

Jobs, Careers and Volunteering in the UK

International orientation

Careers Service
Volunteering

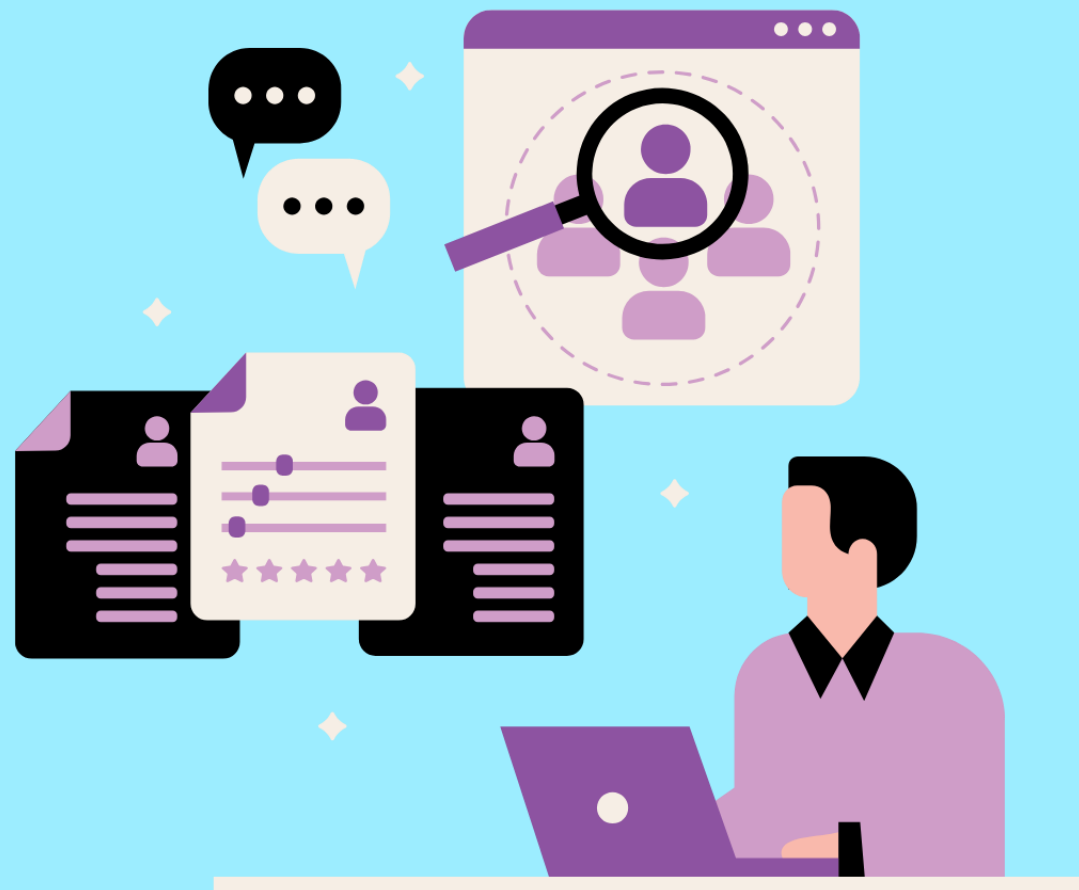


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Useful resources

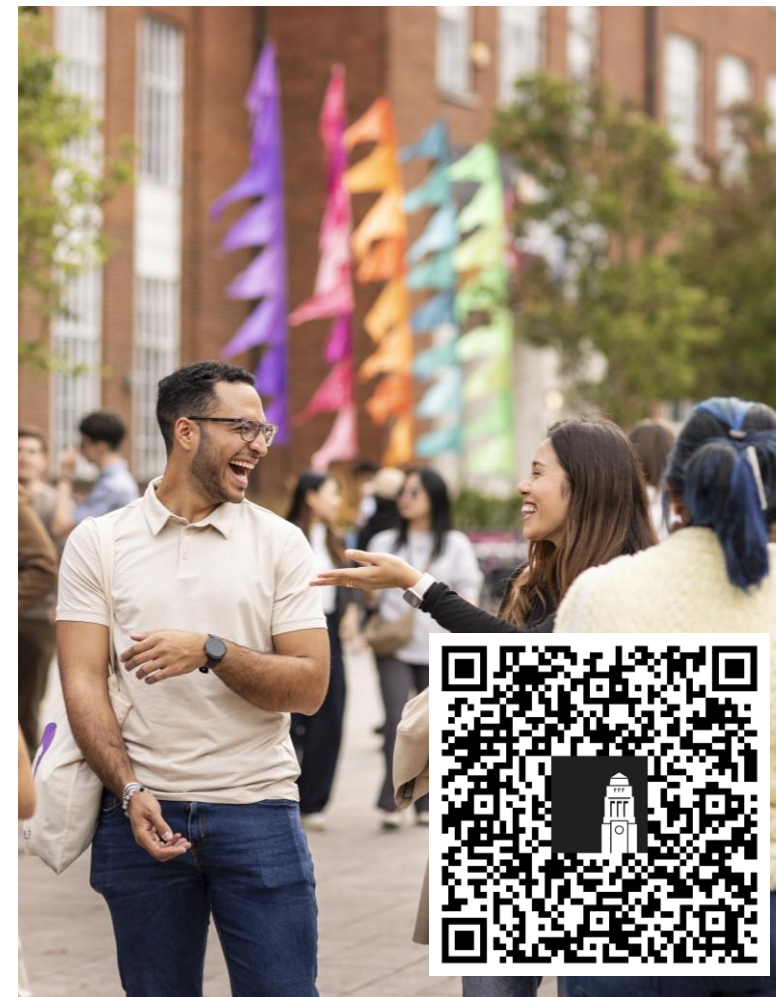
International Orientation



International orientation

[Get involved in International orientation!](#)

- Book on more webinars and sign up for in-person talks – don't miss the **'Welcome to Leeds'** talk
- Book a campus, city chase or Muslim faith
- Browse events on campus and in the Leeds University Union

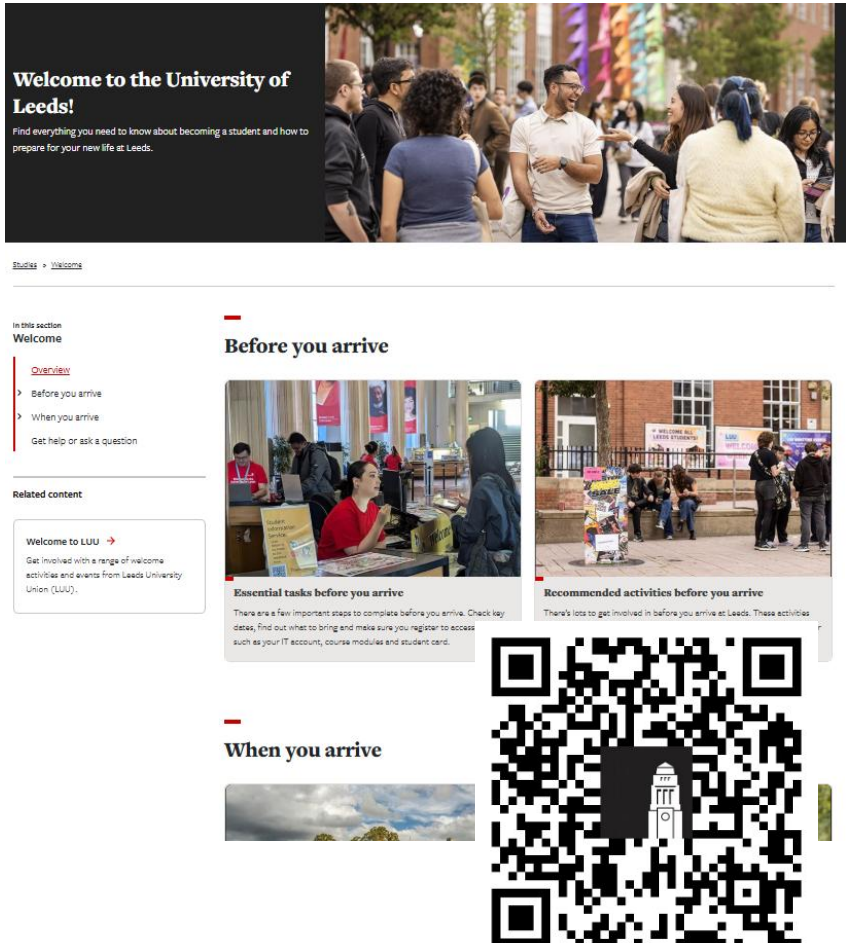


Welcome guide

Your guide to preparing for life in Leeds.

- Check admin tasks to complete before and when you arrive to ensure you're ready to start your studies
- Browse opportunities to meet people, get involved and start networking

students.leeds.ac.uk/welcome



Welcome to the University of Leeds!
Find everything you need to know about becoming a student and how to prepare for your new life at Leeds.

[Studies](#) > [Welcome](#)

In this section
Welcome

- [Overview](#)
- > [Before you arrive](#)
- > [When you arrive](#)
- [Get help or ask a question](#)

Related content

[Welcome to LUU](#) →
Get involved with a range of welcome activities and events from Leeds University Union (LUU).

Before you arrive

Essential tasks before you arrive
There are a few important steps to complete before you arrive. Check key dates, find out what to bring and make sure you register to access such as your IT account, course modules and student card.

Recommended activities before you arrive
There's lots to get involved in before you arrive at Leeds. These activities

When you arrive



Welcome Hub

Run by the Student Information Service, the Welcome Hub is your place to ask questions and get help.

The team can help with questions on online registration and identity checks, getting a SIM card, IT support, banking and more.

