



Affiliates Network

Partnering together for the gospel

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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 98 staff and networks with 63 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 You



TRAINING

Come to staff training conferences (the only organisation dedicated to ISM organising events 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. Access staff resources on our secure SharePoint and buy our publications via our website.



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 recognise 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.

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

Tony Cowling, Volunteer, Reading

"I appreciate the network contacts for supporting effective returnee ministry..."

Francina de Pater, IFES
Europe ISM Co-ordinator

"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

Church Scheme

Local churches joining the network can nominate up to three 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.

It takes partnership to get closer to reaching the 1 million international students in the UK and Ireland with the gospel.

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

“ VISION

OUR FUTURE DESIRED REALITY

“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

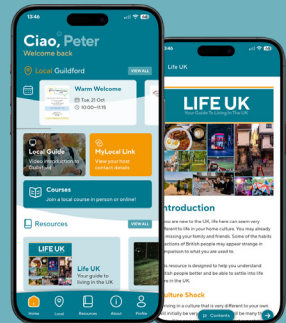
OUR OVERARCHING TASK

“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.”



Why not download our FREE App, designed to provide helpful support for international students, links to events in the local area and much more!

www.friendsinternational.uk/app



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

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