

## **Oxford International Outreach 25<sup>th</sup> July - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 General Information Sheet<sup>i</sup>**

This conforms with the UK legal requirement of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tour Regulations 1992

### **Programme Description**

Cross-cultural training and bible study each day is combined with the opportunity to put this into practice during activities with students and an international café run each evening.

Team size: Up to 25 people (+ local volunteers and staff). Over 18's only.

An orientation programme will run during the first weekend where you will be able to meet the rest of the team and receive initial information and training on the programme. The final Friday of the programme will include a time of debriefing and reflection on key lessons learnt and team members will travel home on the final Sunday. Attendance at these is required for all team members and permission to skip them will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

### **Who is responsible for the outreach?**

Although the outreach is a joint venture between Friends international, UCCF and local churches, from a legal standpoint it is organised by Friends International<sup>ii</sup>. Friends International workers and helpers will be available to assist you throughout the outreach. The overall co-ordinator is Jonnie Green, tel. 07531653309.

## When and where does the outreach start and finish?

The programme begins on Saturday 25th July at, **St Ebbes Headington Church, 30-34 Limewalk, OX3 7AE**, please aim to arrive between 1pm-3pm. The programme finishes after the Sunday morning guest service (approx. 12pm) on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Note that Team members are expected to travel home on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> August.

## Where does the outreach take place?

During weekdays, devotions and training seminars take place each morning at the team base, **St Ebbes Church, Pennyfarthing place, OX1 1QF**. After lunch, the team will go out onto the streets of Oxford to give out fliers seeking to meet international students and invite them to the outreach activities. The afternoon will also involve preparation for the evening, some time off, and some activities with international students around Oxford, including 1-2-1 meetings with international students, trips to museums, art galleries, sport, etc. Later, an evening meal and café programme will take place at the team base. Sundays will involve some time off with the team, some with hosts, and some outreach activities in the team base. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August will be a day off but there will be an optional team leisure activity.

## How much does it cost?

The cost is £80. This will cover most food, accommodation and outreach materials. It may be that some team members will need to provide for their own meals on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>. Payment should be made by Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July<sup>iii</sup>. Discounts may be available on request for people with special circumstances.

## **What about transport?**

You are required to arrange your own transport to and from Oxford. If you are delayed please contact Jonnie Green at the number above. The programme will be within easy access of the city centre. The accommodation will hopefully be in walking distance of the team base. However, since we can't guarantee that, be aware that your accommodation might involve you needing to take buses, or using a bicycle. If this is the case we may advise you to get a bus pass, and will provide you with a bicycle. If there are any financial problems with this you can speak to Jonnie Green or your team leaders and we can help out with that.

## **What about Accommodation & Meals?**

Team members who live locally are encouraged to commute from their normal accommodation each day.

Other team members will be provided with Bed & Breakfast accommodation (single or shared rooms) with host families from local churches. Please bring your own sleeping bag. B&B accommodation will be as close as possible to the team base. All other meals are cooked by local church members and eaten together at the team base. Special dietary requirements will be catered for as far as possible providing they are indicated on the application form.

## **What happens during the outreach?**

• Attend a commissioning service where you will be prayed for by local Christians.

• Attending seminars introducing you to the beliefs and practices of people with different religious and philosophical world-views to your own.

• Spending time reading the Bible, reflecting individually and in groups on what you are learning and praying through the lessons.

• Advertising the café on the streets of Oxford, possibly including around local English language schools.

i Running a café for English language students and Postgrads, including setting up, stewarding, preparing and serving drinks and food, and befriending guests.

ii Helping perform short dramas and organise games, quizzes and other fun activities for the guests.

iii Running optional Bible discussions for the guests.

iv Spending time with the guests outside of the café, building on friendships made. v Regular free periods throughout the programme to rest and/or explore Oxford.

### **In what circumstances might the week be cancelled?**

Barring an unforeseen exceptional problem there are no circumstances in which the outreach is likely to be cancelled.

### **What do I do if I'm dissatisfied?**

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of the outreach, you must tell us as soon as possible and in addition inform us in writing at the address below within 2 weeks of the end of the outreach. The limit of liability of the organisers, except for death and personal injury, is the cost of the outreach to you.

i A detailed team pack with directions and a full programme will be sent to you at least 4 weeks before the beginning of the outreach.

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iii It is a legal requirement that the payments you make to us will be held initially by the FIPT Trust, to protect your money in the highly unlikely event of Friends International becoming insolvent. However, if you change your mind about attending, or are unable to attend after booking, neither the deposit nor the balance of the payment is refundable, so you may not get your money back. You can arrange insurance to cover that risk. There are many companies issuing policies and we don't endorse any of them. A web search for "UK holiday cancellation insurance" will bring a selection of companies. We are obliged by law to give you details of some, however. You can obtain a policy online for example from <http://www.guestfirst.co.uk> or <https://www.cancellationplan.co.uk>