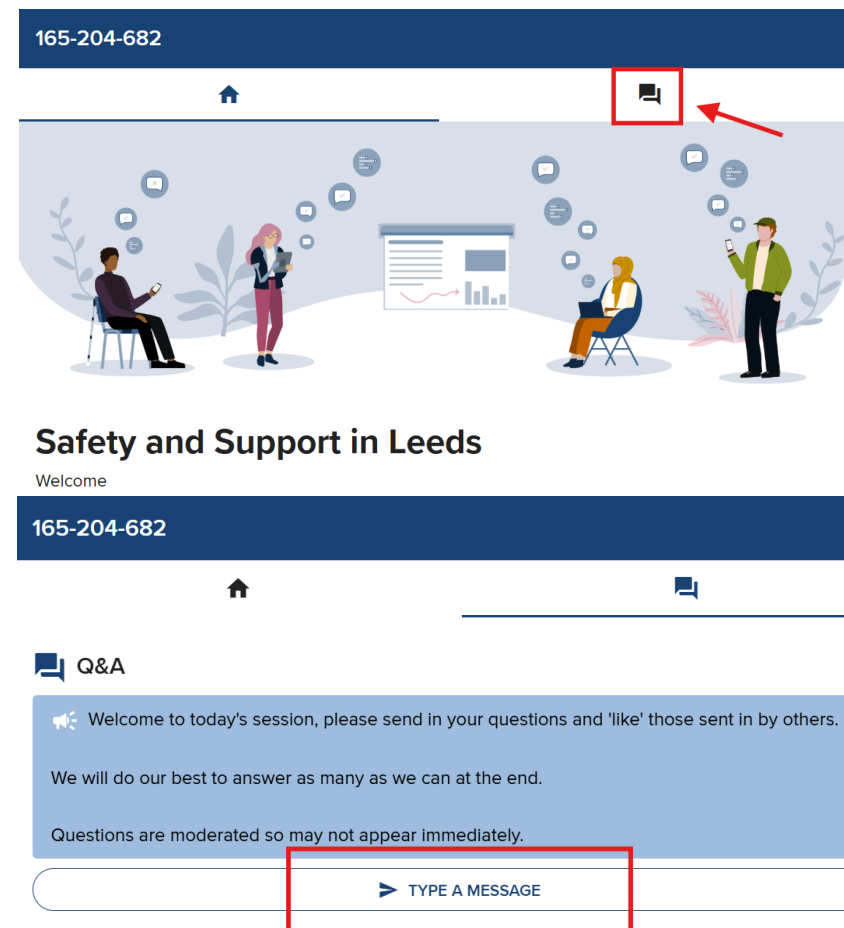
Visit the [Welcome Hub in the Parkinson Building](#) or another information point on campus.



Ask questions

Ask your questions or vote for other people's questions throughout the session.

1. Go to **vevox.app** on your device
2. Enter the **session ID: 163-526-633**

A screenshot of the Vevox app interface. The top bar is dark blue with the session ID '165-204-682' and a home icon. Below this is a large illustration of four people in a meeting room, with a red box highlighting a speech bubble icon and a red arrow pointing to it. The main content area is titled 'Safety and Support in Leeds' with a 'Welcome' subtitle. Below this is another dark blue bar with the session ID '165-204-682' and a home icon. The 'Q&A' section is visible, showing a welcome message and a 'TYPE A MESSAGE' button, which is highlighted with a red box.

Who we are



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Careers Service

The Careers Service team can help you:

- Access new experiences such as work, volunteering and projects - locally and internationally.
- Identify and develop the skills you need for employment and further study.
- Make decisions about what you want to do next.
- Maximise the success of your applications and interviews.
- Create meaningful connections.

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[Location: 5-7 Cromer Terrace](#)

MyCareer

MyCareer is our online platform where you can:

