

LUU Weekly News

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Welcome to LUU Weekly News.

Internal Services Survey

The Internal Services Survey deadline has been extended by a week, please could you take the time to fill out the survey- it is greatly helpful for teams to be able to reflect and get an insight into their services from their colleagues experiences.

[To fill out the survey, click here.](#) Contact Matt Broadey M.Broadey@leeds.ac.uk if you have any questions.

Hello and Farewell



This week, we would like to give a big welcome to **Ellen Thomas, Rae Hughes** and **Kirti Peeyoosh**. Ellen is joining our Activities Team as a Student Activities Assistant Administrator, Kirti is also joining our Activities Team as a Development and Engagement Coordinator, and Rae is joining our Events Team as a Events Coordinator.

A huge welcome to the new starters in our Academic Engagement Team! **Libby** is starting as a Faculty Officers Assistant, **Owen** is starting as an Academic Engagement Assistant, and **Lucy** and **Nicole** are starting as Postgraduate Engagement Assistants!

We would also like to give a warm welcome to **Milan**, who is joining the Student Engagement Team as a Forum Facilitator, and **Amy** and **Oran**, who are joining our Activities Team as Student Engagement Front Desk Assistants.

Digital Services- Coffee & Cake Sessions

On Wednesday 22 November and Wednesday 6 December, Digital Services are hosting "Coffee and Cake" sessions to discuss the work they are currently doing on the upgrade of our Microsoft Office.

These sessions are an opportunity for staff to find out more about the changes that will be involved, and have an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.

[To attend one of the sessions, please sign up here as spaces are limited.](#)

[Click here to watch a 5 minute video](#), where our Director of Digital & Data, Jasper Hegarty-Ditton, and our Devices & Infrastructure Manager, Callam Farrell, explain the upgrade and answer key questions.

Shining Stars- Nominate your colleagues



The nominations for Winter Shining Stars are now open! The Shining Stars scheme is LUU's way of ensuring that we recognise staff who have positively impacted their team and others in the organisation.

Up for grabs are awards in Inclusive, Empowering, Fun and of course People's Choice. The winner in each category receives **£100** to spend on anything they choose.

[Click here to submit your nominations.](#) You can also nominate your colleagues via the [Recognition page](#) of the Staff Intranet. You have until **Thursday 30 November** to send in our nominations. Winners will be announced on Tuesday 19 December.

Exec Update- Rimsha Khan

Each week, we will be highlighting objectives/projects that our Student Exec are currently working on. This week, let's see what our International and Postgraduate Officer, Rimsha Khan, is doing this term.



"In the past month, I've been fully immersed in a whirlwind of dynamic university activities. These included engaging in fruitful discussions with the education team, covering vital topics like Postgraduate Research support and services for students with disabilities. I'm also playing a role in the extensive planning of WU Fest, which promises an abundance of exciting events, from cultural workshops to dance shows, cultural parities and karaoke nights.

Moreover, I actively participated as a panel member for Unipol's accommodation cost survey, representing student perspectives on the escalating nationwide costs.

In addition to these activities, I delved into discussions focusing on crucial student well-being and inclusivity matters. Another thing I'm contributing to is the development of a guarantor scheme for our university, designed to support international and estranged students without a UK-based family, ensuring their housing needs are met. Lastly, I took part in discussions around franchising and enhancing bus routes, working in collaboration with other Leeds universities, to provide accessible and affordable transportation options for our students."

Love to Learn- October Infographic



LUU believes that to be the best organisation we can be, all our people should be able to learn new skills and develop themselves whilst they work for us.

Our people learn in a huge variety of ways, so each month we will be sharing with you some of the learning that has taken place in LUU.

[Click here to see our Love to Learn Infographic for October 2023.](#)

If you are completing any training, or attending any workshops/conferences- please contact Katie Fox (K.Fox1@leeds.ac.uk) and they will share them in the next infographic.

Liberate LUU

If anyone has seen a Liberate LUU pull-up roller banner, please could you contact Haryati Mohammed at H.B.Mohammed@leeds.ac.uk as one has gone missing.

LUU Social Activities



As part of **World Kindness Day**, LUU Women's Collective Network is running a week of passing compliments. Similar to Secret Santa and their Secret Besties, you will be given a person to anonymously pass a compliment to to **show your appreciation**. It can be anything from complimenting them on their

smile, something great they have done at work recently or maybe just that they're having a good hair day!

This is open to Network members and allies. If you'd like to get involved, sign up [here](#) by **Friday 10 November**.

Terrace Nominations

The Terrace Bar has been nominated for two awards, the Northern Design Award for Best Bar, and Mixology North Award for Best Bar and Sustainability.

Best of luck to the Terrace Team!

Hero of the Week



This week's heroes are:

Chanelle Dixons, Sue Stones, Alison Anthony, Matthew Brookhouse, Kelsie Wootton, Ilze Millere, Nathan Town, Natasha Pickles, Lukas Winterburn, Lydia Briggs, Helen Parkinson, Old Bar Team, Help & Support Front Desk Team, Amy Gleed, Andrea Lappin, Carys Worrall and Elliott Groves.

Remember all nominations are submitted into our Hero of the Month draw of each month in 2023. 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 – Menopause Whilst Black



Hosted by [Karen Arthur](#), Menopause Whilst Black is a podcast that opens a well overdue conversation about diversity in Menopause, placing the menopausal experience of Black UK based women front and centre by sharing their stories. Through these stories, learn about what menopause is, the support and resources that the women had or wished they had, and their celebrations.

[To give the podcast a listen, click here to head over to the website.](#)

Reminders

- *Disability Services at UoL are running Disability Awareness Workshops for LUU staff. These workshops will be an introduction to disability, reasonable adjustments, and accessibility and inclusivity. If you are interested in attending, please chat to your manager about attending the workshop, [and sign up here.](#)*

Useful Links

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