

Scott Isaac - Leeds – United Kingdom – 2nd Semester 2010



Exchange had been something I was keen to do from when I first started university. I had done some traveling around Europe before but I had always wanted to live somewhere completely different to truly experience the place. How I chose Leeds I am not really sure it just happened like that. In the end I don't think I could have chosen a better city.

Leeds is a city built around the university and during semester it is bustling with so many young and like minded people all looking for a crazy time. Of course you have to fit university around the good times but this is not too difficult as the contact hours seem to

be a lot less than UQ. For those of you looking to party and get amongst the night life Leeds has an abundance of clubs, pubs and bars with somewhere new to go every night. A personal favorite of mine would have to be 'Tiger Tiger' - head downstairs for guaranteed good times.

I am a 3rd year Journalism student and did not find it too difficult to organise my subjects. Just give yourself plenty of time and it should all work out. The way uni is run over here is pretty similar to back home with lectures, tutes & seminars. I found a lot of the classes focus on everyone participating week to week so you can't really hide in the back of class. I found all the teachers to be very helpful and easy to approach and were happy to handle any queries about your studies.

Leeds is a cheap city which is perfect for students. It is situated in the heart of the UK and makes traveling around very easy with a local airport a 20 minute cab ride away. If you get involved in any of the university societies you can often find good cheap deals for travel and best of all you don't have to organise anything.



Guy Fawkes Night @ Hyde Park, Leeds.

5 Tips:

- 1) Don't stress about money – If you want to do something just do it as you only get 1 opportunity at this experience and you don't want to go home with any regrets.
- 2) Be open minded about the people you meet. You will most likely be living with other internationals that may have a different way of doing things but just deal with it and accept that different cultures do things differently.
- 3) If you're going in winter be sure to take the appropriate shoes. I did not expect there to be as much snow as there was and there is nothing worse than frozen feet.
- 4) Utilize the drink specials and party nights at all the venues on their chosen night to save money.
- 5) The Otley Run - Not really a tip, but once you're here it is a must do (just ask any British student about what and how to do it).

If you're looking for an experience to broaden your horizons and meet a bunch of new people then exchange is something you must do. My only regret is not coming for a year.



Halloween @ Mine Bar, Student Union.