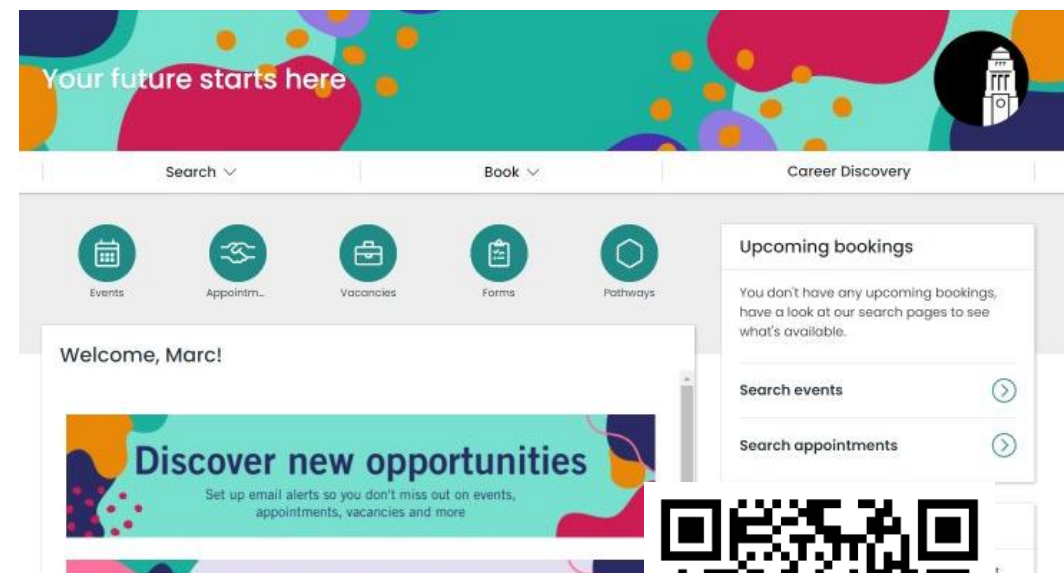
Browse opportunities

- local, national, and international job opportunities
- internships, placements
- volunteering opportunities and
- exclusive roles just for Leeds students and graduates.

Sign up for events - employer talks, skills-workshops, fairs, and networking events.

Book appointments with Careers Consultants and Careers Advisors.

mycareer.leeds.ac.uk



Open to all
students and
postgraduate
researchers.

Employer Fairs

All Sectors Careers Fair

Tuesday 13th October 2026

Time: 11am – 3pm

Location: The Edge Sports Centre

Volunteering Fair

Thursday 15th October 2026

Time: 11am – 3pm

Location: Riley Smith Theatre in
Leeds University Union.

STEM Careers Fair

Tuesday 20th October 2026

Time: 11am – 3pm

Location: The Edge Sports Centre

Law Fair

Monday 19th October 2026

Time: 1-4pm

Location: The Edge Sports Centre



[Keep checking the Events section of MyCareer.](#)

Careers Support



Careers support for all international students

Use MyCareer to:

- Look for international student careers workshops, volunteering opportunities and employability events offered throughout the year.
- Book one-to-one appointments with any Careers Consultant or Careers Adviser.

Check the University of Leeds International Student and Graduate Careers FAQ for:

- Detailed guidance on booking appointments.
- Useful websites to start looking for jobs.
- Graduate case studies and more!



[University of Leeds
International
Student and
Graduate Careers
FAQ \(SWAY\)](#)

Jumpstart

- Pre-arrival careers support platform
- Partnership with Student Circus
- Access to career resources – i.e., how to write a UK CV, useful job websites, basic answers to common visa questions, etc..
- Now you are registered students here, you can use the physical careers service and online resources (MyCareer)

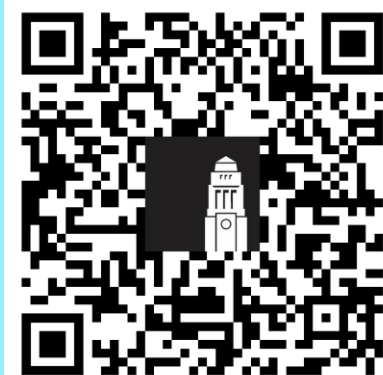


Careers support for Postgraduate Taught students

We run specific PGT events throughout the year, including workshops and webinars.

Some advice for you:

- Keep your workload in mind – your course is the priority.
- Try to make time for other activities...but only if you can.
- Be aware that you start researching into (UK) graduate schemes which start in 2027 **NOW!**



Check our PGT
Careers Support
(SWAY)

Careers support for Postgraduate Researchers

- Career support and events during the year
- See MyCareer for details

Some advice for you:

- Recruiters at other careers events may not understand as much about what you do - Can you introduce yourself and your skills quickly in a way that a non-expert can understand?
- Think of yourself as a package of skills and experiences that you can transfer to many areas – [Why not read these PGR blogs?](#)



Speak to us in person

- Come to the Careers Centre,
5-7 Cromer Terrace
- Speak to one of our friendly Peer Support
Assistants.
- [Email the Careers Service at
careerscentre@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:careerscentre@leeds.ac.uk)



Careers and employability advice



Part-time work: Joblink

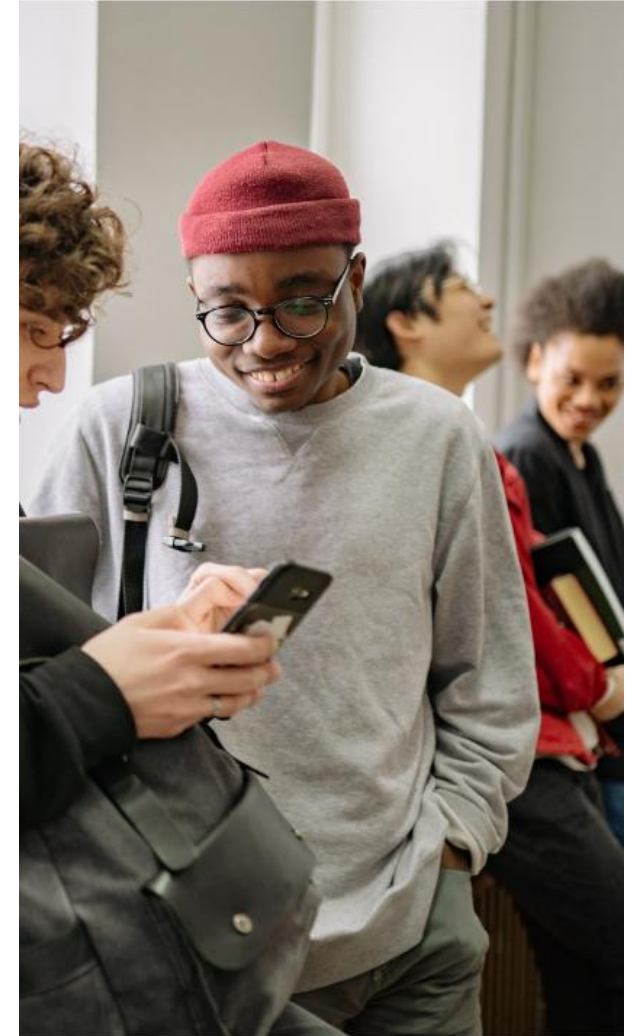
[Joblink](#) is the student job shop run by Leeds University Union (LUU) that connects students with local employers offering part-time, temporary, casual work, internships, and other flexible employment options.

