



European Society for Research on the Education of Adults (ESREA)

Network on Education and Learning of Older Adults (ELOA)

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IDENTITY, VOICE, CREATIVITY, ACTION!

'Older people learning creatively for creativity, finding a 'voice' and taking action'

The 8th conference of the ESREA Network - ELOA
9 - 11 November 2017
Leeds, UK

Welcome to Leeds! In the heart of God's Own Country

Leeds sits in the middle of the British province of Yorkshire, an area of Britain so beautiful for its landscape that it has become known as God's Own Country, as the deity would only reside in the most beautiful of places, of course! In close proximity to Leeds is the world famous Yorkshire Dales National Park, the UNESCO world heritage site of Saltaire and the ancient walled Roman city of York.

While you stay with us in Leeds city centre the green landscape of our province is overtaken by a modern, busy, metropolitan city bustling with people from all backgrounds and faith. A city proud of its diverse demographic, Leeds was the first city in Europe to host a Caribbean festival in 1967 has held one every year since, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year!

An innovator in the research and educational fields Leeds is an international academic mecca home to institutions such as Leeds University, Leeds Beckett University, Leeds College of Art & Design and Leeds College of Music. Each September Leeds welcomes over 30,000 new students to the city making it one of the most culturally rich and vibrant cities in the whole of the UK!

Leeds doesn't like to brag, but many famous and talented people have emerged from the city, including: Industrialist Sir Titus Salt, comedian Vic Reeves, astronomer and seismologist Herbert Hall Turner, actor Peter O'Toole, writer Kay Mellor, rock band The Kaiser Chiefs, and last but certainly not least our greatest export Mel B (Scary Spice) from the Spice Girls!

While you are in Leeds be sure to visit some of our fantastic attractions like the historic Corn Exchange, Royal Armouries, Henry Moore Institute and many more!

<http://www.visitleeds.co.uk/#>

How to get here?

Venue Post Code: LS2 3AD

By Car:

Leeds has good motorway links to the M1, M62 and M621.

Approaches to Leeds City Centre:

- North: A1-A58
- East: M62 to J29 then M621 to J3
- South / south-east: M1 to J43 then M621 to J3
- West: A65 via Kirkstall
- North-west: A660 via Headingley

By Air:

From Manchester Airport - <http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/>

Many International flights (particularly from Europe) will arrive at Manchester. It is very easy to get from Manchester Airport to Leeds city centre. At Manchester airport, there is a train station and a quick train will take you to Leeds. Price for this train is usually about £13.50 in advance ticket or £26.60 bought on the day and usually takes one hour.

You can buy tickets direct from the train line TP Express: <https://www.tpexpress.co.uk>

From Leeds Bradford Airport - <http://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk/>

The closest airport to Leeds is Leeds Bradford Airport, it is a 20-minute Taxi journey to Leeds city centre and usually costs about £30. Taxi Company Arrow Cars services Leeds Bradford Airport details found on their web page:

<http://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk/getting-to-from-the-airport/travel-by-taxi>

From London Airports:

Heathrow - <http://www.heathrow.com/>

Gatwick - <http://www.gatwickairport.com/>

Stansted - <http://www.stanstedairport.com/>

More international flights will arrive at one of London's airports. All London airports have train stations in them and easy transport links to London city centre

(Book through: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk>)

Further airport/train information can be found:

<http://www.rail.co.uk/uk-train-travel/rail-connections/airports/>

Once in London City Centre you can get take a train from London Kings Cross Station to Leeds with train company Virgin Trains: <https://www.virgintrainseastcoast.com>
 This train line is very comfortable and has lovely views of the British countryside.
 Prices can be as low as £16 single journey or £52 for return ticket when booked early in advance. Book on the day can become quite pricey up to £125 for a single journey ticket, so it's best to book this in advance.

By Train:

All train information and tickets in Britain can be found and bought on the National Rail website, it caters and links to all train companies that operate in the UK:

<http://www.nationalrail.co.uk>

Taxi:

If you need a taxi once you are in Leeds, the university recommends the company Amber Cars. Phone Number: (+44) 0113 202 2117 / Website: <http://www.taxileeds.co.uk>

Where to stay?

