



Press Release

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### **School's Out: Language Study Centres chooses Well Met Conferencing as summer school destination for fourth consecutive year**

Throughout July, Leeds Metropolitan University welcomed over 700 international and local students to Headingley Campus for its annual programme of summer schools. Language Study Centres (LSC), who returned for the fourth consecutive year this year, hosted a series of schools for students from Italy and Spain.

Students stayed at Carnegie Village and in addition to attending the summer schools, where they developed their English language skills, they also took advantage of the campus' outstanding sports facilities.

Carnegie Village is ideally located for outings in Leeds and beyond, and the itinerary of social activities included trips to Harrogate, Leeds City Museum, Manchester Museum of Science and Industry, and the Brontë Parsonage in Haworth.

Mark Pentland, from Language Study Centres, commented:

"We choose Leeds Metropolitan University for our summer schools because the staff are friendly and accommodating and the service we receive is second to none. Plus, all our students and leaders love the contrast of the ultra-modern halls of residence with the grand old buildings of the University and the beautiful green landscape surrounding it all."

Kate Davis, Head of Business Development for Leeds Metropolitan University said:

"Leeds Metropolitan University offers a classic collegiate campus setting with a vibrant mix of learning, sporting and social opportunities for summer schools. Our Carnegie Village campus is a safe, modern and extremely well equipped environment for students wishing to develop their language schools whilst also having fun their new friends. In addition, the location makes outings in Yorkshire and beyond simple to organise even when they have to fit within strict timetables."

As well as, LSC's schools, The School of Languages at Leeds Metropolitan University welcomed 45 teachers from Madrid, Spain. The group attended a Teacher Training Programme for Secondary School Teachers of Art and Music and Geography and History. In addition The School of Languages hosts a

group from Japan, where the postgraduate and undergraduate students and tutors in Education will take part in 20 Hours of English language skills development as well as 20 hours of practical language teaching methodology.

Well Met Conferencing manages a wide range of venues and spaces as well as providing experienced event management services. Well Met's dedicated conference and event managers have extensive experience working with summer schools and work hard to create tailored packages, regularly visiting other centres and sharing best practice. With access to sports facilities at the world class Carnegie Centre for Sports Performance and Wellbeing, including tennis courts, running tracks, sports hall and swimming pools, as well as a variety of indoor and outdoor space at its Headingley Campus including a grassed acre of lawn, social areas and a high standard of accommodation, Leeds Metropolitan University is an ideal location for summer schools.

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

- Well Met Conferencing is the conference office for Leeds Metropolitan University.
- Leeds Metropolitan University is the first University to achieve the Gold Accredited in Meetings status awarded by the Meetings Industry Association.
- Centrally located, Leeds is just two hours 20 minutes from London by train, and just one hour on the new BA flights from Heathrow to Leeds Bradford Airport.
- 2013 sees the opening of two new landmarks for Leeds – new retail and leisure destination, Trinity, and the 13,500 capacity Leeds Arena.
- Leeds Metropolitan University accommodation Carnegie Village was awarded 3\* by the AA
- At the M&IT awards 2012 and 2013 Well Met was a finalist for the 'Best Academic Venue' category
- At the 2013 Leeds Hotels & Venues Association Awards Well Met Conferencing was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place for 'Exceptional Customer Service'.
- Leeds Metropolitan University venue The Rose Bowl was awarded 'Best New Business Venue' in 2010 at the Yorkshire Business Insider Awards.
- Leeds Metropolitan University has more than 27,000 students and around 3,000 staff.
- The Vice Chancellor of Leeds Metropolitan University is Professor Susan Price, the Chancellor is Sir Bob Murray CBE and the Chair of the Board is Lord Woolmer of Leeds.
- Leeds Metropolitan's heritage can be traced back to the founding of the Mechanics Institute in Leeds in 1824.
- In 2013 Leeds Metropolitan University became the third university in the UK to be awarded the Customer Service Excellence standard.
- In 2013 Leeds Metropolitan University achieved the 'Investors in People' Bronze Award confirming the University's commitment to customer delivery and service.