



Leicester Profile

Leicester is the largest city in the East Midlands with a population of more than 300,000. Inhabited since Roman times, the city has a rich history.

More recently it has become known as a centre of trade and manufacturing and for the rich diversity of its inhabitants. Leicester is home to two universities; University of Leicester was established just over one hundred years ago as a living memorial to those who made sacrifices in World War One. De Montfort University was developed from the Leicester School of Art and Leicester Technical School into Leicester Polytechnic, gaining university status in 1992. Cumulatively there are approximately 40,000 students in Leicester, 1/4 internationals.

Friends International Leicester began in 2013 and is now well established with a strong branch, good support from local churches and a committed volunteer team. We currently have a staff team comprising of a Centre Team Leader and an experienced Staff Worker. Our current ministries include the Local Link hospitality scheme, a Monday evening Globe Café, Life Leadership course, an annual programme of Bible discussions, and frequent Saturday day trips and Sunday church visits, many of which are in partnership with local churches. Current staff use their unique skills to develop a knitting group and a grammar class taught in Mandarin. We value workers using their unique God-given gifts to develop innovative ministries reaching different groups of students.

Leicester, like most universities has seen a marked increase in the past few years of students from South Asia.

Leicester is renowned for its diversity and the biggest Diwali celebrations outside of India, with students often commenting on the friendliness of the city and how quickly they begin to feel at home. FI Leicester has sought to respond to this change; recognising the challenge to continually improve any disconnect and dissonance between our current ministries and strategy and the students we are now meeting. We want to innovate and experiment with new ideas to more effectively reach the students coming to study in Leicester.

We are looking for a new staff worker to join our team and share in the responsibilities of our current ministries, and use their experience in reaching South Asian male students to develop this aspect of our work.



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