1. [Browse and apply for jobs online through the Joblink website](#)
2. Visit the Joblink office in the Leeds University Union for advice and support.



How to find work in the UK

- Start to look for jobs or internships that start in summer 2027 **now**, not at the end of your course.
- UK employers like “well-rounded” candidates, so think about your experiences outside of education as well as your degree/Masters/PhD.
- It is **very important** to **not** send employers generic applications! Be careful how you use AI!
- Try to attend employer events face-to-face. It is important to make an impression. Do **not** worry about your English. Employers understand that international students will be visiting them
- Think of your unique selling points as international students. **Personality** is massive to employers right now.
- Get on to [LinkedIn](#) and attend a [LinkedIn workshop](#) to understand why it is important in your job search planning.
- Be professional when dealing with employers.



Student tips

- ✓ Consider your academic commitments and make sure to keep on top of your studies.
- ✓ Check how many hours your visa allows you to work for – the [Student Visa Advice team](#) can help!
- ✓ [Ask about the Careers newsletter](#) to keep updated about job vacancies and extra-curricular opportunities.
- ✓ Speak to [Careers and employability contacts in your Faculty](#).
- ✓ Look out for opportunities in the city – restaurants and shops may have job opportunities advertised on their window.
- ✓ Look at MyCareer for employability events happening on campus and in the city and **join in!**



Volunteering



Why volunteer

- Develop new skills and gain experience
- Learn more about the local community
- Make new friends or volunteer with current ones
- Explore your passions and career aspirations
- Meet like-minded people
- Lots of wellbeing benefits
- Contribute to positive social change
- Increase your confidence



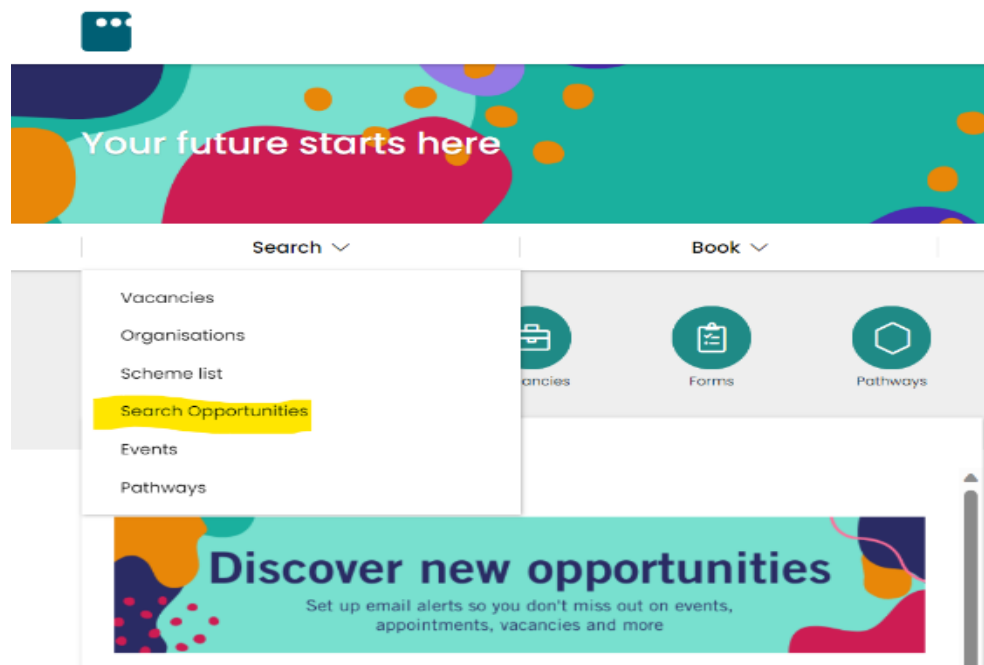
Skills and experience

These are just some of the employability skills you can come away with from involvement with volunteering:

