



**LEEDS CITY
COLLEGE**

Access to Higher Education

Course guide

2025



It's never too late to learn

Whether you're looking to upskill, reskill or try something new, we have a wide range of programmes to suit all levels and ability. We have removed as many barriers as possible to help you with your learning journey. From financial support to help with childcare, we are here to help you succeed.

Gain the qualifications you need to go further in your current role; access Higher Education; improve your English, maths or digital skills; or turn your hobby into a rewarding career: it's all possible with us.

We have flexible timetables, face to face, online and smaller classes - and with our advice and support you can start your course with confidence. Speak to a member of our friendly team today and start learning.

For more information please visit leedscitycollege.ac.uk/adult or call us on **0113 386 1997**

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Open Events

Open events take place throughout the year at all our main campuses (Park Lane, Printworks and Quarry Hill). These events are a great opportunity for you to find out more about our courses, college life, and the ways we can support you academically, emotionally and financially.

For further details and to book on to an open event, please visit: leedscitycollege.ac.uk/events

“Adults make rapid progress in developing their subject knowledge, they grow in confidence and develop skills that help them prepare for their next steps in education and employment.”

Ofsted ‘Outstanding Provision’ Results 2022



Why study with us

Rated '**Outstanding**' by Ofsted, our adult learning programmes can help you succeed.

From the moment you enrol you join a friendly, welcoming community where you are encouraged and supported, enabling you to enjoy learning and achieve your educational goals.

We are committed to making studying as accessible as possible for everyone, which is why we have a comprehensive package of support available for those eligible for assistance.

We offer a range of flexible study options: learn in person in one of our campuses located across Leeds, or study online; choose part time or full time; and enjoy learning in smaller class sizes with like-minded adults.

No matter your chosen course - professional, vocational or Access to HE - you will learn from knowledgeable tutors, benefit from comprehensive support, and leave confident to face the next stage of your journey.

How to apply

Applying for a course at Leeds City College is simple:

1

Find your Access to HE course in this guide or by visiting **leedscitycollege.ac.uk/adult** for our full range of courses

2

Attend an open event to find out more about your course, meet tutors and confirm it's the right choice

3

Submit the online application form found at **leedscitycollege.ac.uk/adult** and we'll be in touch with the next steps. Alternatively, you can apply in person at the campus that is offering your course

If at any time you need assistance, call us on **0113 386 1997** and we will be happy to help.

Our courses

Access to Higher Education

Looking to go to university? Our Access to HE courses get you there in one year.

Professional

Whether you are training for a specialist role in accounting, HR, management or procurement, our professional courses are what you need to succeed.

Adult Courses and Skills

Our adult courses are ideal if you are looking to change career, refresh your industry skills or develop your English, maths, digital or IT skills.

Leisure Courses

Try something new, or pursue your favourite pastime with our leisure courses. Make new friends, improve your mental wellbeing or simply discover a new hobby.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Is English your second language? Improve your written and spoken skills with an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) course. Leeds City College is one of the UK's largest ESOL providers, with courses running throughout the year at multiple locations – including **Deacon House** and **Joseph Priestley Centre, Beeston**.

Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs

If you don't hold a Level 3 qualification (equivalent to an A Level), you can now study some courses for free – thanks to the Government's **Free Courses for Jobs** programme. If you already have a Level 3 qualification and you are earning below £21,255 (West Yorkshire only) you may qualify for a second Level 3 course.

To find out if you are eligible contact us today on 0113 386 1997.

GCSEs, Apprenticeships and A Levels

You can also study professional courses and qualifications as an adult student. These include:

GCSEs

These act as a fantastic foundation for further study, or to help you get into work.

Apprenticeships

Ideal for developing skills for a career change, or helping you upskill within your current role, allowing you to learn and earn as you work.

A Levels

Further your knowledge in a supportive, classroom-based learning environment.

Higher Education

You can study at degree level at University Centre Leeds – where smaller classes and greater support enable you to truly excel. We offer foundation degree programmes, bachelor's degrees and top up programmes.

