



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Landscape architecture
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	16-08-2019 until 08-02-2020
Country (exchange)	UK
City (exchange)	Sheffield
University (exchange)	University of Sheffield
Faculty (exchange)	Department of Landscape architecture

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

I choose to go on exchange because

1. It gave me a change of scenery which pushed me out of my comfort zone and to try new things.
2. Because of the short time frame you are really motivated to do as much as possible
3. You meet an amazing group of people that you can hopefully stay in contact with for a long time.

What is the reason you chose for this country/university?

I wanted to improve and enhance my English in a native speaking country. I love English landscapes and culture. It was relatively close to NL and I could therefore easily travel by train to go the whole distance. This was important to me because of environmental reasons and the fact that there might be a death in my family very suddenly.

Sheffield is right next to a easily accessible nature park: peak district. Which is amazing to walk in.

Sheffield has amazing after school activity organized for students

The teachers in the landscape department were amazing

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination? (E.g. bus, train, etc.)

You can go all the way by train with the channel tunnel through London and to Sheffield. Once in Sheffield take the 120 to endcliffe road to get to your accommodation

4. University and studying

Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
1	LSC230	10	Theory subject: Sustainable communities	4	Very informative and really develops your writing skills and well as researching skills.
2	LSC231	10	Park Design	2	Very much a repetition of a subject I followed at WUR.
3	LSC232	10	Garden and planting module	5	Enjoyed, learned and developed a lot. Very good teachers
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

Most of the study is done either in small groups or individually.

~Tutorials are given to a maximum of 4 people at a time for individual feedback on work.

~work load is exactly right and leaves time to be a long term tourist without sacrificing grade.

~lesson material, interesting, relevant, and well presented.

What is the culture of the university? (E.g. How approachable are the lecturers, engagement with local students? What are the differences with the WUR?)

~ Students are amazingly friendly and very helpful.

~ lecturers are patient, kind and energized

~atmosphere outside of uni is fun, carefree and open. You can join anything you want and be welcomed for who you are.

~ here there are very clear “studenten verenigingen” that separate people into niches. In Sheffield everyone was welcome, no presumptions were made and you were free to do anything you wanted.

What does the university offer the student additionally? (E.g. Catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?)

Catering: no.

sports facilities: yes, included in rent for uni housing.

laundry facilities: yes, but have to pay additional fee, but a lot cheaper than other options.

5.Housing-travelling-living

What are the possibilities for housing? (E.g. Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates?)

University rooms are available in the city or on the hillside. You sign up for them via the universities housing website everything is very well organised and very clear any questions will be answered by staff via email. Private rooms are also available but often renters do not want to rent to someone who is only there for six months it is cheaper though. The rent of a room of the university accommodation is around €550 per month with this you get your own bathroom and toilets and a room of about 10 square of meters.

What is the culture of the country like? (E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?)

Everyone call you love, and its amazing.

Could you give a general price indication of the place of residence compared to living in Wageningen?

**Wageningen: 17 m² 470 euro.
Sheffield: 12 m² 500 euro.**

Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure? (E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?)

**You walk to uni. Everyone does this. It's about a 20 min walk.
student bus fares are 1 pound.**

6. Free time

What are must-sees in the area? (E.g. nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?)

peak district, get there by bus.

the university organizes weekend trips across the county with : give it a go. You pay for the coach fair and you get the day to explore the city.

What does not appear in the travel guide, but is worth a visit?

Notty house: very good pies.

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time (E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?)

Check the Student union website.

7.Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

What was your best memory abroad?

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8. Contact details (optional)

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