- Organisational skills
- Teamwork
- Self-motivation
- Communication skills
- Time management skills
- Independent working
- Commercial awareness
- Problem solving



Search for volunteering roles on MyCareer



Quick search

Text search

Reference ID search

Organisation search

Scheme

Vacancy Type

Job sectors

Locations

Salary

Posted on

Expires on

Country

Volunteering Activity

☐ Admin (7)
☐ Advice / Guidance (6)
☐ Befriending (10)
☐ Campaigning (2)
☐ Community Outreach (10)

Closes on 10-Sep-2023

Front Of House Volunteer

The Candlelighters Trust

Leeds | Salary: Travel Expenses Reimbursed

Families who have been affected by children's cancer (including patients, parents, siblings and grandparents) can come to The Square for a coffee and a chat, as well as book and access a variety of support services. Key Activities: As a Front of House Volunteer you will support the Family Suppo... [more...](#)

Closes on 10-Sep-2023

Survey Support Volunteer

Humankind

Leeds | Salary: Unpaid

Forward Leeds is the alcohol and drug service in Leeds for adults, young people and families. Forward Leeds is delivered by 4 services in partnership, led by Humankind. We are looking for volunteers to support with our annual survey of people who access our services. Humankind is always looking a... [more...](#)

Closes on 11-Sep-2023

Arts Administrator At Opera North

Opera North

Leeds | Salary: National Minimum Wage

Start Date: End of September/Early October 2023 Length of role: A maximum of 20 a year. Hours per week: 8 hours on average per week (days and exact times to be ne...



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Volunteering events & support

- Volunteering Fair on 15th October
- One-off volunteering opportunities on & off campus
- Information sessions
- Student Volunteering Week – February 2027
- Celebration Event for Student Volunteers

Need advice?

- **Volunteering drop-in** every Thursday, 1 – 2pm at Union Square, Leeds University Union
- Contact us at volunteer@leeds.ac.uk
- Sign up to the Volunteering Newsletter



Student experiences on Volunteering

Volunteering with the Repair Café

"Through this role, I've not only developed my general repair and hands-on skills but also had the chance to **connect with a wide range of students and staff** who share an interest in sustainability and crafting."

"It's a great feeling to know that **you've done something small to make someone happy** and protect the environment."

"It's been **a great opportunity to step out of my comfort zone**, try something new and connect with people from across the University."



Eleanor,
BEng, MEng Mechanical Engineering
(Industrial)

Volunteering and your career (1)

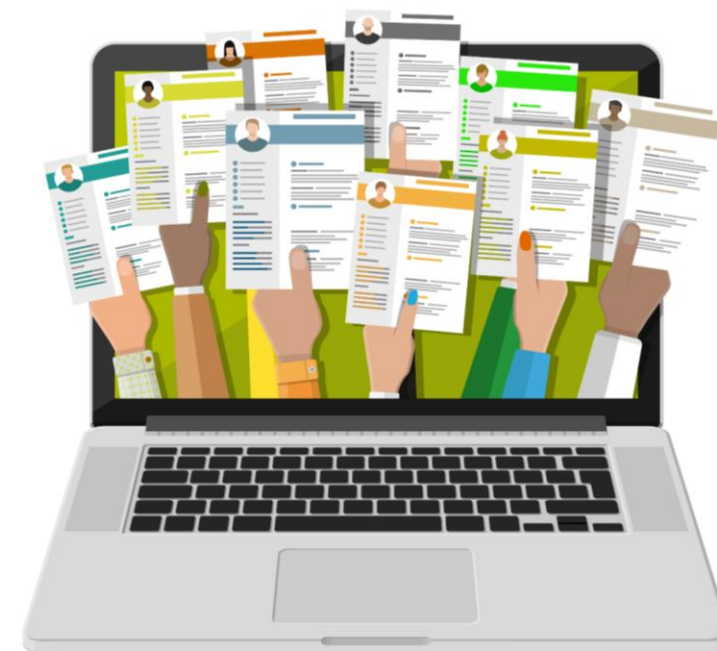
Where to include volunteering in applications and how to present it in interviews:

On your CV

- Under the "Relevant Experience" section, if directly related to the role
- In a separate section called "Volunteering"
- Within the section where you can talk about your "Achievements and Interest"

On LinkedIn –Talk about your Volunteering experience:

- On your LinkedIn profile
- By sharing photos, blogs, experiences



Volunteering and your career (2)

