

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



Welcome to Leeds

A decorative graphic of black triangular bunting flags hanging from a horizontal string.

International Orientation

Presented by the International Student Office

Links to all opportunities and resources can be found on
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.

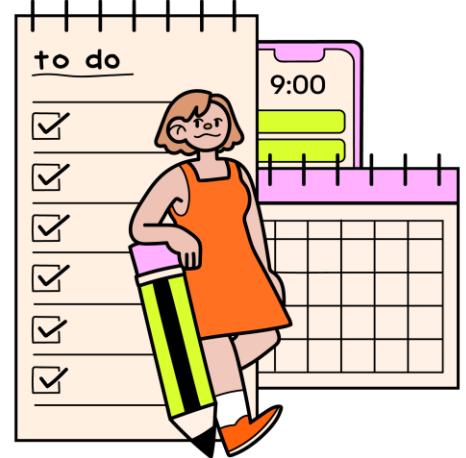
Aims and plan for today

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



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



5 minutes of inspiration!



Keep Vevox open to ask your questions





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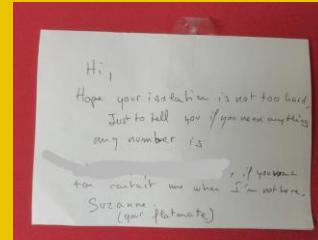
My Journey

China ---- UK



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

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



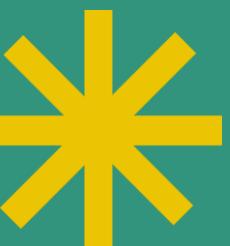
sweet note from
my flatmate



Fruity night!



Friends from Global Cafe



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 ME

26 January - 1 February

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



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UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Leeds & You Year-Round
Welcome Events

students.leeds.ac.uk/leedsandyou

Instagram: @UoL_Welcome

Book your place on a campus tour:

<https://www.ticktaylor.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

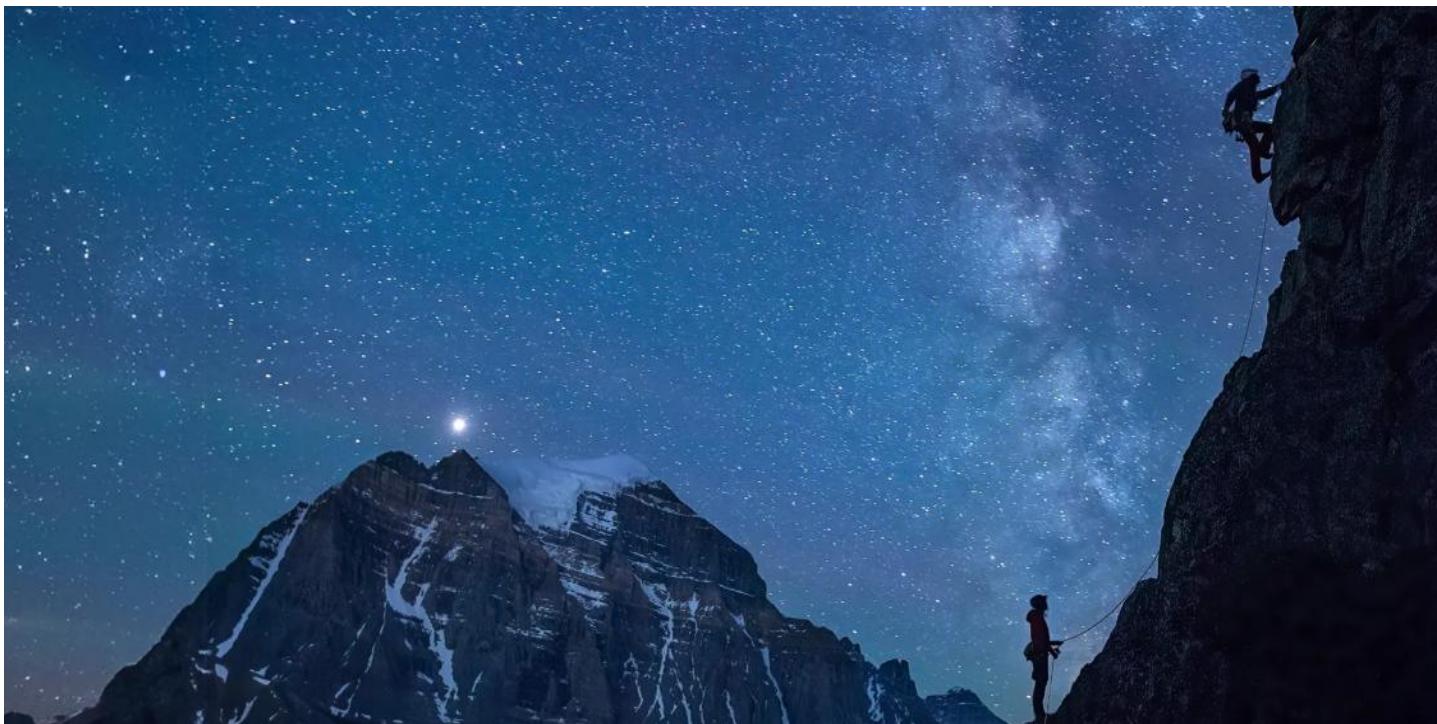
Park Run

Every weekend



Banff Mountain Film Festival

4 - 6 February



North Leeds Food Festival

9 - 10 May



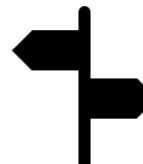
Final messages



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

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email studentinfo@leeds.ac.uk

Meet our student hosts

Come to [Global Cafe](#)

Slides and resources

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