

## **Optional Self- Guided Walking Networking Tour: Rural Entrepreneurship Conference.**

**Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> 15:30:**

**Aim of the Activity: Use this time to explore at your own pace some of the greatest spots in Leeds. There is no tour guide; this is a time for you to forge connections and discover some of the city's most remarkable places. This is an optional networking activity.**

1. University of Leeds Main Campus and the Great Hall- The Famous Red Brick
2. The Clock Tower
3. The Dry Dock: Leeds Pub on a Boat:
4. Leeds City Museum
5. Millennium Square
6. Leeds Art Gallery
7. Kirkgate Market
8. Corn Exchange
9. Trinity Centre
10. The Black Prince Statue
11. Leeds Town Hall
12. Leeds Library

The tour itself should take around one hour, possibly longer if you stop to explore each site. The recommended route (though feel free to explore whatever you like) starts at the University, head towards the city centre, and then circles back uphill to the University. Leeds is a large city, so be prepared for a considerable amount of walking on this tour. Please use Google Maps to locate the destinations. Enjoy the networking experience.

## 1. University of Leeds Campus, The Great Hall.



The Great Hall is a Grade II listed Gothic Revival building located at the University of Leeds in West Yorkshire, England. The building is primarily used for formal occasions, such as graduation ceremonies and university examinations. Its undercroft was previously utilised to house the university's library collections before the Brotherton Library opened in 1936. The Great Hall exemplifies the diverse architectural styles on the University of Leeds campus; it is a notable example of red brick architecture, associated with the term 'red brick university'.

A full campus map can be accessed here: <https://www.leeds.ac.uk/downloads/download/9/campus-map-for-visitors>

## 2. The Clock Tower

Embedded in the logo of the University of Leeds, the Clock Tower is located in the Parkinson Building. The Parkinson Building is a Grade II listed Art Deco building and campanile. The campanile, which is the highest point of the building, stands at 187 feet tall. The building is named after Frank Parkinson, a major benefactor to the university, who contributed funds towards the construction of the new building.

The building was officially opened on 9 November 1951 by HRH the Princess Royal, who served as Chancellor of the university from 1951 to 1965. A prominent landmark in Leeds, the tower can be seen for miles around the campus and has become synonymous with the university after the clock tower was incorporated into the University of Leeds logo in 2006





### 3. The Dry Dock, Pub on the Boat



Exactly what it says on the tin—or should I say, boat? The Dry Dock is one of the most versatile venues in Leeds. It hosts some of the most elaborate and memorable events in the city. A great place to stop off for a drink or a bite to eat, The Dry Dock is also the endpoint for the world-famous Otley Run.

#### 4. Leeds City Museum



Discover six galleries across four floors and delve into the history of Leeds and its people. 'Life on Earth' is home to some of the most remarkable specimens in Leeds's collection of 800,000 animals, vegetables, and minerals. The natural history gallery also provides insight into the effects of climate change on nature and what we can do to be more sustainable.

It also has an impressive heavy-footed Moa skeleton, once one of the largest birds ever to roam the Earth. Explore Asian culture and Leeds' connections with the world's largest continent in this fascinating gallery. Uncover the intriguing history of Leeds, including our surprising inventions, sporting accolades, and incredible textile heritage. Discover how the Egyptians, Romans, and Greeks lived their lives and paved the way for the world as we know it in the Ancient Worlds gallery.

## 5. Millennium Square



Millennium Square is an award-winning city centre outdoor public space and live entertainment venue. Situated in the heart of the civic quarter, the venue is surrounded by some of the city's most iconic buildings, including Leeds Civic Hall, Leeds Town Hall, The Carriageworks Theatre, and Leeds City Museum. This unique space is accessible to all and hosts a varied programme of year-round events, such as Summer Live Music Concerts, the ITU World Triathlon Series, Christmas markets, the Ice Cube ice rink, and the Leeds Food & Drink Festival. The square also serves as the venue for various multicultural and community celebrations, including Leeds Pride, Vaisakhi, and St Patrick's Day.



## 6. Leeds Art Gallery



Leeds Art Gallery is home to one of the finest collections of 20th-century British art outside London. It showcases a wealth of paintings, sculptures, works on paper, and new media by well-known artists and presents a dynamic exhibition programme that includes the prestigious Northern Art Prize. A world of art in the heart of the city, Leeds Art Gallery presents a dynamic exhibition programme and holds a significant collection of modern and contemporary British art.

## 7. Kirkgate Market



Kirkgate Market, one of the largest indoor markets in Europe, is a shopper's paradise, offering fresh food, drinks, fashion, jewellery, flowers, hardware, and haberdashery.

At the heart of the Leeds retail scene since 1857, Leeds Kirkgate Market is home to some of the most characterful traders in the city. Businesses span generations and represent a wide range of nationalities.

There is an Asian Bazaar every Wednesday morning and a farmers' market held on Briggate on the first and third Sunday of each month.



## 8. Corn Exchange



The Corn Exchange was built between 1861 and 1863 to the designs of Cuthbert Brodrick for the viewing and trading of corn kernels. It cost £360,000 to build. The plan and domed roof are responses to an awkwardly shaped site and the need to admit the maximum amount of natural, undazzling, shadowless north light throughout the year, facilitating the viewing of the minute kernels.