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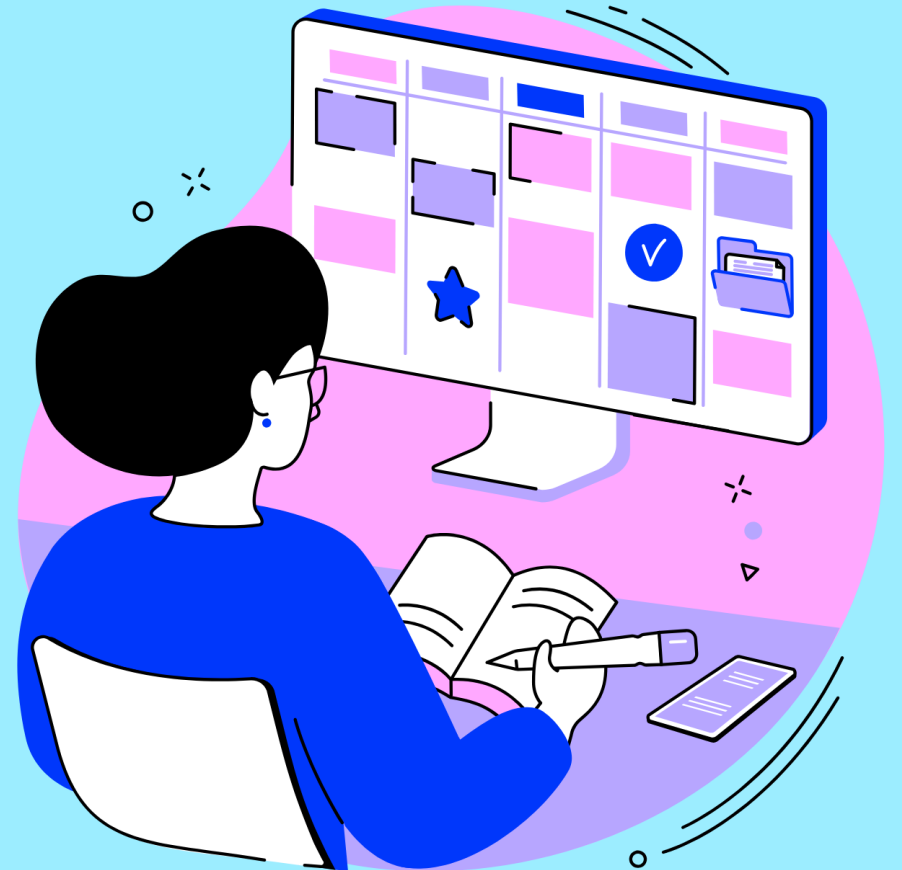
In interviews – Use your volunteering experience:

- as evidence of a particular competency or strength
- if asked to describe an achievement
- to demonstrate your values/motivations

If you have volunteered regularly the charity may be happy to offer you a **reference**

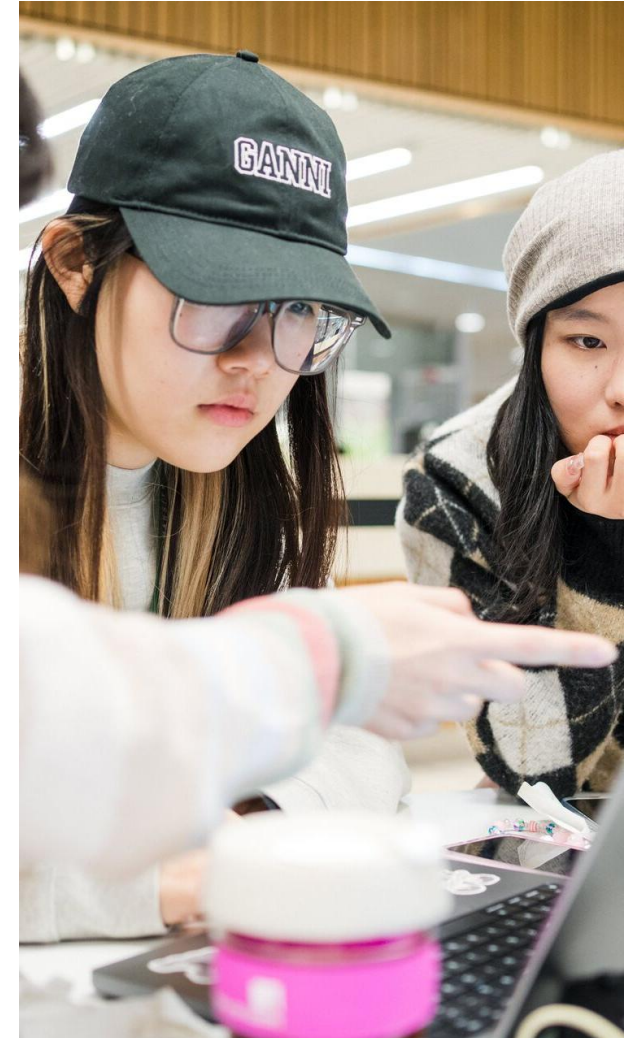


Useful websites and resources



Useful websites

- [Prospects.ac.uk](https://prospects.ac.uk) Job Profiles and What Can I Do With My Degree?
- [TargetJobs.co.uk](https://targetjobs.co.uk) - Careers advice- CV examples, how to answer interview questions, identifying your skills
- [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com) Show off your experience, make connections, find opportunities, increase commercial awareness. Use it effectively by following organisations and people you find interesting.
- [Student Circus](https://www.studentcircus.co.uk) (also on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com)) - Job opportunities with visa sponsorship, and careers advice for international students.
- [Gradcracker](https://www.gradcracker.com) - STEM jobs- but also Banking, FinTech, Education opportunities.



