair](#) on 24 October and chat to some employers about internships, placements and graduate opportunities.

Volunteering

Join us on the 15 October (11am - 3pm) for the [Volunteering Fair in the Riley Smith Theatre](#) (in Leeds University Union – LUU).

Gain new skills, develop those you have and do your bit for our community - with organisations covering areas from sustainability to arts festivals, from mental health to advocacy there's something out there for everyone!

Restart your art – free classes

Drop in and try your hand at some creative writing at the Treasures of the Brotherton Gallery every Wednesday from 12.30pm. Whether you can stay for ten minutes or the full three hours, 'Pen to Paper' is free, open to everyone and all materials will be provided.

You can also drop-in every Friday from 12.30pm to The Stanley & Audrey Burton Gallery for 'Sketch Club'. Use your time to hone your sketching skills, chat with fellow art appreciators or simply indulge your creativity in a calm, inspiring atmosphere.

Both galleries can be found in the Parkinson Building court.

Student Art Pass

Get free or reduced price entry to hundreds of museums and galleries across the UK, and 50% off major exhibitions with a [Student Art Pass](#) – it cost just £5 for the year! Just make sure you get it before 15 December 2019.

Crowdfunding

Do you, your club or society have a great idea? Our crowdfunding platform could help you raise the funds you need. Previous projects have included sending the Songsmiths A Cappella group to the Edinburgh Fringe, and helping the Islamic Society refurbish campus prayer spaces. Visit crowdfunding.leeds.ac.uk to find out more.

Keep your bike safe

Cyclists - do you want to keep your bike safe and secure? Head to the precinct (outside the Union) between 8.30am and 4pm on Monday 7 or Tuesday 8 October to pick up a secure D-lock and a bike light set for just £20! A D-lock makes your bike far more secure, and the front and rear lights make it much safer to ride when it's dark. [Find out more about security.](#)

Everybody needs good neighbours

We're not here to tell you how to behave in your new student house. However, we receive lots of complaints from upset local residents, including students, who tell us their how their mental health and wellbeing can be affected when there's a lot of noise in the neighbourhood. The rules have changed recently and to avoid you getting in trouble with the council, University or the police, read [how to avoid noise complaints.](#)

What's on

If you're looking to get out and about over the weekend, there's a lot going on here on campus, and out in the city. We've created a new bucket list of [ten great things to do in Leeds](#). Worth making a start tomorrow? Remember you can get a [student discount](#) in many places too!

Here are some other events to check out in Leeds University Union (LUU):

- [Farmers' Market x Black History month](#) – every Monday in October
- [Black History month activities](#)

- [Careers and work](#) – enhance your CV< network and Linked In, plus more
- [Trips and days out](#) – explore the local area, the north and Wales!
- [Sport](#)

Do you have any feedback for us on your experience at the University, or student life at Leeds? Tell us [what's on your mind](#).