



Curriculum Vitae Leeds

A vibrant leader of the North



Bio

A results-driven team player, I am made up of 784,800 proud and diverse 'Loiners'. I am dotted with inspirational museums, provoking theatres and beautiful Victorian arcades including Europe's largest indoor market, all making me a vivacious city to live and work in.

With a long history in trading - from the wool trade in the 17th century, through to the financial industries today - I am proud to be a motivated, buzzing city, leading the Northern economy. I am a strong self-starter and launched brands ranging from Jelly Tots through to Marks and Spencer.

As well as being England's fourth largest urban economy, I am the UK's largest legal and financial centre outside London - these industries are worth £13 billion to the economy. I am also the UK's third largest manufacturing centre with 39,000 employees across companies in engineering, printing and publishing, food and drink, chemicals and medical technology.

Overall, I present an excellent working opportunity and have seen a massive 33% increase in job adverts from 2016 - 2019 as well as enjoying the fastest rate of private sector job growth in the UK.



Education

4 universities including Leeds University, ranked in the top 25 in the UK with six Nobel laureate graduates.

70 primary and secondary schools rated 'Outstanding' or 'Good' by OFSTED.



Skills

I have a global perspective, with residents hailing from countries including Pakistan, India, Ireland, Zimbabwe, China and Iran amongst many others.

My residents speak a range of languages, including Polish, Urdu, Panjabi, Arabic, Cantonese, Bengali, Kurdish, French and Persian/Farsi.

Timeline of Experience

2019

Advancing Technology sector - Leeds, UK

Technology is a growing skill of mine and it was the industry with the biggest increase in job applications from May 18 to Jan 19.

2018

Secured my standing as a centre for broadcasting - Leeds, UK

Channel 4 chose me as the home of its new HQ, beating Birmingham and Manchester.

2016 - 2018

Property investment - Leeds, UK

I've made a range of investments over the years. The average house price is £197,823 and house prices have increased by **10%** since 2016.

2010 - 2018

Entrepreneurialism - Leeds, UK

I saw a staggering **91%** increase in new businesses opening from 2010-2018. Applications have surged in Transport

Interests

Trainspotting:

My city station serves nearly 30 million passengers a year and is the third busiest station outside of London.

Shopping:

I was named the best shopping destination in the UK by the Rough Guide to Britain and have the largest pedestrianised shopping area in the UK. I also boast the award-winning Trinity shopping centre..

Sport:

I am home to famous football team Leeds United and in rugby, I host eight-time Super League champions Leeds Rhinos.

Culture:

I am the UK's only provincial city to have its own opera, ballet and theatre companies. As well as Northern Ballet, Opera North and the West Yorkshire Playhouse, I also have an impressive art gallery and a wide range of music venues.

References

Professional references available from:

Broadcaster Jeremy Paxman, chef Marco Pierre White and playwright Alan Bennett.

Personal references available from:

Former Spice Girl Mel B, comedian Leigh Francis (and his alter ego Keith Lemon) and singer Corinne Bailey Rae.

and Logistics, Customer Services and Technology, with up to 20,000 applications every month .

Skilled musician – Leeds, UK

I welcomed the annual Leeds Music Festival just outside the city, sister to Reading Festival, adding to my illustrious music heritage.

Started school – Leeds, UK

Leeds University was established as the Yorkshire College of Science in 1874. Comedian and writer Mark Gatiss and Dire Straits' Mark Knopfler have walked the corridors and author J.R.R. Tolkien was once a professor.

Establishment – Leeds, UK

I was officially established as the Borough of Leeds.

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