



Leeds

May 2-4, 2024

Welcome to Leeds! Thursday May 2nd to Saturday May 4th 2024

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Leeds!

Please remember the early bird rate ends on March 31st.

NEWS

The Next Generation ESA programme is taking shape – it will include:

- Do's and don'ts during surgical fellowships
- How to obtain funding for research
- The road to academic success
- An interactive workshop on mentoring

Please check the website for updates.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Queen's Hotel is in Leeds City Square, which is dominated by a statue of the Black Prince.



In 1893 Leeds was given City status. As a textile town, the site of City Square had been the location of Leeds Coloured Cloth Hall, but as industrialisation had taken over, the need for a huge site for merchants to meet to buy pieces of home-produced cloth had passed. It was decided to remodel the area to create an open space to celebrate Leeds elevated city status. This work was commenced in 1897 and the eminent architect William Blackwell was brought into manage the project.

The following year Thomas Walter Harding became Mayor of Leeds. He had made his money manufacturing pins – which were sold around the world to be used in the textile industry for the mechanical carding of wool. The new Mayor wanted to have a centre piece for the new square and he decided the Black Prince, was just the sort of heroic figure from history Leeds needed to represent it.



It is thought that Edward the Black Prince got his nickname from the fact he wore black armour and a black shield in battle or from his brutal reputation in battle against the French. Edward of Woodstock (15 June 1330 – 8 June 1376), known to history as the Black Prince, was the eldest son of Edward III of England and but he died before his father and so his son, Richard II succeeded to the throne. Edward nevertheless earned distinction as one of the most successful English commanders during the Hundred Years' War, being regarded by his English contemporaries as a model of chivalry and one of the greatest knights of his age.

The famed sculptor Sir Thomas Brock took 7 years to produce the statue which ended up having to be cast in Belgium as it was too big for any English foundry at the time. It was brought from the continent by boat and then travelled from Hull arriving in Leeds via the River Aire on a barge!

The Black Prince statue was finally unveiled on 16th September 1903. Whilst there was some criticism of the Black Prince having no links to Leeds, Harding always argued that “The Black Prince, was the hero of Crecy and Poitiers, being the flower of English chivalry, the upholder of the liberties of the English people, and would remain an emblem of manly and unselfish virtues”, so was perfect to represent Leeds new City status.

HOW TO GET TO LEEDS

Leeds Airport code is LBA Local airlines include Jet2, Ryanair and KLM as well as Aer Lingus, easyJet, and Wizz Air. Manchester is our closest major airport – the code is MAN. **We recommend you travel to Leeds LBA airport as unfortunately there is a Pennine train disruption, therefore trains are limited. Taxis from Manchester to Leeds are approx. €120.00.**

A CITY REGION WITH GLOBAL REACH

8 miles from Leeds Bradford Airport

Direct flights from 13 UK destinations and 64 international destinations

FLIGHTS FROM HUB CONNECTIONS

Amsterdam – Leeds 1hr 10 mins

KLM offers direct flights from Amsterdam to Leeds Bradford Airport

Barcelona – Leeds 4hrs 10 mins

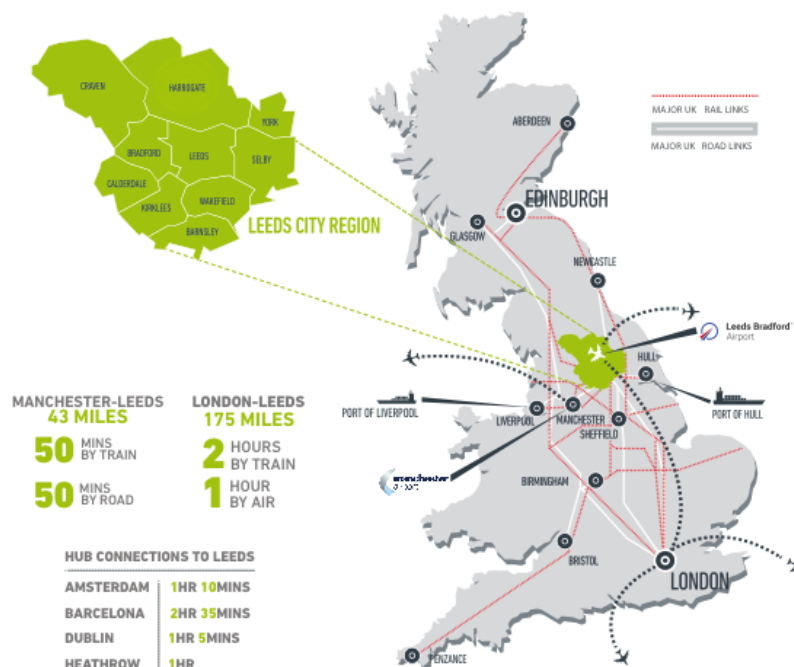
KLM, Ryan Air, Vueling, Jet 2 all offer (non-direct) flights from Barcelona to Leeds-Bradford Airport

Dublin – Leeds 55mins

Ryanair, Aer Lingus and British Airways all fly direct from Dublin to Leeds Bradford Airport

Heathrow – Leeds

British Airways offers non direct flights from London Heathrow to Leeds Bradford Airport. Easier to travel by train



WEBSITE LINKS

[ESA Registration Link](#)

[European Surgical Association Organisation Annual Meeting](#)

[Queens Hotel, Leeds](#)

[Hilton Leeds](#)

[Marriott Leeds](#)

[Travel Lodge Leeds](#)

[Premier Inn Leeds](#)

CONTACT DETAILS

Professor J Peter A Lodge	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	peter.lodge@nhs.net
Professor David Jayne	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	d.g.jayne@leeds.ac.uk
Mr Shahid Farid	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	
Veronique Saint-Ayes	ESA Office	saintayes-projet@hopscotchcongres.com
Sharon Poole	Conference Director Athena Meetings & Events	sharon@athenameetings.com
Lisa Young	Exhibition Director Athena Meetings & Events	Lisa@athenameetings.com
Jak Poole	Logistics/Accommodation Manager Athena Meetings & Events	jak@athenameetings.com
Queens Hotel	Quote ESA 2024 for discount £50 deposit with booking	reservations@thequeensleeds.co.uk