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CELEBRATE
100 YEARS OF
LEEDS UNITED

Your local city
Your global team

A Geography Activity for schools

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1919 1929 1939 1949 1959 1969 1979 1980 1999 2009 2019

Note for teachers

In the last 100 years, Leeds United has attracted players from all over the world to its stadium at Elland Road. In turn, many Leeds-born footballers have gone on to play in dozens of countries.

This sharing of footballers with other countries reflects how the population of Leeds, itself, has changed over the century, with people leaving for new shores and coming here from abroad.

The same goes for supporters. Leeds United's overseas fixtures have taken its fans to watch their team in every continent and, despite notable difficulties, this has significantly helped overall to break down barriers and broaden outlooks. As has welcoming supporters of football teams from overseas to Elland Road.

This simple activity is about researching and identifying the countries that Leeds United have recruited their top-class players from over the years. And looking at where footballers born in the city have gone on to play.

This is a good opportunity to develop the understanding of locational vocabulary and to identify the position and significance of :

- latitude
- longitude
- the Equator
- Northern Hemisphere
- Southern Hemisphere
- the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn
- Arctic and Antarctic Circle
- the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones

This could be a useful homework activity to do with families who may very well remember the players anecdotally.

The first activity requires the adding the birthplace countries of the players in to the table below. All those players played as internationals for their home country too. Calculating which continent and hemisphere these countries are in using a map or globe will develop the activity. Further columns for time zones, key significant geographical feature like mountain or main language spoken, or fun facts could be added.

A useful discussion on the terms Migration, Immigration and Emigration can also be had.

Extension ideas:

Literacy – rearrange the table alphabetically by surname of player.

Maths – research the years born by the players and calculate how old they would be today.

Creativity - present the countries of origin on a map using stickers or a globe using flags.

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Pupil Worksheet 1

Leeds United has attracted international players from all over the world. Can you fill in the **Country of Origin** column on the table below for each of the Leeds players? You might need to use the internet or ask a Leeds fan to help! To make it tricky, one of these Leeds United players is from England.

Then can you work out which continent and hemisphere the countries you have identified are in?

Player Name	Country of Origin	Continent	Hemisphere
Alfie Inge Haaland			
Albert Johannsen			
Billy Bremner			
Robbie Rodgers			
Chris Wood			
Mark Viduka			
Max Gradel			
Lucas Radebe			
Tony Yeboah			
Pontus Jansson			
Ezgjan Alioski			
Helder Costa			
Olivier Dacourt			
Gaetano Beradi			
Stuart Dallas			
Pablo Hernandez			
Gary Kelly			
John Charles			
Mateusz Klich			
Nigel Martyn			

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Teacher's Answers Worksheet 1

Player Name	Country of Origin	Continent	Hemisphere
Alfie Inge Haaland	Norway	Europe	Northern
Albert Johannsen	South Africa	Africa	Southern
Billy Bremner	Scotland	Europe	Northern
Robbie Rodgers	USA	North America	Northern
Chris Wood	New Zealand	Oceania	Southern
Mark Viduka	Australia	Oceania	Southern
Max Gradel	Ivory Coast	Africa	Northern
Lucas Radebe	South Africa	Africa	Southern
Tony Yeboah	Ghana	Africa	Northern
Pontus Jansson	Sweden	Europe	Northern
Ezgjani Alioski	Macedonia	Europe	Northern
Helder Costa	Portugal	Europe	Northern
Olivier Dacourt	France	Europe	Northern
Gaetano Berardi	Switzerland	Europe	Northern
Stuart Dallas	Northern Ireland	Europe	Northern
Pablo Hernandez	Spain	Europe	Northern
Gary Kelly	Ireland	Europe	Northern
John Charles	Wales	Europe	Northern
Mateusz Klich	Poland	Europe	Northern
Nigel Martyn	England	Europe	Northern

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Pupil Worksheet 2

The footballers below were all born in Leeds and went to play club football in other countries' leagues. Can you join up their names to the country they were playing in?

Lee Atack	AUSTRALIA
Reginald Boyne	CANADA
Caleb Folan	CHINA
Stuart McCall	IRELAND
Micah Richards	ITALY
Dale Tempest	MYANMAR
Steve Ball	NEW ZEALAND
Brian Deane	POLAND
David Harvey	PORTUGAL
Nicholas Montgomery	SCOTLAND
Callum Rzonca	USA

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Teacher's Answers Worksheet 2

Lee Atack	USA
Steve Ball	IRELAND
Reginald Boyne	NZ
Brian Deane	PORTUGAL
Caleb Folan	MYANMAR
David Harvey	CANADA
Stuart McCall	SCOTLAND
Nicholas Montgomery	AUSTRALIA
Micah Richards	ITALY
Callum Rzonca	POLAND
Dale Tempest	CHINA