LeedsforLife website update September 2015

The new phase of enhancements to the LfL website went live on Tuesday 15th September. The operation and look and feel of the site is unchanged, but new features for UG and taught PG have been added in response to staff and student feedback. Although this is largely student-focussed functionality, it can all be seen by personal tutors to encourage reflection and further development.

1. For all taught students:

a) My Skills

Students are able to record evidence of how they have developed each of the LeedsforLife skills and write, and reflect on, an action plan for each skill (NB the previous list of 19 skills has been replaced by a more concise list of 13 skills). Where modules they have taken have been tagged as developing these skills they are automatically linked to each skill as a source of evidence a student can draw on. Likewise for opportunities the student has in ‘My Opportunities’.

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Reflection

Reflection added: 19/09/2015

I have given presentations at 6th form conferences, but I do feel that I need to practice presenting and maybe referring to slides not reading them.

b) Leeds Network integration

Students can, within the LfL website, search, store and contact over 750 of our alumni to discuss their career profiles and to ask for advice on career planning.

Searches can be saved and prompts requested when new alumni are added that satisfy the search criteria.
c) Volunteering Hub integration and Opportunities refresh

The Volunteering Hub has been integrated into LfL to provide a single interface to search all opportunities to develop skills.

New presentation of the Opportunities database highlights the newest of over 350 offered by the volunteering team, schools, services and LUU.

More sophisticated searching by skills developed, organisation, location and activity type helps students to fine tune their search.

Events relating to skills development are advertised here and can be searched.
2. For Taught Postgraduate (TPG) students only

a) Postgraduate Achievement Record (PAR)

TPG students can add a record of anything they have done (conference presentation, training etc) as an ‘Achievement’ on their Timeline. They can then choose whether or not to add it to their Postgraduate Achievement Record.

Approved module marks are automatically included in the PAR and this combined record can be viewed or downloaded to share with advisors or employers.

NB this is a personal record for the student, it is not an official University document.

b) Shared profile

TPG students can add up to three members of staff to their profile, eg project supervisors or careers advisors, who can then look online at their LfL record.

c) Useful Links

A generic list is provided of key resources / services of particular interest to TPG students.

(please email leedsforlife@leeds.ac.uk with suggestions for any additional links that would be useful to all PGT students)