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Quantity vs. Quality – dilemmas in careers counselling of international students

Leeds Metropolitan University has around 4000 international students from over 70 different countries. This presentation will describe four ways that the University Careers Service provides information, advice and guidance for international students from the European Union and outside it:

- Presentations to all international students on Foundation and Pre-Master's courses with a guide to the best resources.
- Individual career guidance discussions.
- International Careers Café – an informal, friendly evening event where international students can find a mix of practical advice on job applications and interviews, and labour market information.
- English for Employment – a series of one day courses run jointly by the Careers Service and the University's ESOL tutors. The course focuses on language and cultural differences and covers: recruitment practices in the UK; timing of job applications; interview jargon; reading between the lines in job advertisements; practising effective telephone interviews; confidence building and non-verbal communication.