



Welcome to the first edition of 'The Newsletter'. Thank you to those of you who have contributed to this edition. This newsletter is delivered to all those on the equality and diversity forum mailing list and is the perfect opportunity for you to let other students know about your upcoming events & campaigns. If you would like to contribute to the next edition please email [j.ruhani@leedsmet.ac.uk](mailto:j.ruhani@leedsmet.ac.uk) no later than noon on a Friday for inclusion. In this issue find 'Latest news' 'upcoming events' and 'opportunities'

## Don't miss out on the 1st Equality & Diversity Meeting of the year or the chance to join student council as a Diversity Rep

### Latest News

#### Northern Ireland health minister comes under pressure to lift the lifetime ban on gay/bi men giving blood

Mr Poots said this week that he would not bring Northern Ireland in line with the rest of the country because of fears around HIV transmission: read the full article on pinknews [here](#)

#### Saudi Arabia to allow women to vote

King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, a nation where women are barred from driving, says they will also be allowed to run for local office and serve on his advisory board: read the full article on the LA times [here](#)

#### Wangari Maathai, the first African woman to win the Nobel peace prize, dies aged 71.

Kenyan social activist and environmental crusader who founded the Green Belt Movement has died: read the full article on the guardian [here](#)

#### Equality and Diversity forum launches facebook page

The new equality and diversity forum for Leeds Met Students launched just before freshers. It only takes a single click to like us and the work we do. Make sure you click like [here](#)

#### Students Union launches new push for child friendly union

Get excited student parents and guardians, over the next week you will see highchairs and bottle warmers popping up. In all Student Union run bars we now offer free kids meals for under 5's\*, use of bottle warmers and high chairs and have just been accredited as a breast feeding friendly environment by NHS Leeds

\*when purchased with an adult meal

### Upcoming Events

Find a Map to the university campuses [here](#)

#### Trip to the International Slavery Museum

Kicking off Black History Month, a trip to Liverpool's international slavery museum. Hosted by the Leeds Met African Caribbean society (in conjunction with Leeds Uni, Bradford and Huddersfield ACS) Limited places @ £10 per person. For more information click [here](#) or email [leedsmetacs@googlemail.com](mailto:leedsmetacs@googlemail.com)

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Oct |

#### Diversity Elections

See opportunities section for info on how to run. Elections will give students the chance to vote for a representative to help support the forums work and sit on student council. Taking place at the first equality and diversity forum meeting

#### Equality and Diversity Forum Meeting

A collision of exciting discussion, free food, presentations and more. It's a great place to meet new people from different backgrounds and cultures and to share your views. Do not miss this event!

5pm-7.15pm Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct | Meeting at the City Campus Student Union 'stage'

#### Teddy bears story time

Exciting Black history month themed event for all student guardians and parents; stories from around the world told by a trained story teller on loan from Leeds central Library. Great way to meet other student parents and local parents too.

2.30-4.30pm Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Oct | Carnegie Hall, Room G14, Headingley Campus

#### Progressive Students Conference

An annual conference 'for peace, equality and education for all'. Admission costs £4 –please email [info@progressivestudents.co.uk](mailto:info@progressivestudents.co.uk) in advance to guarantee place. Travel arrangements are the responsibility of attendees- you can find good deals on trains and coaches if booking early. more information about the conference [here](#)

10am-6pm Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct | University of London Union, Malet Street, London

#### OCTOBER IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

If you have any upcoming events for Black history month or events in general let us know and we will add it to the newsletter.

### Opportunities for Involvement

#### Hall Knocking

We are looking for students to join us as we speak to students on campus and in halls leading up to the first forum meeting. Help us spread the word about the important of equality and diversity. Email [j.ruhani@leedsmet.ac.uk](mailto:j.ruhani@leedsmet.ac.uk) for more information

Various days and times 29<sup>th</sup> Sept-7<sup>th</sup> Oct

#### Run to be a Diversity Rep

Represent thousands of students, sit on the student council and make a difference. This exciting opportunity to be a rep is something you simply can't miss. For more information read this information pack online [here](#)

Elections are held at the equality and diversity forum meeting 5pm-7.15pm Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct | Meeting at the City Campus Student Union 'stage'

#### Be a Vlogger

We are looking for students to make video blogs on youtube. Your videos will be sent to all those on the equality and diversity mailing list and beyond. So if your interested in making a 2-3min 'rant' every week and want to share your thoughts email [j.ruhani@leedsmet.ac.uk](mailto:j.ruhani@leedsmet.ac.uk) by 6<sup>th</sup> Oct

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