Course fees and funding

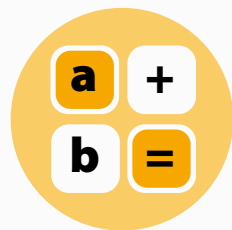
Fees for adult education courses can be found in the courses section of this guide. For long courses and those over £100, you can pay via an instalment plan to help spread the cost.

Fees for part time and 19+ courses do vary, and several courses are available to study for free. For more information and eligibility, please visit leedscitycollege.ac.uk/adult/support or call 0113 386 1997.

For learners aged 19+ many of our courses may be free if any of the following apply:



You are under 24 and have an Education Health and Care Plan from your local authority



You are wanting to join basic skills English and maths courses (not ESOL)



You are wanting to join GCSE English or maths courses and you don't already have a GCSE grade C (or 4) in that subject



You are wanting to join a computing class (EDSQ)



You are unemployed and in receipt of benefits



You are under 24 and you don't already have a qualification at Level 3 or higher



You are working and your annual salary is less than £21,255 gross per year (West Yorkshire only)*

**West Yorkshire residents only, £18,525 for residents in other non-devolved areas.*

It depends on the level of the course and your circumstances as to whether you can study the course for free; please ask for further information and what evidence you may need to provide. In some circumstances, even if you don't meet the above criteria, you may be able to get some financial assistance through our **Learner Support Funds** and **Student Life team**.

Adults and young people are entitled to free English, maths and digital skills tuition if they do not already have a GCSE grade 4 (previous grade C) or Level 2 qualification in that subject.

Adults under 24 studying for their first full Level 2 or Level 3 qualification may be eligible for free tuition, subject to status and depending on the course.

Community Learning (CL) Course Fees

Concessionary rates are available if you are in receipt of certain benefits and studying a course funded through Leeds City Council. Please contact us for more information or visit leedscitycollege.ac.uk

Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs

As part of their Free Courses for Jobs programme, the Government has made 400 Level 3 qualifications available to study for free. This means that if you don't already hold a Level 3 qualification (such as an A Level or equivalent), you could gain valuable new skills.

For more information on Level 3 courses available for 19+ learners, please visit leedscitycollege.ac.uk/adult



Full fees are payable, regardless of personal circumstances, if you are over 19 and have an existing Level 3 qualification – or if you are over 24, haven't previously studied at Level 3 and the course is not available through the Free Courses for Jobs scheme.

Where fees are due, an **Advanced Learner Loan** can help cover part or all of your course fees and provide financial support while you study.

You can apply for an Advanced Learner Loan if you are:

Aged 19 or over

A UK resident

Accepted on to an eligible course at Level 3

The minimum you can borrow is £300 and the maximum depends on the fees for your course. Once your offer has been confirmed and you have received our learning and funding information letter, you can register and apply for a loan online. You need to have an approved Advanced Learner Loan in place before you enrol. If you don't, you will need to discuss your options with us at enrolment.

You do not need to pay your loan back until:

**You have finished
your course**

**You earn more than
£25,000 per annum**

Loan repayment is at a low rate and on a 30 year term, making it more manageable for you. Plus, if you get a loan to cover tuition fees for an Access to HE course and go on to study a degree, your loan will be written off. Bursaries may be available. For further details, get in touch with our team or go to leedscitycollege.ac.uk

Instalment plan

If you choose not to take out an approved Advanced Learner Loan, or the qualification is not eligible for other public funding, you may be able to pay using an instalment plan. The minimum course fee eligible for instalments is £100.

You will pay 25% of your course fees at enrolment and the remainder will be spread between one and six months, depending on your requirements and the length of your chosen course. All fees must be paid in full one month before the end of the course. Full details of the college's fees policy are available at our website: leedscitycollege.ac.uk

Financial support

Don't let money worries hold you back; we can help you overcome financial barriers and succeed on your chosen course.

You may be eligible for help with travel, meals and childcare costs. We may also be able to help you with course-related costs such as specific equipment, protective clothing, specialist books and educational visits.

For details of the application process and eligibility criteria for 19+ Discretionary Learner Support (DLS) and an Advanced Learner Loan bursary – including help with childcare costs – please read the student support document at leedscitycollege.ac.uk/adult/support

Scan here



Our support services

We want everyone to have a rewarding educational journey with us, and are committed to supporting you at every stage of your course. Below are a number of services we offer to assist you during your time at college.

