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AGENDA ITEM 8 - LIFELONG LEARNING COMMUNITY COURSES

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# The Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds

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# The Lifelong Learning Centre

- The Lifelong Learning Centre is a multi-disciplinary School offering undergraduate courses, and a specialist service supporting mature and part-time learners across University of Leeds.
- Our courses encourage and support student diversity, focusing on students from under-represented groups/those without traditional qualifications.
- We support current and prospective mature, part-time and Foundation level students, and apprentices.
- The Communities and Partnerships team works with community organisations and education providers in areas of low participation in HE in Leeds and West Yorkshire to create opportunities for adults to access HE.

# Community engagement aims: widen opportunities for adults to access higher education & make informed choices

## What we do:

- Offer positive messages about the benefits of further and higher education
- Bust myths around higher education for adults e.g. finance, entry qualifications
- Provide role models for adults from under-represented groups in HE
- Impartial information advice and guidance for adults without degrees

## How we do it:

- Community engagement approach: long term & sustainable, aiming to support the communities we work with

## Where:

- Areas of low participation in Leeds and Wakefield



# Key Messages for adults

You can go to university at any age/stage in your life

Universities and colleges welcome adult students from diverse backgrounds and life experience counts

There is no 'standard' route for an adult to get into higher education; depends on individual experience and qualifications

Figuring out about the finance is crucial



# Community-engaged learning through negotiated outreach



- Negotiated taster sessions on topic useful & relevant to group.
- Talks to workers on pathways into HE for adults
- Visits to the university made accessible through help with travel, include lunch & childcare support where possible.
- Support community/adult learning organisations where possible through university volunteers research



# Informal drop-ins and general information events at university for adults

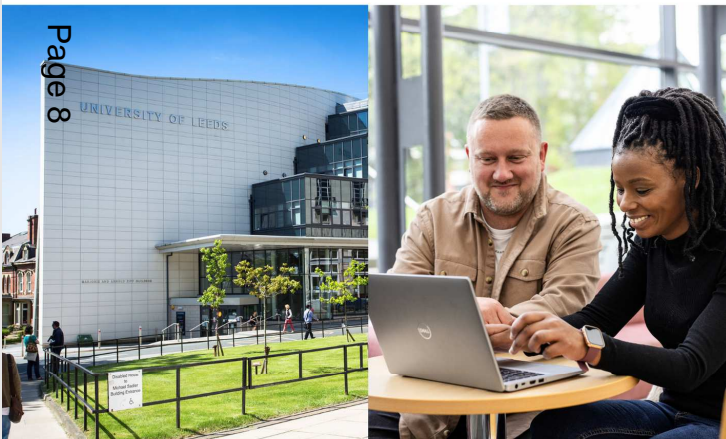
What's coming up at the L in Autumn ?

- Studying as a Mature Student session with campus tour, 6th September
- Jumpstart taster course weeks, 11th October
- Free, impartial Advice & Guidance service

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## PATHS INTO EDUCATION FOR ADULTS


Spark something in yourself, Summer and Autumn 2023!





The Lifelong Learning Centre (LLC) is both a teaching school running undergraduate courses, and a specialist service supporting mature and part-time learners across the University of Leeds.

We deliver courses that encourage and support student diversity, with a focus on students who are from under-represented groups or who don't have 'traditional' qualifications.

Turn over for for more info 


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### EVENTS & SERVICES AT THE LLC


Studying as a **MATURE STUDENT** + **Campus Tour** **Wed 6th September**  
 10:30am - 12:00pm (Session)  
 12:45pm - 2:15pm (Campus Tour)


This event will dispel some myths and answer common questions about studying as an adult. It will also include a Campus Tour!




**JUMPSTART**  **Wednesday evenings**  
 5:00pm - 7:00pm (8 Weeks)

JumpStart is a short, free course aimed at adult learners who are thinking about whether university might be an option for them.





**Advice & Guidance** 

Get free 1 to 1 confidential and impartial Advice & Guidance from the Lifelong Learning Centre.



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# Jumpstart taster course for Adults

Runs every October and February: next course 11th October, 5-7pm

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## JUMPSTART

• Next course 11 Oct 2023

JumpStart is a short, free course aimed at adult learners who are thinking about whether university might be an option for them.

- A fun and immersive experience of learning within a Higher Education setting
- Meet other adult learners with similar interests
- Discuss your options with tutors
- Make an informed decision about Higher Education



**"It's been really great and has helped me a lot. I went from wanting to do something more, but not really knowing what and believing I can't do university, to now feeling so much more confident and believing that I can succeed"**

JumpStart runs in February and November

## SCHEDULE

JumpStart is run on **Wednesday evenings** from **5:00pm - 7:00pm** for the duration of **8 weeks**. There are **2 additional Saturday sessions** within this 8 weeks, making it **10 sessions** in total.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**  
We usually expect students to be working towards or have achieved GCSE English and Maths at grade C/4 or above. We also greatly value life skills and experience and expect learners to show their commitment to the course as places are limited.

