

# LUU Weekly News



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Welcome to LUU Weekly News.

## Aidan's Update- March 2024



Watch [Aidan's update](#) for this month to hear some stats on Lead LUU, a recap of our new spaces which opened in February. Information about Community support on campus and a Financial update.

## Hello and Farewell



We would like to give a warm welcome to

**Emilia Riley and AJ Turner** who are joining the Student Activities Team as Student Opportunities Supervisors.

**George Frith** who is joining the Cafes Team as a Cafe Assistant.

Welcome to LUU.

This week, we sadly say farewell to **Rachel Jones**, who is leaving our Cafes Team. Thank you for everything you have done here at LUU and we wish you all the best.

### April Pay Award

In April there is a legislative change to the National Minimum and the National Living Wage. The legislation includes a decrease in the age requirement for the National Living Wage which is currently 23 years old and over but becomes 21 and over in April. In LUU we do not pay the National minimum wage for 18-20 year olds, all staff on Grade A are paid either the 21-22 rate (even if they are younger) or the 23 and over rate. The legislative change means everyone on Grade A will move to the new National living wage which is £11.44.

Grade	Current Rate	April 2024 Rate
A	£10.18 or £10.42	£11.44
B	£10.73	£11.99
C	£10.93	£12.19
D	£11.23	£12.49
E	£11.64	£12.90

The other weekly grades will adjust alongside Grade A changing. The new rates can be viewed in the table opposite. These rates are calculated each year by maintaining the cash differential between the grades.

There will also be changes to the lower grades of the monthly pay scale in April as was communicated in December. [Find out more here.](#)

## Internal Services Survey



The [Internal Services Survey](#) for this period is now live, asking staff to reflect on the service of their colleagues from the past 3 months.

Please can you take a few minutes to respond to the survey sections for the teams you have interacted with to help us all improve our service.

The survey will close after **Friday, 29 March**.

If you have any questions or issues please contact Grace Coniff at [unigconiff@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:unigconiff@leeds.ac.uk)

## Union Close Days and Bank Holidays



LUU is closed for the eight statutory UK public holidays which are: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, May Day, Spring Bank Holiday, August Bank Holiday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

There will be other days when the Union is officially closed; these are published at the start of each year. You can view the closed days and Bank

Holidays under [Closed Days](#) on the [HR for Everyone](#) page on the [Staff Intranet](#).

## Lost and Found Property

# Help & Support

The Help and Support Team have received a key which was found in the Staff Room near Common Ground. If this is your key, please speak to the staff members at the Helpdesk in the foyer who can return it to you.

The Helpdesk are responsible for lost property in the building so please ensure that you return any recovered items to them and get in touch with them regarding any missing items.

## Student Trustee Position



We're advertising a vacancy for a student trustee role on our Board. If you are - or know - a Leeds student who would be an engaged member of our Board, asking thoughtful questions and helping maintain strategic oversight for the next two years (i.e. they should be a student until at least July 2025), the role is live on the website until Sunday 17th March.

<https://jobs.luu.org.uk/position/board-member-student-trustee>

All of the information for this voluntary role should be on the advert, but if you have any questions you can reach out to Matt Broadey  
[M.Broadey@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:M.Broadey@leeds.ac.uk).

## Hero of the Week



This week's heroes are:

**Natasha Pickles, Dennis Duckett, Chippy, Katie Morris, Nicole Cal-Akpuogwu, Beth Doubtfire, Matt Broadey, Emma Holt-Golding, Katie Deavall, Daisy Donnelly, Ilze Millere, Dan Griffiths, Chanelle Dixons, Building Maintenance Team, Kelsie Wootton and Jonty Mycock.**

Remember all nominations are submitted into our Hero of the Month draw of each month. There will be 3 vouchers up for grabs, each worth £10.

[You can submit your nominations here.](#)

To find out why you were nominated, [click here](#).

### Love to Learn- Neurodiversity Celebration Week



This week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week, a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences.

In partnership with [Lexxic](#), [Neurodiversity Celebration Week](#) are holding a week full of online events and sessions. These sessions include: "Neurodiversity at Work Q&A", "Neurodiversity in Higher & Further Education", "Fuelling Creative Minds" and "Neurodivergent & LGBTQIA+"- the list goes on!

All events are free to attend, and if you are unable to attend one you are interested in- register to it and they'll send you the recording afterwards.

To find out more, see the timetable, and register- [click here](#).

### Reminders

- We're looking for creative minds and art enthusiasts to help decorate our LUU Office Spaces. To find out more, contact Katie Fox ([K.Fox1@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:K.Fox1@leeds.ac.uk)).
- Leeds Community Consulting, a group operated by Leeds University Students, have extended an offer to provide consulting services to LUU. As part of their initiative, they've crafted a survey focused on Idea Generation, with the aim of contributing towards ongoing efforts in income generation. You can complete the survey [here](#).
- Following the recent updates to our Payroll system iTrent, the links to access Employee and Manager Self Service have changed. All previously saved links, usernames and passwords will no longer be functional. To learn more about this, check out [last week's weekly news](#).

### Useful Links

[LUU Cultural Calendar](#) | [Equality and Inclusivity](#) | [Climate and Sustainability at LUU](#)