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INTERNATIONAL

Affiliates Network

Partners together
for the gospel

A Strategic Gospel Network...

Friends International is dedicated to encouraging and equipping local churches in the UK and Ireland to reach and disciple international students for Christ. Established in 1985, it has been at the forefront of developing ISM* thinking and practice.

One of our key values is partnership. Friends International employs 70 staff and networks with 60 affiliates in 40 cities, and collaborates with regional and global ISM networks. As an affiliate, we will seek to support and resource you in your ministry to international students.

*ISM = International Student Ministry



What Friends International offers



TRAINING

Come to staff training conferences (the only ISM-focused conferences in the UK and Ireland) to deepen your understanding of a wide range of topics related to cross-cultural friendship, evangelism and discipleship. Be inspired by new research, ministry tools and initiatives.



RESOURCING

Receive a monthly Affiliates Update email highlighting new resources and developments, as well as Friends International's academic journal by post. Access staff resources on our website & buy our publications at reduced prices.



NETWORKING

Find follow-up Christian contacts for your students throughout the UK and Ireland and in most parts of the world through our networks. Share knowledge and seek advice from others engaged in ISM.



CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS

We have a dedicated international student app which includes a cultural guide, student blog and search function for activities offered to international students in their city. Affiliates can publicise their events on this nationally-promoted platform.

University authorities are often more open to a charity representing a wider church network; many International Offices have heard of Friends International.



CONSULTANCY & TEAM TRAINING

Talk through possible ways to develop your ministry with experienced Friends International staff who can share ideas from other centres or run in-house training for your volunteers.

What Affiliates agree to



ENGAGEMENT

Seek to build relationships with the rest of Friends International whenever possible. This may include attending the annual conference and/or regional training events.



AFFIRMATION

Affirm the Friends International statement of faith and respect our approach to divergent views.



PARTNERING IN THE GOSPEL

Encourage others involved in international student ministry and share experiences and expertise where possible.



AFFILIATION FEE

An annual donation of £100/€115 per person or couple.



PROCESS

There is a short application form to complete and two references required.

"I appreciate the network contacts for doing good returnee ministry."

**Francina de Pater, IFES
Europe ISM Coordinator**

"I get the opportunity to learn and share ideas with people who have a wealth of experience working with international students."

**Ann-Marie Yow,
International Student Worker,
All Saints Preston**

Reaching over a million international students in the UK and Ireland with the gospel requires partnership.

We are eager to connect with you, both to resource you as best we can and also to learn from you.



Church Scheme

Local churches joining the network can nominate up to 3 individuals as affiliates, changing nominations when people move on. Church affiliation fees are £150/€170 per year.

International Affiliates

If you are involved in ministry to international students outside the UK and Ireland, we would be privileged to partner with you. International affiliate fees are £20/€23 per year.

"The Affiliates Network offers me great support through local group meetings, their resources and well-organised conferences."

**Tony Cowling, Volunteer,
Small World Café Reading**





VISION

To see international students transformed by the good news of Jesus so that they fully engage with the mission of the church in the world.

MISSION

To work with the church to communicate the good news of Jesus to international students in both word and deed and in whole life cross-cultural discipleship.

For further information and an affiliates application form, please contact:

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