Learning resource centre

We have a range of print and electronic learning resources to support you with your studies, and may be able to provide equipment to help with online learning too.

Additional learning support

Please let us know if you have any additional needs so we can help you access learning. We have specialist support for those with disabilities such as dyslexia, and will sensitively assess your needs to create an appropriate support package for you.

Childcare

We work in partnership with Ofsted-registered childcare providers to help student parents with childcare costs and places.

Counselling and wellbeing

Whether you are worried about your welfare or would like additional support with your mental health, we are here for you. Your tutor is your first point of contact for anything that's causing you stress or if you are feeling unwell, and can direct you to appropriate guidance and support.

Discretionary Learner Support

For adults in hardship, additional financial support may be available, subject to eligibility.

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For more information regarding any of the above please visit **leedscitycollege.ac.uk/adult/support** or get in touch with our team on **0113 386 1997**.



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Business

Careers

- Business
- Business Analyst
- Business Consultant
- Business Development Adviser
- Chief Executive Officer
- Commercial Manager
- Director
- Financial Manager
- Human Resources Officer
- Marketing Director
- Recruitment Consultant
- Sales Director

Average annual salary

£34 800*

Access to Business

Access to HE Diploma Level 3

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: Printworks Campus

Access to HE business programmes are ideal if you are looking to study a business-related degree, including business management, law, finance or marketing. These courses are widely recognised by universities as an alternative to A Levels and other Level 3 programmes, and are a valued route to university. They also support access to higher level apprenticeships in similar job roles.

As part of this course, you will study a range of specialist business topics, such as marketing, finance, business planning and human resources. All these modules will help to improve your presentation, research and academic writing skills, while developing your reflective practice.

Progression may include a relevant higher education programme.



Creative Arts

Careers

- Artist
- Music Studio Engineer
- Filmmaker
- Media Producer
- Journalist
- Sound Engineer
- Photographer
- Set Designer
- Sound Producer

Average annual salary

£31600*

Access to HE Art and Design

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time, taught onsite two days per week

Duration: 1 year

Location: Eastgate Campus/
Quarry Hill Campus

This qualification is the perfect stepping stone to a creative degree at university. Cultivate specialist skills and creative ways of working and thinking independently, in a supportive studio environment. Be encouraged and nurtured to explore your critical thinking skills and contextual referencing which will stand you in good stead for university.

Through a combination of studio-based and online learning you will develop your creative practice, hone your style and work towards a final project in which you prepare for exhibition.

Progression routes may include a relevant creative arts degree.



Access to HE Computer Games

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time, taught onsite two days per week

Duration: 1 year

Location: Quarry Hill Campus

If you're interested in the computer games industry and want to take your knowledge of gaming to the next level, this course is an excellent platform from which to progress to further study.

You will gain a grounding in computer games development covering the fundamentals such as 3D modelling, programming, concept art and web development. Alongside subject specific knowledge, you will develop crucial skills in preparation for studying at university such as academic writing, referencing and research.

Following successful completion of this course students can progress to university to study a degree in related games subjects.

Access to HE Graphic Design and Illustration

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: Quarry Hill Campus

Draw out and nurture your creative talent with this one year graphic design and illustration course. Develop specialist digital and traditional techniques as you explore your own style.

Learning in our supportive environment gives you the space to create and experiment with different techniques. Study takes place within a studio setting as well as online and culminates in an exhibition.

Successful completion of this course will allow progression to university.



Access to HE Creative Industries

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: Quarry Hill Campus

If you're a budding producer with a passion for media, this one year course is the ideal springboard to a creative degree. Develop specialist skills in television, film and journalism while also improving your academic skills in preparation for university.

Learn the art of media production including how to form crews, plan, film and edit your own productions. Study under industry experts in state-of-the-art facilities including a television studio and gallery.

Progression may include creative degrees such as media studies, media production, digital media, film, television, journalism, marketing, and radio production.

