

Special Collections & Galleries Teaching, Learning and Student Development Principles

Special Collections & Galleries are committed to enriching academic and cultural life for the University and our communities. Our Student Support offer is based on principles which are aligned with Knowledge for all: University of Leeds Libraries Vision for 2030.

- **User focussed**
 - We are committed to our users and focussed on their needs.
 - Our student support incorporates user input.
 - Our support is evidence based; developed through user consultation and research.
- **Accessible and Inclusive**
 - We are committed to helping all students and staff to feel and promote a sense of belonging in Special Collections & Galleries.
 - We lead on University initiatives that seek to create more representative narratives around collections.
 - We create Positive Action opportunities for underrepresented communities.
- **Encouraging Curiosity**
 - We support experimentation and innovation within teaching and student engagement.
 - We work to ensure students can develop skills needed to explore and feel confident working within Special Collections and Galleries.
- **Committed to Reflection and Innovation**
 - We regularly review our levels of support and seek to develop our services in response to evidence and feedback.
 - We learn from and share best practice with the wider Library and cultural heritage sector.
- **Effective and Creative Partnerships**
 - We engage with University-wide curriculum development to support excellence in teaching.
 - We work in partnership with Academic schools and faculties.
 - We welcome and encourage collaboration with academics, students, and other individuals engaged in teaching and supporting students.
 - We aim to divide resources equitably across our engagement and support activities. We are clear where we do not have the capacity to support.
- **A Sustainable Service**
 - Our processes supporting teaching and student engagement are consistent and streamlined.
 - The level of support we offer is determined by the resources we have, and we collaborate with our partners to systematically grow our offer.