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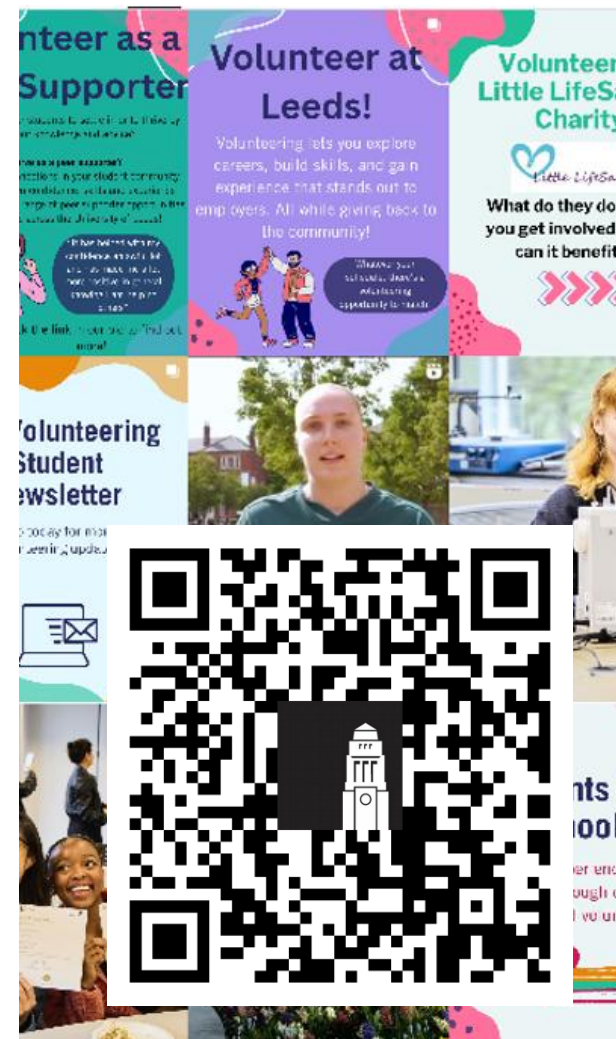
[Careers Service Instagram: @leedscareers](#)



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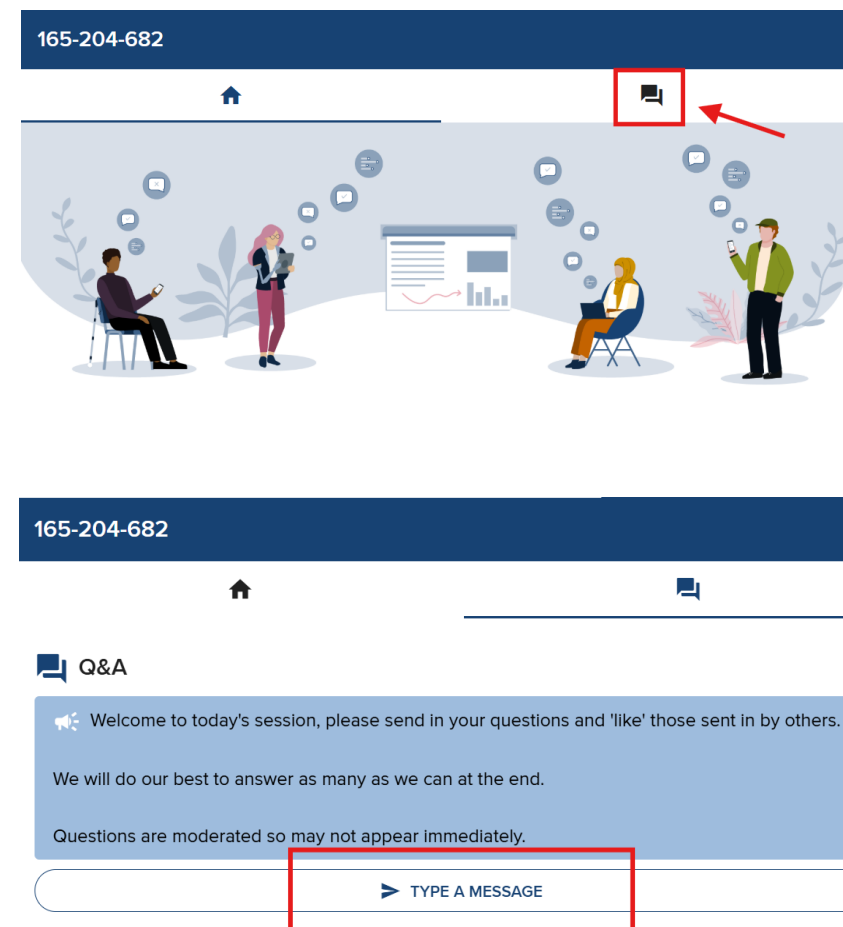


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