



Belfast Profile

Belfast is the capital and largest city of Northern Ireland. It has an industrial and difficult past with the conflict of the Troubles, but today it is a vibrant and attractive cultural centre.

Belfast has two universities and many international students, with approximately 4,440 at Queen's University and nearly 2,000 more at Ulster University's Belfast campus. Friends International has had staff in Belfast for more than 20 years and works in partnership with local churches and Christian Union Ireland and its CUs. For some years international student ministry in Belfast has been centred on the area of the city around Queen's, but more recently it has grown to include opportunities/development across the city, specifically the Cathedral Quarter.

Ongoing hospitality, friendship and outreach ministries continue to be the heart of ISM in Belfast, while there are also opportunities for discipleship, including Friends International's Philip Project.

Friends International is seeking to appoint a new Belfast Team Leader to work with local volunteers, church and CU teams, and the Belfast Branch to fulfil Friends International's mission in the city 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. In addition to the general responsibilities of a Friends International Centre Team Leader (which can be found in the accompanying job description), specific responsibilities of this post include:

- Envisioning, partnering and resourcing local churches and Christian Unions for mission among international students.
- Maintaining and developing the programme of activities.
- Developing a Friends International staff team in Belfast, including the mentoring of more junior staff.
- Liaising with church leaders and other partners within Belfast to further growth of international student ministry.
- Leading a team of volunteers to run the iWelcome programme, which takes place in September and January for newly arriving international students.

Please note that some seed funding money may be available for this role. The exact amount will be confirmed at the time of interview.



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