

Free Your Mind – Design Your Strategy

The international staff week will look at the holistic creation of international strategy for students, teachers and administrative staff while learning about their experience in different mobility programmes. Two different viewpoints – one from international relation office staff and one from University of Lodz promotion department – will hopefully give you a holistic view on how to improve its quality. The staff week will be based on the workshops led by the UL's staff, but there will be time and space for sharing and discussing the subjects with all participants! You will be asked to prepare yourself by gathering information from your university relevant to the topic.

The staff week is organised in an interactive way – because the best way to learn is to experience new situations and work on new tasks with new people. University of Lodz creates new activities for students and employees to support them.

If you wish to get to know some of UL's past actions and events please follow:

- University Diversity: at UL you can find more than 2600 international students, representing 95 different nationalities. Many languages can be heard in the halls of our campus, but our students always manage to find the common communication mode. We wanted to capture and show it to the world, both in the pictures and by interviewing the students. Photos: [2nd edition "Why Lodz?"](#) and [3rd edition "Mobility - go ahead!"](#)
- Orientation Week Events for International Students, - Welcome Meeting and BBQ for newcomers (photos): https://www.flickr.com/photos/promocja_ul/sets/72157700708992241
- UL organized innovative International Staff Week in May 2018 under the project The Blended Erasmus+ Staff Training (BEST+) together with European University Foundation more information available: <http://beta.blendedmobility.eu/events/best-lodz>
- Branding video: <https://www.facebook.com/polishuniversity/videos/1499910273396503/>
- Promo spot: <https://www.facebook.com/polishuniversity/videos/1346530672067798/>

Monday, day 1

Registration of participants

Welcome words of the UL authorities - prof. Paweł Starosta, Vice-President for Domestic and International Cooperation

Welcome by the Head of International Relations Office – Liliana Lato Head of International Relations Office

- ✓ presentation about the city of Lodz,
- ✓ introduction about everyday life of an international student at the University of Lodz,
- ✓ integration activities.

Introduction to the Staff Training Week Programme

You are all welcome here – IRO staff and UL students

- ✓ Presentation of the University of Lodz and its international activities. During this session we will discuss the importance of integration into the life of the university and why the students are the best ambassadors of a university.
- ✓ International students' stories – how they see us?

Lunch break

Erasmus+ KA107 - Karolina Adamiak and Małgorzata Gramala, IRO

- ✓ UL's experience from coordinating the programme
- ✓ Sharing the experience of all participants
- ✓ Discussion
- ✓ Listing best practices for the future

Guided tour of Łódź

Tuesday, day 2

Past, present and the future from the perspective of Promotion Centre. The story of rebranding of the University of Lodz - Anna Rolczak, Head of the Promotion Centre

Coffee break

Cooperation with local institutions and departments of the city of Lodz office – Promotion Centre staff

- ✓ how to start cooperation?
 - ✓ advantages and disadvantages of cooperation
 - ✓ sharing ideas – participants' presentations
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Diversity and Social Responsibility – dr Agata Rudnicka-Reichel, Faculty of Management

- ✓ What is social responsibility? Why it's important?
 - ✓ Diversity Charter
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Dinner

Wednesday, day 3

Bus trip to Nieborów

Thursday, day 4

#UniversityDiversity – Weronika Ćmielewska, IRO

- ✓ UL staff's effective experience with international students
 - ✓ sharing ideas – participants' presentations
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Mobility of students, teachers and administrative staff – Katarzyna Ciupa (IRO), Gabriela Szkup (IRO), dr Agata Włodarska-Frykowska (Mobility Coordinator, Faculty of International and Political Studies)

- ✓ active workshop on how to encourage them to see the world and be the ambassadors of their home university
- ✓ presentations of the chosen universities' participants
- ✓ discussion

Coffee break

- **Workshop on diversity** (group 1)
- **Workshop on intercultural communication** (group 2)

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Friday, day 5

"From idea to reality" – Marta Chruściel, Małgorzata Gramala, Karolina Tomczyk (all from IRO)

- ✓ from idea to reality - our team will introduce you to the whole process of working with projects, they will show how this knowledge can be used in your work to manage your duties in an effective way

Workshop on Design Thinking

- ✓ how to come up with new ideas, where we should search for inspiration. During this panel we will make you think in a creative way

Farewell coffee break

Active summary of the staff week

If you have any interesting topic that you would like to present or discuss, please let us know until 30.04.2019. We would be glad to include them in our programme! We wish to make it truly international, creative, inspirational and open-minded training.