The roof is constructed of timber, iron, and a combination of opaque and clear glass, although the glass has since been replaced with polycarbonate panels. After a period of disuse, the exchange was converted into shops and a restaurant around 1988. The interior space is completely open, with a perimeter mezzanine that once led to offices, now repurposed as shop units. The building is robust, and its outward appearance conveys a sense of indestructibility.

## 9. Trinity Shopping Centre



Trinity Leeds is a shopping and leisure centre in the city centre of Leeds, England, named after the adjacent 18th-century Holy Trinity Church. Developed by Land Securities and designed by Chapman Taylor, it opened on 21 March 2013, attracting over 130,000 visitors on its opening day.

The development comprises two parts: Trinity East, a new build on the site of the former Trinity and Burton Arcades, and Trinity West, the redeveloped Leeds Shopping Plaza. The centre serves a catchment area of 5.5 million people with an annual spending power of £1.93 billion. It has elevated Leeds from seventh to fourth in the CACI UK retail rankings and has created over 3,000 jobs. The combined scheme provides 93,000 m<sup>2</sup> (1,000,000 sq ft) of retail floor space for 120 stores, anchored by flagship Marks & Spencer and Topshop/Topman stores, which were standalone and have been expanded and remodelled into Trinity Leeds.



## 10. The Black Prince (one of many statues located around Leeds)



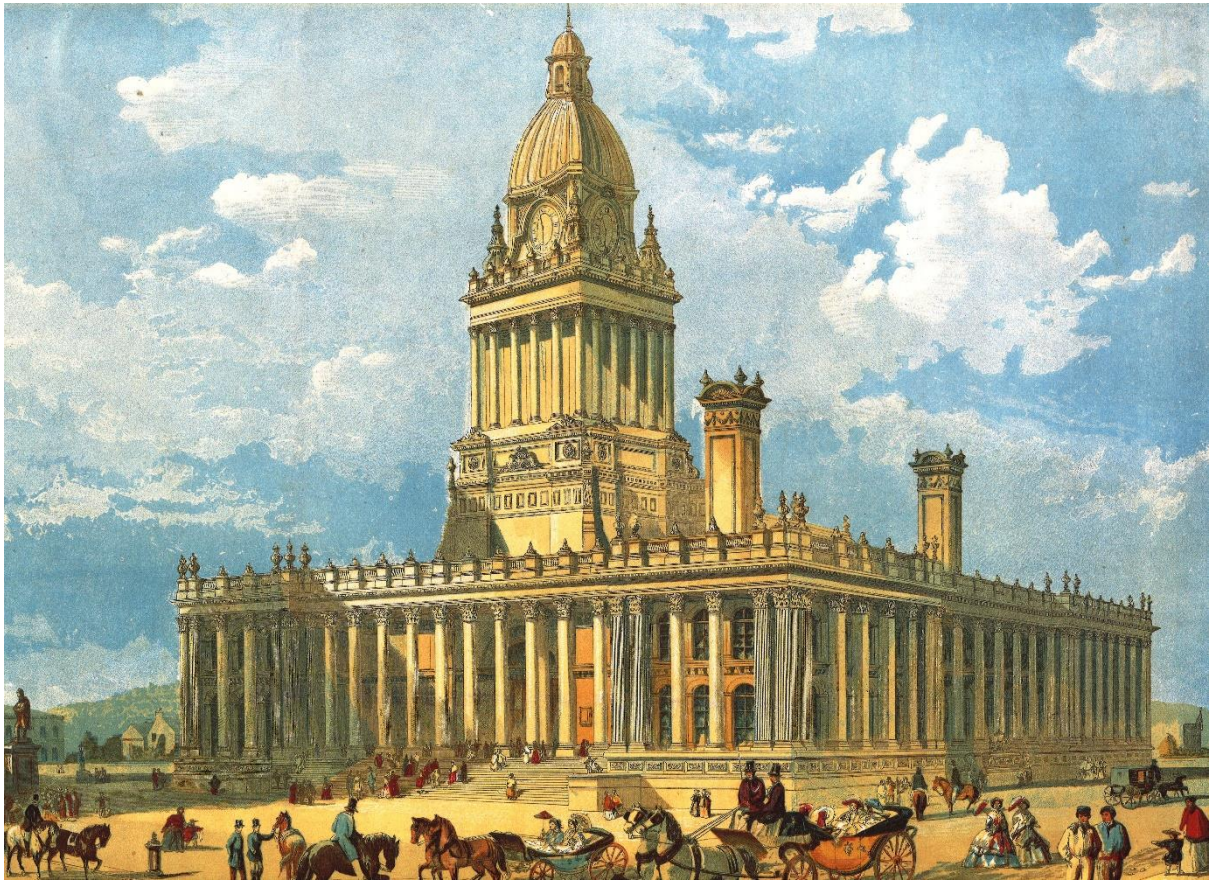
The Black Prince statue was finally unveiled on 16th September 1903 in front of thousands of Leeds residents, to much applause. The sculpture has been praised for its detail and impact.

