



Huddersfield Profile

Huddersfield is a market town on the edge of the Pennines and falls within the Borough of Kirklees

Originally a textile town which took advantage of the abundance of soft water that flows through the town's three rivers, Huddersfield is more latterly known as the birthplace of Rugby League.

It has some impressive architecture, most notably its Grade 1 listed railway station and the imposing Jubilee Tower at the top of Castle Hill. The town has a rich musical heritage and is home to the well-established Huddersfield Choral Society and the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival.

There are over 3,300 international students in Huddersfield from over 100 nationalities, most here to study at the University

Whilst there are more than 60 global societies operating within the University, there is currently no town-wide international student ministry. Pre-covid, one of the local churches was operating a Globe Café in a building on the edge of the town centre, but this has not continued.

There is a Chinese fellowship, as well as an established network of churches that work together through Hope Huddersfield and others that are willing to work alongside them. Some of the churches are seeing postgraduate students and their families join them, in particular from China, India and Nigeria. This seems to consist of individuals who have found their way to the churches rather than from any signposting from a central source.

As a "Sanctuary Town" Huddersfield is home for many asylum seekers and refugees. Many churches in Huddersfield have experience of welcoming those from other cultures and are well versed in the challenges of intercultural church.

Friends International is looking to appoint a Centre Team leader to lead the Friends International work and team in Huddersfield. 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.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Centre Team Leader Job description.



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