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‘Yes!’ to flashmob marriage proposal at Leeds Bradford Airport

Tuesday June 28th 2016: A couple became engaged at Leeds Bradford Airport yesterday when a flashmob dance took place in the arrivals hall.

Kyri Tsikkini, of Gloucestershire, arranged for a group of his friends and family members to conduct a flashmob dance to propose to his girlfriend Elena Raouna, of Doncaster, when they landed at Yorkshire’s Gateway Airport from Paris last night after a weekend in the romantic French city.

Upon walking through the arrival gates, the couple were surrounded by the group of dancers and Kyri joined in the routine; culminating in a marriage proposal.

It is the first time a flashmob dance has taken place at Leeds Bradford Airport and the groom-to-be had been liaising with airport staff to get arrangements in place months in advance of the date.

Afterwards, Elena said: “I was truly surprised, overwhelmed & amazed at the effort everyone has gone to, to make this the perfect proposal, I feel truly honored & blessed & thankful! I'm ready to start this next chapter of my life with my Kyri, and I couldn't be happier.

Kyri added: “I'm very happy how well it went and appreciate all the effort the guys put in helping me... all the guys at SLP College, who conducted the dance, as well as the camera team Andy and Stefan, were fantastic - thank you. Let the new journey begin!”

Kayley Worsley, PR and Public Affairs Manager at Leeds Bradford Airport, said: “Congratulations to Kyri and Elena on their engagement; what a fabulous way to end their city break to Paris from Leeds Bradford Airport. This is the first time we’ve ever had a flashmob dance in the airport and it’s taken a lot of planning to make sure that our terminal team are able to support and direct all other passengers around the flashmob space.

“It’s been lovely to facilitate this exciting event and we wish the happy couple the very best for the future.”

Kyri has made a donation to Martin House Children’s Hospice in Boston Spa to recognise the extra staffing and effort put in place by the airport.

Jodie Shepherd, Director of Fundraising at Martin House Children’s Hospice, said: “We are truly grateful to Kyri for thinking of Martin House at such a life-changing time. This generous donation will help us to support our families, both at our hospice and at home, in making their own special memories together.

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“As we support a large number of families from the Leeds and Bradford areas, it is fitting that the donation from Kyri’s flashmob proposal will go towards supporting local children and young people with life-limiting illnesses. We wish both Kyri and his fiancée hearty congratulations and hope that they enjoy many happy years together.”

Leeds Bradford Airport offers a wealth of choice for business and leisure passengers, connecting people directly with 70 destinations and hundreds more through four hub connections in Heathrow T5, Dublin, Amsterdam and Barcelona.

Image caption: The happy couple after the flashmob proposal in Leeds Bradford Airport arrivals.



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