



Reading Profile

Reading is the largest town in the UK, strategically placed in the Thames Valley, and is home to a university with 27,000 students from over 160 countries. Currently there are around 5000 international students.

International student ministry has been going on in Reading for many years through local church ministries, many in partnership with the Reading University Christian Union. In 2021 Friends International appointed a Centre Team Leader in order to consolidate and grow the ministry, and in 2025 appointed a Staff Worker and a Reach Trainee.

The role of Centre Team Leader is now vacant.

Friends International staff are passionate about seeing the gospel impact international students in different ways – from welcoming students to the UK and helping them to understand British culture, to providing a safe space for enquirers to explore the Christian faith, to discipling mature Christian international students.

On campus we have established good links with the University Chaplaincy, the International Office and the Christian Union. Our activities include conversation classes, cafes, trips and Bible Studies.

Centre Team Leader responsibilities include:

- Planning ministry growth in Reading with the Development Group and Staff Worker.
- Maintaining strong partnerships with local churches for outreach, prayer, and financial support.
- Building links with the University of Reading through the Chaplaincy and International Office to provide a Christian presence on campus.
- Organising and supporting conversation classes, Café outreach, and Bible studies.
- Building relationships with international students, sharing faith, offering care, and preparing them for return home and Christian fellowship.
- Providing leadership and support to FI staff and volunteers in Reading.



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