Health Care

Careers

- Care Worker
- Police Officer
- Psychologist
- Psychotherapist
- Social Worker
- Special Educational Needs Coordinator
- Support Worker
- Youth Worker
- Teacher

Average annual salary

£23700*



Access to HE Social Sciences

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: The Annexe/
Quarry Hill Campus

This diverse and interesting course is ideal for those interested in studying social work, psychology, sociology, criminology or social policy at university.

As well as acquiring the subject knowledge and skills required for undergraduate study of the social sciences, you will also develop a range of skills such as research and academic writing, ensuring you can embark on university study with confidence.

Covering psychology, sociology and social policy, the course also allows you to choose from modules allowing you to tailor the course to your particular area of interest. Example units include crime and deviance, psychology and social work.

This access course gives you the foundational knowledge in psychology, sociology, criminology and social policy, enabling you to pursue a degree in social science at university.

Access to HE Social Sciences with Psychology Specialism

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: The Annexe/
Quarry Hill Campus

This course is ideal for those with an interest in psychology who are looking to study it at university.

Covering the fundamentals of psychology, including behavioural, cognitive, psychodynamic and humanistic approaches, this fascinating course will give you the grounding you need to go on to further study.

As well as exploring statistics, biological and psychological aspects of health and illness and developmental psychology, you will also undertake a research project based on your personal interests.

Following the course you can pursue your interests further through reading a degree in psychology or related subjects.

Leeds City Region's
health care sector is
forecasted to grow

5.6%
by 2031*

Access to HE Social Science with Social Work Specialism

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: The Annexe/
Quarry Hill Campus

If you want to study social work at degree level this course is the ideal starting point.

Covering interesting and relevant topics such as development psychology and social inequality, you will gain understanding of the welfare state and social work. You may also explore topics such as safeguarding, family law and values, diversities and rights.

With the knowledge acquired completing this course you can go on to read a degree in social work.



Law

Careers

- Barrister
- CILEX Lawyer
- Legal Secretary
- Paralegal
- Police Officer
- Prison Officer
- Probation Officer
- Solicitor

Average annual salary

£38500*

Access to HE Law

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: University
Centre Leeds

Looking at a number of interesting legal fields, this course is ideal for anyone wanting to enter the legal profession. Covering consumer, employment, negligence, homicide and family law, the course gives you the grounding you need to pursue the study of law at a higher level.

As well as looking at different areas of law, the court system and legal personnel, you will develop your academic writing skills including exam techniques, ensuring you can start a university course with confidence.

Following successful completion of this course you may progress to university to read law or associated subjects. Alternative progression routes include employment as a legal assistant or paralegal.



Sport and Fitness

Careers

- Fitness Instructor
- Gym Instructor
- Gym Manager
- Leisure Assistant
- Leisure Manager
- Personal Trainer
- Physiotherapist
- Sports Coach
- Sports Instructor/Official
- Sports Massage Therapist
- Sports Player

Average annual salary

£26 600*

Access to HE Sport & Physical Activity

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Part time
(2 days a week)

