

Guidelines on the use of Leeds Beckett faith spaces

Context

Leeds Beckett University welcomes people from all faiths and none. Recognising both its background as a secular institution and that Religion or Belief are protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010, it makes provision for faith spaces at both its main campuses for the use of students, staff and visitors who are on campus attending other events.

Management

The rooms are provided for use only by members of our University community for quiet prayer or contemplation and are, in principle, multi-faith spaces. The rooms are designated 'male' and 'female' to reflect and respect the requirements of some faith traditions.

We ask that anyone using these rooms should be respectful of all users of the spaces and their faith traditions and observe the following:

- Remove shoes and leave in the racks provided.
- Keep the rooms clean and tidy at all times.
- Do not leave or store any personal belongings.
- All items owned by the University or by a student society must be stored away in the storage provided after each use.
- Do not bring food or drink into the rooms.
- Notices and posters should only be placed on the designated noticeboards provided.
- If any notices/posters are in a language other than English, there should also be a translation in English, to ensure that the information is accessible to everyone. Any notices that contravene University regulations or policies will be removed.
- With the exception of religious texts (e.g. the Bible, the Guru Granth Sahib, the Torah, the Qu'ran, etc.), all books should be in English.
- The faith spaces are designated for prayer / reflection / contemplation only; anyone found using the spaces for any other purpose will be asked to leave and may have their access to the spaces withdrawn
- Inappropriate, violent or unlawful behaviour in the rooms will not be tolerated. Such behaviour may lead to access being withdrawn and disciplinary action taken.

The rooms will be checked on a regular basis.

In the case of an emergency, and as with any other University-owned space, University Security and other staff may need to access the faith spaces rapidly and it may not be possible to respect the usual practices associated with entering such spaces.

Complaints

If any member of staff or student has any concerns or complaint regarding the faith spaces or their use they should be directed to Jan Daley, Head of Student Wellbeing

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