

INDEPENDENT LEEDS



Guide for DEE delegates from Mike Reynolds

Here are a few recommended places to check out in Leeds. There are plenty more so feel free to explore. This was put together with significant help from [Kirsty Schofield of EatDrinkLoveLeeds](#) who you can check out for more suggestions.

TOP 5 THINGS TO SEE



Before we get going with the food & drink, here are some Leeds cultural spots to visit.

Henry Moore Institute - Yorkshire-born visual artist is celebrated with the Henry Moore institute, which exhibits sculptures from all around the world.

Leeds Art Gallery - A collection of National Importance in the middle of Leeds.

Royal Armouries Museum - Home to the national collection of arms and armour.

Look up & wander the arcades - Leeds has some beautiful buildings and all you have to do is look up when wandering the city centre, which is particularly encapsulated by the Victorian arcades: the Victorian Quarter, Grand, Queens & Thortons. You will find plenty of the places mentioned below in & around here.

Leeds Bridge - A surprisingly good looking and historic bridge in the middle of Leeds. Easy to miss.



TOP 5 COFFEE SPOTS

Need some caffeine to get you through the day then look no further than:

Coffee on the Crescent - All the good vibes. A walk from the city centre but a nice 10 min walk across the park from the conference.

Raw Coffee - Excellent coffee and five minutes from the train station.

Kapow - Comic books meets coffee. Another great city centre coffee shop.

North Star Coffee - This is a bit further away, but it's a nice walk along the canal and they do a good selection of brunch.

La Bottega Milanese - An espresso café in the city centre with plenty of snacks to choose from.

TOP 5 PUBS & BARS



When it is time to let your hair down. Ok, so this is not technically a 'top 5' as it is impossible to narrow this down.

Nation of Shopkeepers - A city centre bar with a good beer garden. We'll be meeting here from 6pm on Wednesday evening so hope you can join us there.

Northern Market - A city centre bar crossed with a food hall operated by the Leeds-based Northern Monk brewery.

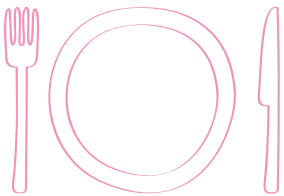
Headrow House - Cool city centre bar with a roof top bar too. They serve a pretty decent pilsner.

The Fenton - Legendary Leeds pub and a good location between the city centre and the University.

The Belgrave - Lots of beers to choose from and some quick bits to eat too. There's a roof top bar too.

Whitelock's Ale House - Quite simply a Leeds institution.

The Brudenell Social Club - Mainly a gig venue, but they serve a good pint and a great pie.



TOP 5 RESTAURANTS

If you are heading up market for an evening meal then try:

Ox Club - I would describe this as a personal favourite but all of this list is personal favourites. A live-fire kitchen in the city centre. Gets booked quickly and rightly so.

Eat Your Greens - Brilliant food in a relaxed atmosphere. If they have the corn ribs then get the corn ribs. Again, in the city centre.

Galleria - Don't believe me? Then believe Grace Dent. It's a little bit of a walk though.

Stuzzi - Small innovative plates of Italian goodness.

Sarto - Simple but tasty pasta dishes.



TOP 5 BAKERIES, SPOTS FOR LUNCH OR QUICK BITES



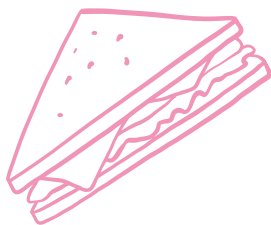
If you are looking for something quick to eat then look no further.

Underground Bakery - City centre bakery that does amazing cruffins and savory swirls. The blondie would make a good present to take home if you manage to avoid eating it. Lunch only.

Things in Bread, Bake and Doh'Hut - Ok, cheating again as this is really three entries, but they are all run by the same people. Things in Bread do excellent sandwiches and Doh Hut has amazing donuts. Both in the city centre. Bake is a walk along the canal away but worth a trip if you have time. Lunch only.

Bakery 164 - The place all the students go to get a sandwich and the semester queues are huge. Thankfully the semester will not have started when DEE takes places. Lunch only.

Trinity Kitchen - Every foodie city has a foodhall and Leeds has many. Trinity Kitchen is one with a rotating selection of food trucks. Good for lunch or a quick tea.



Bundobust - Vegan Indian street food. Order the Bundo Chaat and Okra fries. Good for lunch or a quick tea. Sister restaurant **Tharavadu** is a few steps away if you fancy something more traditional.

HUGE thanks to Mike for putting together these recommendations... hopefully you'll be coming to a few conference sessions, which means you're unlikely to have time to try all these spots. Just a good excuse to come back to Leeds!!