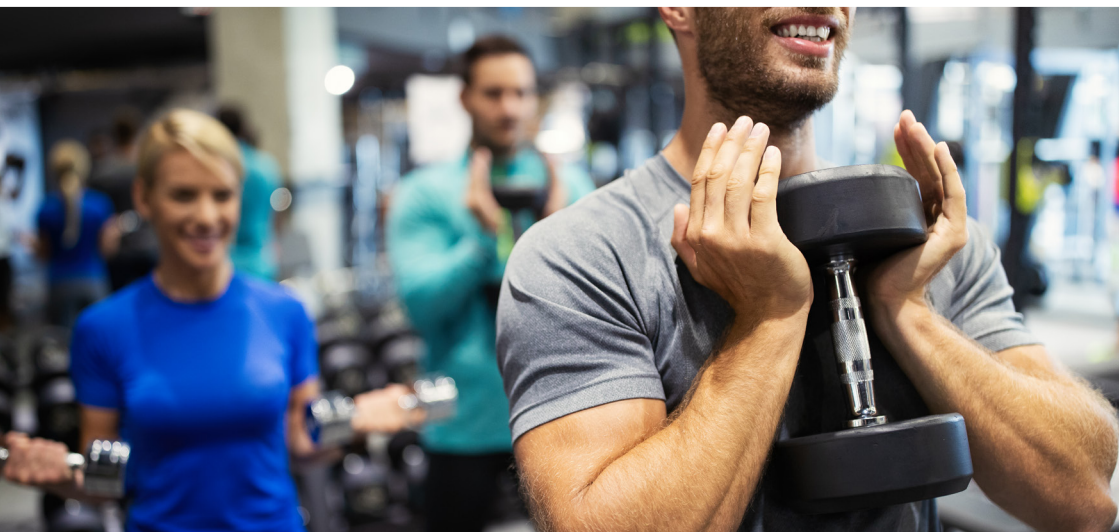
Duration: 1 year

Location: Park Lane Campus

Gain the qualifications you need to study a degree in sport and exercise science, sport coaching, sport psychology or sport studies with our Access to HE Diploma in Sport & Physical Activity.

If you are an exercise enthusiast or have a keen interest in wellbeing and fitness, this course will be of interest. Covering a range of coaching and sports science topics ranging from fitness testing to nutrition, sports injuries to performance, you will develop your knowledge of sports and the sport industry.

With the knowledge and skills acquired by completing this course you can progress to university where you can read a sports related degree.



STEM

Access to HE Environmental and Climate Science

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: Park Lane Campus

Careers

- Audio Engineer
- Civil Engineer
- Cyber Security Analyst
- Electrical Engineer
- Energy Engineer
- Engineering Technician
- Environmental Engineer/Manager
- Geologist
- IT Data Analyst
- Laboratory Technician
- Machine Operative
- Marine Biologist
- Manufacturing Engineer
- Nurse
- Pharmacist
- Programmer
- Psychologist
- Software Developer
- Sustainability Consultant
- Welder

Are you interested in environmental issues? Are you passionate about climate science? Our Environmental and Climate Science course is designed for you.

Deepen your understanding of the environment and climate through exploration of topics such as pollution, water management and genetics. Learn about field and lab techniques as you study units in biology, chemistry, mathematics and environmental sciences.

Following this course you can pursue your interests by reading related degrees such as geology, environmental sciences, ecology or marine biology.

Average annual salary

£40 000*



Access to HE Computer Science

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: Printworks Campus

Get to university in a year with our Access to HE Computer Science course.

Develop the knowledge and practical skills you need to pursue a career in computer science. Our course covers networking, programming, project management and the exciting world of emerging technologies.

With the skills and knowledge you will have upon completion of this course, you can look forward to starting a degree in computer science subjects, such as applied computing or cyber security.

Access to HE Engineering

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: Park Lane Campus

This diploma will prepare you for a variety of engineering qualifications.

You will broaden your knowledge in multiple areas of engineering, such as mechanical, medical and electrical. The course will see you develop your maths, physics, engineering and academic skills, while learning about electricity and electromagnetism, calculus, and waves and optics. You will also conduct a design project within an engineering context.

Ideally placed for anyone looking to study engineering, completion of this course paves the way for learning at a higher level. Progression includes undertaking qualifications such as Electrical and Electronic Engineering HNC/D; Manufacturing Engineering HNC/D; or a Leadership and Management (Engineering) foundation degree.



Access to HE Medicine

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: Park Lane Campus

If you want to enter the medical profession or have an interest in reading biology or chemistry at degree level, this course will give you the grounding you need.

Studying in laboratories and taught by specialist tutors, you will further your knowledge of biology, chemistry and maths. Covering subjects such as organic compounds, structure and functions of the body, and applications of scientific, statistical and epidemiological problems, this interesting course prepares you for scientific study at university.

As well as deepening your medical knowledge, this one year course also concentrates on improving your academic report writing, equipping you with the skills you will need in order to learn at a higher level.

Progression following this course includes reading medicine, medical sciences, biology or chemistry based degrees.

Access to HE Science

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: Park Lane Campus

If you are a keen scientist or are wanting to pursue a career in science, our access course could see you starting a science degree in just one year.

