



Edinburgh Profile

Edinburgh has one of the largest international student populations of cities in UK, with more than 24,000 studying at its four universities as well as an unknown and large number at Edinburgh College and its numerous private English language schools.

Friends International has had staff in Edinburgh for 35 years, working with local churches, Christian Unions, university staff and chaplaincies. During that time, international student numbers and ministry has grown significantly, and many city centre churches now have international students in their student and young people's groups, and some have a distinct international student outreach programme. The Christians Unions also contribute significantly, running international cafes, building friendship and sharing their faith, not least during mission week when perhaps 100 plus international students attend daily events with food and an evangelistic talk.

The Friends International staff team is made up of Joanna Manners (3 days per week), Joyce Swan (3 days per week) and Kelly Huang (4 days per week), focussing on:

- CAMEO – a ministry for international student women, including many international student wives.
- Friends International Edinburgh Prayer Meeting – a monthly meeting for supporters to pray for international student ministry in Edinburgh.
- Friends International Edinburgh Branch – a group of leaders from Edinburgh churches, meeting 3 times a year to speak into strategy and priorities.
- International Ministry Group – a regular gathering of church and chaplaincy-based ministry leaders for mutual encouragement, prayer and training.
- Christian Unions' international student ministry, supporting and mentoring leaders.
- Local Link – a hospitality scheme for international students.
- Life after Uni Workshop – annual training for international students coming to the end of their studies.

Friends International is seeking to recruit a Team Leader for Edinburgh to work with the staff team and the Edinburgh Branch to fulfil Friends International's mission in the city 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. Specific responsibilities include:

- Developing partnerships and with the team resourcing local churches.
- Providing leadership across the city as we seek to work out our strategic plan.
- Leading the staff team, including weekly team gatherings and monthly supervision meeting.
- Working with the Friends International Edinburgh Branch.

(To be read in association with the more general Friends International staff worker and centre team leader job descriptions.)



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