There are many hotels in Leeds city centre, ranging from budget hotels to the most luxurious. Prices and availability can be found online using hotel comparison websites:

<https://www.booking.com/city/gb/leeds.en-gb.html>

<https://www.trivago.co.uk/leeds-41373/hotel>

Budget	Mid-Range	Luxury
		
Discovery Inn	Ibis Style	The Queens
Price from £35 (per night)	Price from £89 (per night)	Price from £184 (per night)
http://discovery-inn-leeds.co.uk	http://www.ibis.com/gb/city/hotels-leeds-v2211.shtml	http://www.ibis.com/gb/city/hotels-leeds-v2211.shtml

Conference Venue Information

The main conference hub will be the **Carriage Works** which is located in the heart of the city just off Millennium Square (opposite the Civic Hall).

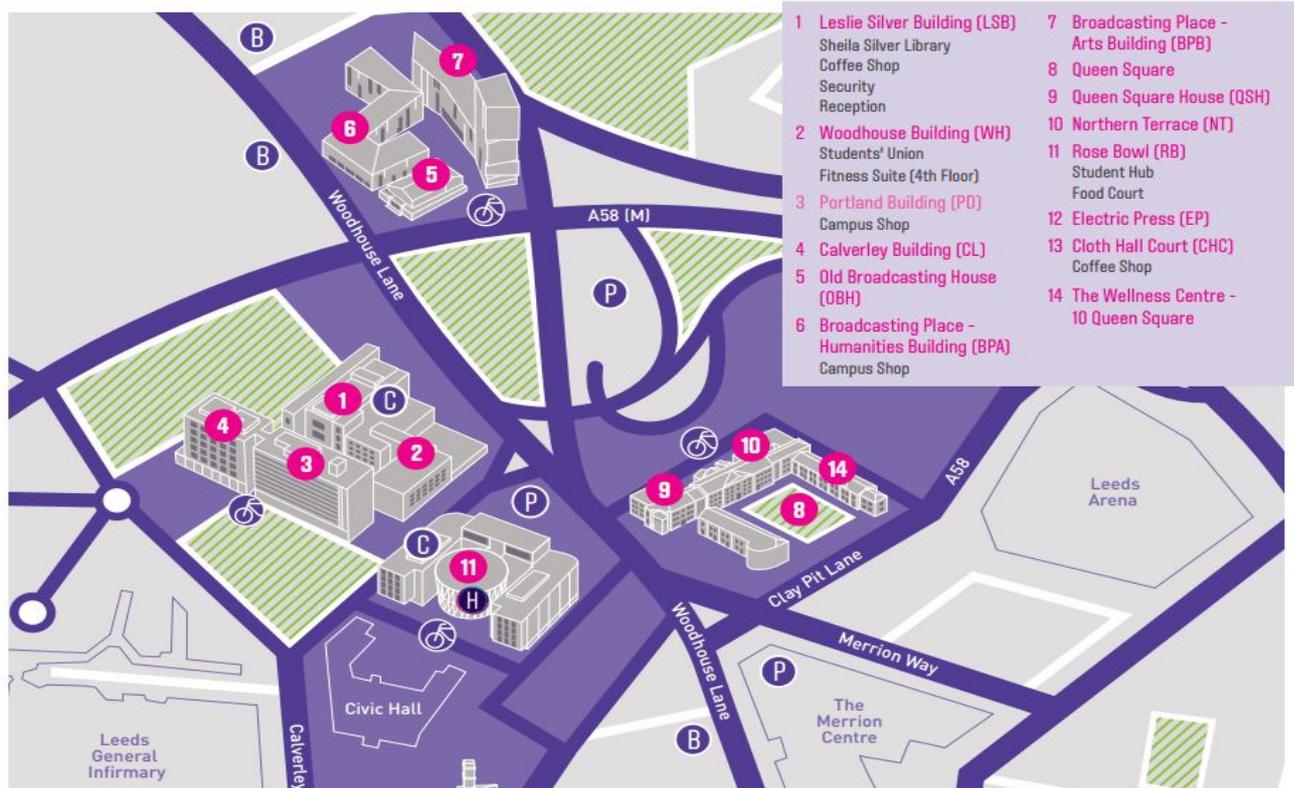
Carriage Works: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/carriageworks/Pages/default.aspx>
How to find us: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/carriageworks/Pages/How-to-Find-Us.aspx>

We will also be hosting conference events at our **Leeds Beckett University City** campus

Leeds Beckett University: <http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/>
How to find us: <http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/visiting/getting-here.htm>

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See You Soon!

We are very excited to be hosting you for the 8th conference of the ESREA Network (ELOA) this year. An itinerary for the proceedings will be following shortly.