Covering a fascinating range of biology and chemistry modules, ranging from infection and immunity to energy and equilibria, you will further your scientific knowledge. You will also improve your academic skills such as referencing and academic writing. To ensure you are ready for degree-level study you will develop your mathematical skills, studying algebra, logarithms, statistics and calculus.

Following completion of this course you can embark upon a scientific degree and pursue careers in pharmacy, biomedical science and nutrition.

Access to HE Health Science

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: The Annexe/
Quarry Hill Campus

Prepare for a degree in a health science subject with our access course. Improve your study skills such as academic writing, research, presentation and numeracy skills as you learn about health science.

Core modules include biology, health education and psychology, the study of which will give you the grounding you need for a career in health science.

Progression includes reading degrees in health science or related subjects such as nursing, midwifery, radiography and paramedic science.

Travel and Tourism

Careers

- Air Cabin Crew
- Airport Assistant
- Hotel Manager
- Housekeeper
- Housekeeping Supervisor
- Rail Travel Assistant
- Ship Operator
- Travel Agent
- Waterways Transport Operative

Average annual salary

£25 300*



Access to HE Travel & Tourism

Level 3 Diploma

Start date: September

Study: Full time

Duration: 1 year

Location: Printworks Campus

5 GCSE Pathway, including English and Maths

If you want to work in travel and tourism our access course is the ideal starting point for your career journey.

You will explore the links between travel, tourism and business management, and gain understanding of how together they contribute to the success of the travel sector.

Units include responsible tourism, marketing and business. You will also learn and develop study skills, such as academic writing, by way of preparation for studying at a higher level.

Upon successful completion of this course you can further your study of the industry by reading a degree in travel and tourism. Employment opportunities following acquisition of a degree include tourism and travel management.

If you plan on pursuing a new career or further study but don't have the qualifications to do so, our Access Foundation (five GCSEs) or Fast-Track Science GCSE (combined) courses can help.

Access Foundation (five GCSEs)

Work towards gaining passes in five GCSEs, including English Language, maths and science. Lessons are spread out across three full days and as well as subject-specific study, you will also strengthen your academic skills, such as writing and presenting.

Fast-Track Science GCSE (Combined)

This exciting double GCSE science award combines biology, chemistry and physics. It is ideal if you require science GCSEs to progress into primary teaching, nursing or a scientific Level 3 route. Morning and evening classes are available and your studies will be split between classroom and home study.

Please note, to be eligible for this course you will need a minimum grade 4 in GCSE maths and a minimum grade 3 in English.

Contact us

We hope you have found the course you are looking for in this prospectus, however, if you are looking for a different type of course, you can find information about our short and part-time adult courses in our specialist prospectuses at leedscitycollege.ac.uk/our-courses/prospectuses, or pick up a copy at one of our campuses. Our website leedscitycollege.ac.uk/adult also has information regarding our Free Courses for Jobs, A Levels, Apprenticeships, Skills and Training and Professional courses.

Course Enquiries

Call: 0113 386 1997

or visit: leedscitycollege.ac.uk/adult

You can also call in to our community centres – **Deacon House, Enfield Centre, Rothwell Centre** and **Joseph Priestley Centre, Beeston** – where our staff will be happy to discuss our wider adult offer including part-time and leisure courses, some of which are available to start throughout the year. Keep up to date with all the latest information on our Facebook page facebook.com/LCCadultcommunity

Helpful Information

Maps, directions, travel information and contacts for all of our community centres can be found at leedscitycollege.ac.uk/contact

Our Centres

Deacon House
Seacroft Avenue
Leeds LS14 6JD

Eastgate
7 Eastgate,
Leeds LS2 7LY

Enfield Centre
Enfield Terrace
Leeds LS7 1RG

223 North Street
Sheepscar
Leeds LS7 2AA

**Joseph Priestley
Centre, Beeston**
Burton Avenue
Leeds LS11 5ER

Rothwell Centre
Marsh Street
Leeds LS26 0AE

Somerville House
Leathley Road
Leeds LS10 1BG

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*Labour market data is sourced from Lightcast (<https://lightcast.io/uk>) 2024, LMI for All (<https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/>) Data referenced relates to the Leeds City Region and is correct as of June 2024

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