

The UK Centre for Coaching Excellence



In June 2008, the UK Minister for Sport, Gerry Sutcliffe and Leeds Met's Chancellor Brendan Foster announced that Leeds Met Carnegie had won the competition to become home of The UK Centre for Coaching Excellence in Sport and Disability Sport. The review panel of sportscoach uk chose Carnegie ahead of fierce competition.

The UK Centre for Coaching Excellence will ensure that the UK leads the world in coaching by 2016. As well as benefiting elite sport coaches the Centre will offer training to community coaches to improve the quality of the sport experience for all, and help identify potential sport stars of the future.

Before 2016 our Internationalisation Strategy will have ensured that world-wide horizons, global perspectives and cross-cultural capability are embedded within the mainstream of the University, for the benefit of all students and the communities we serve.

The target of both initiatives is to lead international best practice, embrace global perspectives and look overseas to achieve excellence at home.

Performance matters

As the Beijing Olympics came to an end in August, Louise Sutton, Sports Nutritionist and Manager of the Carnegie Centre for Sports Performance and Wellbeing, presented at the pre-Commonwealth Youth Games congress in Pune.

The aim was to provide the opportunity for the exchange of ideas between the coaching fraternity and scientific support staff, with the ultimate goal of improving the training and competitive performance of Indian athletes.

The congress was held at the Army Institute of Sport, which provides the base, and sports science and medicine support, for some of India's emerging and elite athletes in a range of sports.

It was clear that the Institute's vision is in many ways closely aligned to that of Leeds Met, to provide world-class facilities and administrative infrastructure to attract the best young talent in India and nurture excellence in sport.

Louise is returning to Pune in October with Leeds Met student and staff volunteers who, following completion of a project at Sanjay Nagar, will be supporting the Commonwealth Youth Games.



Making a difference

Leeds Met works with academic partners throughout South Asia progressing opportunities for student and staff exchanges and curriculum development. The Leeds Met/Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS) partnership is well established and has involved SIMS students studying in Leeds and now for the first time, our students have sampled life as Indian students.

UK student volunteers arriving in India to support the Sanjay Nagar Project, before attending the 2008 Commonwealth Youth Games in Pune, were offered a two day introduction to Indian life, culture and business at SIMS. The students from different disciplines ranging from undergraduate to PhD level are undertaking project work in India which will count towards their studies in the UK.

Sanjay Nagar is home to former leprosy sufferers and aims to integrate their families into the wider community by providing education, training and support. Leeds Met has supported this project since 2004, through fundraising and Leeds Met volunteers assisting in the delivery of educational activities.

The project includes a day-care centre and pre-primary education for children. An evening programme supports educational development and trains women in handicrafts to enable them to become financially independent. There are three other similar projects in Ahmednagar, including a joint programme with Snehalaya, a shelter for girls.



"I am undertaking a Doctorate of Business Administration specialising in human relations. I have received fantastic support from staff at Symbiosis and am looking forward to comparing HR practices in the UK and India."
Shakiya Nisa, Graduate Trainee



Students, staff and alumni of Leeds Met won gold, silver and bronze at the Mumbai Marathon's Dream Run in January 2008.

When Leeds Met IIFA

In 2007 Leeds Met became the official education partner to the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards, prior to the 2007 ceremony hosted by Yorkshire.

In 2008, 75 students from Leeds, India and Hong Kong volunteered in support of the University's link with Wizcraft to deliver the IIFA Awards in Bangkok.

Drawing praise from the organisers, the results of their efforts were viewed by an audience of over 60 million around the globe.



Leeds Met Vice-Chancellor Professor Simon Lee presented Shilpa Shetty with an honorary degree in summer 2007.

Carnegie Coaching for Life



“Coaching is not confined to sport but helps all manner of learning; developing students, staff, businesses and other communities we serve. The roots of coaching are in the development of good teachers as Carnegie has proved in the education of world class coaches like Sir Walter Winterbottom and Ian McGeegan.”
Peter Rodgers, Dean of Sporting Partnerships

Carnegie Coaching for Life seeks to make a difference to the lives of individuals and communities. Programmes incorporating shared cultural experiences help provide improved self esteem and academic attainment, community cohesion, enhanced employability skills and economic growth.

Carnegie Coaching for Life will contribute to a culture of mutual respect, tolerance and understanding between different peoples of the world and will develop programmes which will support capacity building and social transformation through:

- Education
- Cultural Development
- Sport
- Economic Growth
- Community Cohesion
- Health
- Employment
- Information and Communication Technology

This is an ambitious project in keeping with the Vision & Character of Leeds Met, striving to become a world-class regional university, with world-wide horizons, using all our talents to the full.

Our international volunteering projects are an important part of this developing programme and provide varied opportunities for students and staff to take an active role in supporting communities around the world. These shared experiences have had a real impact on the lives of all those involved.

Former students keep in touch

Over 100 alumni and their families and friends were given the opportunity to network and catch up with old friends at an alumni reunion in India. Alumni who had volunteered at the IIFA Awards in Bangkok were among those who rubbed shoulders with champions and distinguished guest speakers, 'HR Professional of the year', Anil Sachdev, founder of Grow Talent Company Ltd, and Raul Bose, a renowned actor and philanthropist who recently set up NGO, 'The Foundation'.

Former students were joined by senior staff from Leeds Met, Joy Kumar, Director for Student-Centered Change Management and Marie-Paule Sheard, Director for International Development, Faculty of Business & Law.





Partnerships in profile

The University's largest rugby partnership is with the Rugby Football League (RFL) which includes the Carnegie Challenge Cup, the Carnegie World Club Challenge and the Carnegie Champion Schools Tournament, the world's largest rugby league tournament with 25,000 young people from schools and colleges participating.

Leeds Met also has partnerships with Leeds Rugby comprising Leeds Rhinos and Leeds Carnegie; Rugby League Ireland; Scottish Rugby Union Exiles; Rugby Expo, the first dual code business conference for rugby; and the British Asian Rugby Association, winners of the Orange All India and South Asia Rugby Union tournament in Mumbai.

Leeds Met South Asia

"We have over 200 students from many different parts of India studying at different levels every year. They are supported in the application process by local consultants throughout India and our South Asia Office in Delhi. Most choose postgraduate courses in business, hospitality or computing but we also have many undergraduate students. It is particularly pleasing to welcome students into new areas of the curriculum and to see them working with UK students on projects or volunteering."

Julie Park, International Officer



Among freshers joining the University this year is basketball player Akriti Sharma, who is studying BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise Science.

Established in 2005, Leeds Met South Asia is a regional base for partnership development, information about study opportunities at Leeds Met and links to one of our extensive range of University representatives across India.

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When Leeds Met India

Leeds Met has long been associated with sporting success and partnerships; and in January 2008 became the official UK Education Partner for the 2008 Commonwealth Youth Games in Pune and the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

As we celebrate 75 years of sport education, we have been chosen to host the UK Centre for Coaching Excellence in Sport and Disability Sport. Leeds Met

aims to make a full contribution to the planning and delivery of the London Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012, hosting elite sport training camps for international teams and by actively promoting and supporting the Olympic values of personal excellence, friendship and respect in all our work and partnerships.

Leeds Met has an active volunteering

programme and our international work, spanning six continents, will be celebrated through a World-Wide Horizons Festival in November. Following a period working with children and young adults at the Sanjay Nagar Leprosy Rehabilitation project, 25 students will provide support to the Commonwealth Youth Games in Pune, supported by the British Council and the Prime Minister's initiative (PMI2).