**WHAT COULD I DO NEXT?**  
Progression from JumpStart will depend on meeting specific entry requirements for particular courses. Providing that you successfully complete this programme and meet these entry requirements, you may be able to move onto foundation year study in higher education.

## SIGN UP NOW

[bit.ly/JumpstartApr2023](https://bit.ly/JumpstartApr2023)

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8 week course to try out university, on campus. Strength-based approach that builds on life experience and skills:

- Taster sessions & HE information
- Participation from current mature students
- 1:1 support
- Impartial advice & guidance
- Help towards travel costs and learning support

# Advice and guidance for adults

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## Education Advice & Guidance

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- Thinking about your future?
- Interested in returning to education as an adult?
- Looking for flexible education opportunities to fit around your commitments?

Get **FREE** confidential and impartial advice and guidance from the Lifelong Learning Centre!

Choose an option that works for you:

- Face to face 
- Telephone call 
- Video chat 



Do you want to know more about...

- Studying at university as a mature student?
- The different pathways to a degree and what your next steps could be?
- The financial support available to help you study?

We offer advice on...

- How a degree could help your career
- Choosing the right course for you
- Making a successful application



Book your appointment:

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Free, impartial, one-to-one appointments.

A specialist guidance officer give information on:

- routes into higher education
- financial support
- different course choices
- how to apply

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# Prepare to study: University of Leeds foundation year pathways

Foundation Years progress into a huge range of degrees at the University of Leeds

## Full-time foundation years

- ❖ Science
- ❖ Business
- ❖ Social Sciences \*
- ❖ Arts and Humanities

## Part-time foundation year

- ❖ Preparation for Higher Education course leading to a degree in the social sciences, arts or healthcare.

The Social Sciences Foundation Year is run by the School of Biology at the University of Leeds.





# Foundation Year Webinars

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## 2024 ENTRY FOUNDATION YEAR WEBINARS

Foundation years provide additional support to make the transition to university and develop the academic knowledge and skills to succeed on your chosen degree.

You'll hear from current students and course tutors. There will also be a chance to ask any questions you might have about studying on a foundation year at the University of Leeds.

"Friendly atmosphere, very useful information and questions allowed in-between, brilliant!"

"I enjoyed the taster content and found it useful in confirming my course choice. I enjoyed hearing from current and ex-students"

"Definitely going to apply!"

21 SEPT 6:00PM - 7:15PM  
**Science**  
Huge range of progression routes including degrees in Engineering, Dentistry, Healthcare (e.g. Nursing, Midwifery), Medicine, Science (e.g. Physics, Biology, Chemistry), Maths, Food Science, Computing, Environmental Science and many more.

19 OCT 6:00PM - 7:15PM  
**Business**  
Progression routes to degree courses in Accounting and Finance, Banking and Finance, Business Management with Marketing, Human Resource Management, Economics, International Business and Business Management.

24 OCT 6:00PM - 7:15PM  
**Arts & Humanities**  
Wide range of progression routes into degree courses including English, History, Journalism, Languages, Fine Art, Design, Performance and Cultural Industries, Music and many more.

Sign up now to any of these webinars by **entering the link in your browser**, or by **scanning the QR Code**.

Webinars delivered on:  
Microsoft Teams

[bit.ly/FYW\\_2024](https://bit.ly/FYW_2024)

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Find out more about routes into:

Science degrees, for example:

- Engineering
- Dentistry

Business degrees, for example:

- Accounting
- Management

Arts and humanities degrees, for example:

- Journalism
- History



# Lifelong Learning Centre Degrees

The Lifelong Learning Centre offers a range of courses designed for adults, including part-time options and flexible entry requirements.

Mature learners' life and work experience is relevant and valued.

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Subjects include:

- ❖ Learning and Teaching with SEND
- ❖ Child and Family Studies
- ❖ Business Management and Leadership
- ❖ Professional Studies – a broad, flexible degree for mature students
- ❖ Chartered Manager (Degree) Apprenticeship BSc
- ❖ Nursing Associate Apprenticeship (Foundation Degree)



# Could your organisation benefit from student volunteers?

You can request university volunteers with certain skills.

Contact for the university's volunteering hub  
[volunteer@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:volunteer@leeds.ac.uk).

For further information, email Jo Hargreaves  
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# LLC social media

- [Facebook](#) (adults can also join our Returning to Study FB Group)
- [Twitter](#) @LeedsUniLLC
- [Instagram](#) leedsunillc
- [YouTube](#) (lots of videos on here with adult students talking about their experiences in education)
- [LinkedIn](#)

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[Returning to Study](#) is a **Facebook group** where LLC staff and adults currently studying at Leeds share useful resources for anyone considering returning to education.

It's a forum for asking questions about what university is like as an adult learner and keeping in touch with others in a similar position. Anyone can request to join the group, so feel free to signpost family, friends or any other adults who you know are interested in studying at university!