Harding was present at the unveiling and was later made a freeman of the City of Leeds that day. While there was some criticism of the Black Prince having no links to Leeds, Colonel Thomas Walter Harding always argued that "The Black Prince, the hero of Crécy and Poitiers, being the flower of English chivalry and the upholder of the liberties of the English people, would remain an emblem of manly and unselfish virtues," making him perfect to represent Leeds' new city status.

119 years on from the unveiling, Edward - the Black Prince still towers over City Square and is often one of the first landmarks visitors see upon their arrival in Leeds.



## 11. Leeds Town Hall



Construction of this Town Hall started in 1853 and it was opened in 1858. A clock was important, as most people did not have a watch, and there was no radio to tell them the time. The bell that accompanies it weighs 4 tons and was made by Warner's of Cripplegate, London. The clock has a diameter of 6 feet 2 inches and a height of 5 feet. The cost of the bell was £662, which was a considerable sum of money in Victorian times.

Building the town hall went significantly over budget. Originally, the budget was £41,835; the final cost escalated to £111,739.

Since then, the Town Hall has been used as a courthouse, police station with cells, and a venue for concerts, banquets, balls, bazaars, meetings, and exhibitions, and as a temporary library. A courtroom and cells are still present in the cellars of the Town Hall

## 12. Leeds Library



Leeds Central Library, a public library located in the city centre on Calverley Street, houses the city library service's largest general lending and reference collection. This Grade II-listed building, which opened in 1884, features beautiful staircases and colourful tiles throughout. It is a must-see for those wishing to read and study, admire the art, or enjoy a beverage in the Tiled Hall Café.

The library offers free internet access for public use, holiday activities for all age groups, and photocopying facilities. Friendly staff are always available to help you find the information you need.



Other Interesting sites: Leeds Royal Armouries





## Leeds Minster



Leeds Minster, or the Minster and Parish Church of Saint Peter-at-Leeds (formerly Leeds Parish Church) is the minster church of Leeds, West Yorkshire, England. It stands on the site of the oldest church in the city and is of architectural and liturgical significance. A church is recorded on the site as early as the 7th century, although the present structure is a Gothic Revival one, designed by Robert Dennis Chantrell and completed in 1841. It is dedicated to Saint Peter and was the Parish Church of Leeds before receiving the honorific title of "Minster" in 2012. It has been designated a Grade I listed building by Historic England.

### **Pubs/Microbreweries to check out:**

- **The Brewery Tap:** One of Leeds' well-known watering holes, The Brewery Tap offers a wide selection of craft beers, Yorkshire ales, wines, spirits, and soft drinks. The venue features a unique, stylish interior with a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere, a private terrace, and due to its proximity to the train station, it boasts one of the best locations for function room hire in the city.
- **Friends of Ham:** Located in Leeds city centre right near the train station and next door to The Brewery Tap, this pub offers a great selection of craft ales and provides a pleasant environment for networking.
- **Whitelocks:** Whitelock's Ale House, originally opened as the Turk's Head in 1715, is located in what is still called Turk's Head Yard, reflecting its heritage. Having been operational for over 308 years, the pub initially catered to merchants and market traders, especially bustling on Tuesdays and Saturdays to coincide with the crowded Briggate market.
- **Nation of Shopkeepers:** Nation of Shopkeepers brings together a multi-functional 850 capacity space, including a stunning fully contained outdoor courtyard, situated in the heart of Leeds. They showcase work from local artists and host gig nights, serving food from lunch to dinner.
- **SALT Brewery:** Named after the pioneering industrialist who founded the village where the brewery first began, SALT has broken into the brewing industry with a distinct vision of crafting exceptional beers accessible to all. Rejecting traditional methods, SALT embraces a dynamic approach to brewing, skillfully merging historical techniques with modern craft. This adventurous spirit has led to experimentation across different styles and ingredients, producing several award-winning beers.
- **Campus Pubs:** There is also a range of pubs on campus, with two located in the Students' Union: Old Bar and the Terrace.

## Tea rooms and coffee shops:



**200 Degrees:** Independent specialty coffee roasters and purveyors of distinctive coffee shops. Unashamedly proud to be coffee geeks.

**Hotel Chocolat:** Hotel Chocolat Group, trading as Hotel Chocolat, is a British chocolate manufacturer and cocoa grower. It produces and distributes chocolate and other cocoa-related products online and through a network of cafés, restaurants, outlets, and factory stores.

**Miles and Co Coffee:** A new, independent barista-owned and run coffee shop located in Leeds Kirkgate Market.

**Kitty Café:** Kitty Café is a cat rescue centre and cat café offering a selection of drinks and hot and cold dishes, with vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options.

**Just Grand! Vintage Tea Room:** Welcome to Just Grand! Experience quintessentially British traditions of tea drinking, home baking, and good old-fashioned service. We offer a warm welcome based on family ideals.

**Campus Coffee Shops:** There are many coffee shops around the university campus, including Café Nero, the Students' Union, and near Roger Stevens Pond.