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### Jet setters win seats as part of Leeds Bradford Airport's competitions

**9<sup>th</sup> May 2016:** A lucky Yeadon man has won flights from Leeds Bradford Airport to New York - thanks to a competition hosted by the airport and airline Aer Lingus.

The airport launched monthly competitions in January, giving budding jet-setters regular chances to win through prizes given by airlines including Aer Lingus. They proved very popular, with more than 25,000 entries across the first four competitions alone.

Kevin Hartley of Yeadon entered through a link on Facebook and won a trip to New York with Aer Lingus, which connects on from Leeds Bradford Airport through the Dublin hub. Kevin was thrilled to receive the news of his win. He added: "You don't get many emails saying you're going to New York - for free! It felt absolutely fantastic when I received the winners email. I've had a massive grin on my face ever since.

"I've been to the USA a few times and sometimes the border controls in America once you've landed after a long haul flight could be prolonged. As we're flying with Aer Lingus, I'm looking forward to the pre-clearance of customs in Dublin to land in New York as a domestic passenger. We are still planning on what to do when we get to New York but we've already booked tickets for the baseball at Yankee Stadium. I can't wait until we go in a couple of months."

There were also three other Aer Lingus Regional winners, each winning flights to either Dublin or Cork from Leeds Bradford Airport with Aer Lingus Regional.

**Tony Hallwood, Aviation Development Director at Leeds Bradford Airport, said:** "We're really pleased to announce our first round of winners through this very popular initiative. We're incredibly grateful for the prizes Aer Lingus and Aer Lingus Regional have offered as part of our competitions so far.

"I hope all of the winners have a tremendous time on their travels and we look forward to welcoming them all through our doors here at Leeds Bradford Airport."

**Martin Saxton, Chief Commercial Director for Aer Lingus Regional, said:** "We were delighted to be able to assist Leeds Bradford Airport with this great passenger competition, and I

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hope Kevin enjoys his trip to New York and that everyone else enjoys Dublin and Cork over the coming months.

“Aer Lingus Regional flies 13 times weekly between Leeds Bradford and Dublin, and three times weekly between Leeds Bradford and Cork.

“In addition, Leeds Bradford passengers can also avail of U.S. customs and pre-clearance facilities at Dublin Airport, saving up to three hours queuing for security checks on arrival in the United States and Canada. From Dublin Airport’s transatlantic hub, Aer Lingus flies to key North American destinations including New York, Boston, Chicago, Orlando, San Francisco, Washington and Toronto.”

There are plenty of chances to win with Leeds Bradford Airport, which has 60 direct destinations and a further 60 through connections hubs at Heathrow, Amsterdam and Dublin. In May, Ryanair will be offering prizes as part of the competitions. To hear about future Leeds Bradford Airport competitions, follow them on Facebook and Twitter. For information on new flights, destinations and special offers sign up to Leeds Bradford Airport emails here

<http://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk/contact-us/email-sign-up>

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Kevin Hartley – New York Prize Winner

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