

LUU WEEKLY NEWS

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Welcome to LUU Weekly News.

Hello and Farewell



This week, we would like to congratulate **Hamish, Aditi** and **Anna** who have been promoted to Bars and Venues Supervisors.

We would also like to give a warm welcome to **Tanishka, Eva, Megan, George, Megan, Kelsey, Abraham, Isla, Anna, Mohammed, Suhani, Freya, Parvathy, Siddhesh** and **Millie** who are joining us as Bars and Venues Assistants.

Safety Update

Many of you will have seen media coverage of a [serious incident](#) that took place in Headingley on Saturday 26 April.

Whilst no members of our student community were directly involved we are part of the wider Leeds community and our thoughts are with those who were affected by the incident. LUU is involved in conversations with the University, the Council, the West Yorkshire police and our community partners to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our community which includes increased police presence around Headingley.

The Help and Support team is on hand to support any of our members who have concerns following the incident. Any member of staff who feels affected can access support. You can speak with your line manager or a member of the People team. A range of counselling and wellbeing resources are also available for staff on our [Mental Health Support Intranet page](#).

The [SafeZone app](#) can also be used to ask for help – this is linked directly to the University's Security team who are on call to help you 24/7 – or contact 0113 343 5494.

Support for Staff

In April the Supreme Court made a ruling with regard to the terms 'woman' and 'sex' in the Equality Act 2010. Our student executive team has put out a statement to our student community which we have shared below for information. As an organisation, Inclusion is one of our core values and we are committed to creating a working culture which is safe and accepting for all of our staff.

We understand that the ruling may have personally affected staff and we want to remind everyone that support is available. Anyone can speak to their manager or a member of the People team if they have concerns. Our staff networks are here as a forum for our people to come together, share ideas, raise awareness of challenges, and support one another. All of our staff have access to free talking therapy through our Employee Assistance programme and the staff counselling and psychological support centre. The link below also includes signposting to external organisations who can offer support and information.

[A statement of Solidarity with the Trans community from your student executive team.](#)

LUU Staff Networks' Picnic



On Wednesday 14 May for National Day for Staff Networks, the LUU Staff Network's will be holding a picnic.

At 12:30pm-1:30pm, the Networks will be heading over to St George's Field (or Room 6 if it decides to rain) for a get together. Desserts will be provided, and network members, allies, and anyone interested in finding out about the networks is welcome.

If you are coming to the picnic, [please can you pop your name on the sign-up sheet](#) so we can get an idea on numbers 😊

Win some Goodies



We have some goodies to give away to you lovely people.

To be in with a chance to win all you need to do is submit a photo of something or somewhere on campus or in LUU that brings you joy. The photo should be of a place or an item and not feature people. You could be inspired by the campus bunnies, your fave spot to chill out on lunch or maybe a post work pint on the Terrace.

We will be selecting some of your photos to feature on the walls of the staff room to brighten the place up. (Thanks to our staff voice group for the idea).

All submissions will then be entered into the raffle to win one of our prizes. You can send as many photos as you like but each person is only eligible to be entered once into the raffle.

Submit your photo entries to unihr@leeds.ac.uk and tell us [which raffle you would like to be entered into.](#)

All entries should be submitted by Sunday 11 May.

Hero of the Week



This week's heroes are:

Katie Fox, Emma Holt-Golding, Hannah Jones, Graham Wootton, Ryan Massey, James Steadman, Tia Chippendale, Anna Winters, Joshua Allan, Keith Chippendale, Ian Hill, Ian Molden, Dave Olson, Ross McCallum, Dean Harriman, and the Terrace Bar Team

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 – British Sign



Next week marks Deaf Awareness Week, which celebrates deaf culture, promotes deaf inclusion, and challenges perceptions of hearing loss and deafness.

British Sign houses lots of free resources for those looking to learn British Sign Language, including an online BSL dictionary and fingerspelling challenges. They also have accredited courses such as "Introducing British Sign Language", that you can enroll on to with a minimum donation of £3.

[To find out more, click here.](#)

Reminders

- 1-3 May at stage@leeds, there will be a performance taking place called Blindsided. [For more information and to get a ticket, click here.](#)
- LUU are hosting Mixed Gender Sports Tournaments in May and are looking for anyone that would be willing to help out with putting on these events for students. You can sign up [here](#) and contact [Lydia](#) from the Student Exec team for more information.

Useful Links

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