



Middlesbrough Teesside Profile

Middlesbrough is a large post-industrial town in northern England on the banks of the River Tees. The town serves as a key economic, cultural, and educational hub within the broader Teesside region.

Teesside University in Middlesbrough, has seen significant growth in numbers of international students in recent years, with 6,140 in 2024-25 (HESA), 33% of the student population.

Some international students have been attending and involved in churches and the Christian Union in Middlesbrough. In addition, there are international students studying foundation courses at nearby Queens Campus in Stockton-on-Tees (part of Durham University).

Friends International has built partnership with a group of churches in central Middlesbrough.

Four of the churches run a welcome programme together at the beginning of each academic year and international students are invited to become part of ongoing groups.

Friends International is seeking to recruit a Centre Team Leader for international student ministry across Teesside. With the Middlesbrough/ Teesside Friends International Development Group, they will seek to fulfil Friends International's mission in the area, 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. Specific initial responsibilities include:

- Seeking to grow the support base for international student ministry, including volunteers, prayer supporters and financial involvement.
- Supporting existing projects and developing new to connect more international students to the local church.
- Developing partnership with UCCF and Christian Unions to undertake international student ministry.
- Exploring other opportunities for partnership on and off campus.

(To be read in association with the more general Friends International Staff Worker and Centre Team Leader job descriptions.)



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