

*Hello! Please  
introduce  
yourself to  
people sitting  
near you*



# Welcome to Leeds



International Orientation

*Presented by the International Student Office*

Links to all opportunities and resources can be found on  
**[Students.leeds.ac.uk/orientationprogramme](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/orientationprogramme)**

# Disclaimer

- This session was delivered in January 2026.
- All content in this presentation has been prepared for the 2025/26 academic year and is subject to future updates or modifications.

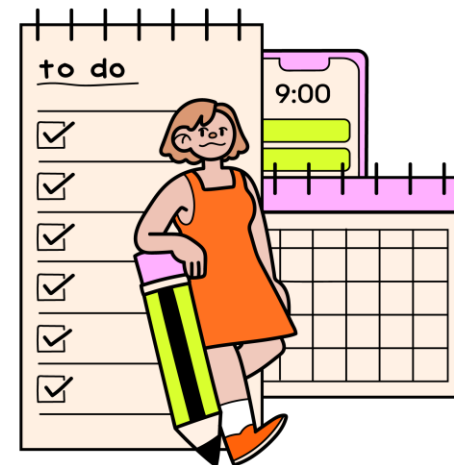
# Welcome from Vice Chancellor & President, Professor Shearer West



[Watch Professor Shearer West's video](#)

This video can only be watched with a University of Leeds account.

# Aims and plan for today



## Aims

- Formally welcome you to Leeds
- Inspire you to make the most of your experience here
- Suggest ways to start getting involved with university and local life
- Make sure you know about other orientation and settling in support

## Outline

- Vice-Chancellor's welcome message
- Orientation quiz – win a prize!
- 5 minutes of inspiration!
- Activities and opportunities
- Enjoy the City of Leeds this term
- Student panel – ask your questions using Vevox
- Final messages and feedback

# Orientation resources

- Orientation essentials (*Visitor status – if you're here for less than 6 months*)
- Money and banking (*Student Visa status*)
- Healthcare and wellbeing (*Student Visa status*)
- Using your Student visa to live, study and work in the UK (*Student Visa status*)
- Jobs, careers and volunteering in the UK (*Student Visa status*)
- Safety and support in Leeds (***recommended for all***)
- Bridging academic expectations

Recordings and slides available at  
[students.leeds.ac.uk/orientationprogramme](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/orientationprogramme)



# Questions? Ask the Student Information Service (SIS)

Get help with any question you may have

Find out more at <https://students.leeds.ac.uk/askingforhelp>

Open 9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday

Student Information Points – in person  
Parkinson; Worsley; Maurice Keyworth; Chemical and  
Process Engineering and Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building

Phone

0800 915 0402 (from inside UK)

+44 (0)113 343 7000 (from outside UK)

Email [studentinfo@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:studentinfo@leeds.ac.uk)



# 5 minutes of inspiration!



Keep Vevox open to ask your questions







# Leeds University Union

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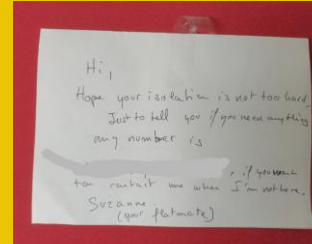
Instagram: @luu\_internationalandpostgrad





# My Journey

China ---- UK



sweet note from  
my flatmate

Fruity night!



Well done! To be so brave as to leave everything you're familiar with and come to a new place to start a new chapter

Friends from Global Cafe

It was a challenge for me too,  
but...



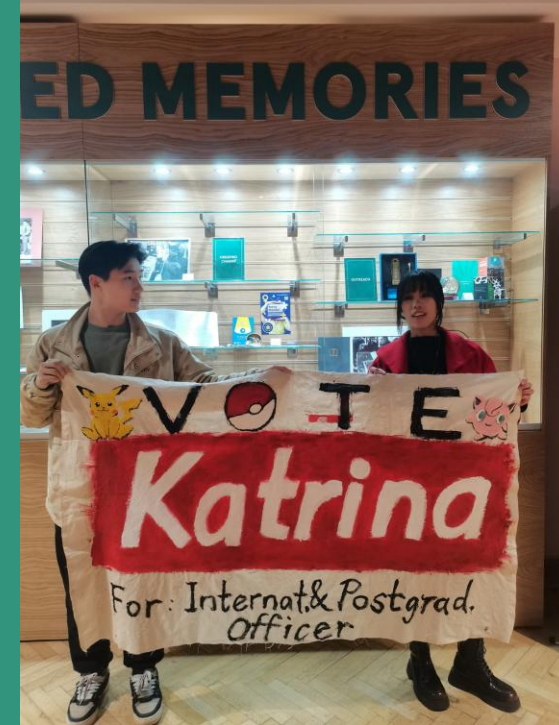
Crafting event at LUU





# Study Is Important— But Don't Miss What's Out There

(Make the most of your time in a total new country!)



Remember, your voice is

important

- Dare to ask for help
- Dare to challenge
- Dare to express yourself



And I am here to support  
you to do that !



# Activities and opportunities



Leeds & You and LUU Engage are regularly updated with activities and events throughout the year.





# WELCOME

2026  
Fresh Start  
Festival

26 January - 1 February

- Campus tours
- City Chase
- Culture Shock Comedy Drama
- *And much, much more!*



<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/TEyEXtQAO3tMZ1jK?ref=Link>





26 January - 1 February

## Leeds & You Year-Round Welcome Events

[students.leeds.ac.uk/leedsandyou](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/leedsandyou)

Instagram: @UoL\_Welcome

Book your place on a campus tour:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/studentwelcometeamuniversityofleeds>





# Global Café



See you at Common Ground on Mondays 17.30 -  
19.30 throughout the year





# Buddy Scheme



Visit the [Buddy Scheme website](#) to apply now

# LUU World Unite Festival

9 – 13 March



Look out for more information coming soon!



# Language Zone



Visit the [Language Zone webpage](#) or drop in to find out more





# Get Out, Get Active



Visit [Get Out, Get Active](#)  
to book





# Host UK



Visit the [Host UK webpage](#) to apply throughout the year

# Enjoy the City of Leeds and beyond!

Leeds Inspired and Visit Leeds - events and activities in the City, all year round



Visit tourist destinations around the UK: search using the "trips & days out" tag on LUU Engage.





# Leeds Marathon *11 May 2025*

## Park Run *Every weekend*





# Banff Mountain Film Festival

*4 - 6 February*






# North Leeds Food Festival

9 - 10 May






# Final messages

Remember you're not alone 

Look for help whenever you need it 

Be patient and kind with yourself and others 

Take part in activities and come out of your comfort zone

## Questions?

Visit the Student Information Points or  
email [studentinfo@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:studentinfo@leeds.ac.uk)

## Meet our student hosts

Come to [Global Cafe](#)

## Slides and resources

[students.leeds.ac.uk/orientation](https://students.leeds.ac.uk/orientation)



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