Liverpool Profile

Approximately 12,000 university internationals are in Merseyside plus English students in 15+ language schools. Up to 9,000 of these are at Liverpool University; the majority coming from China.

The University has a campus in Shanghai and students from there come to Liverpool on a 2+2 programme. Other universities include John Moore (JMU), Hope, Edge Hill and LIPA. The University of Liverpool have been running a Globe Café for the past few years and currently have 15-20 regulars, mainly Chinese. There are five CU members on the team. There is also an active CU international co-ordinator at JMU but outreach has been limited.

John and Peggy Lok (OMF) run a Chinese group on campus as an English conversation class together with Life explorations and Bible studies. Various churches currently engage with international students including Christchurch, Cornerstone, St James, St Philemon's, Bridge2 and Bridge Chapel. There has been no Friends International staff worker in Liverpool for many years but during the past 12 years the FI NW Cluster leader has been making regular visits to Liverpool from Manchester to meet with UCCF staff workers, CU international co-ordinators, chaplains, church leaders and workers.

FI staff have delivered training seminars and spoken at the international track of the University CU mission. Three FI Affiliates represent St. James in the City, Christchurch and St Barnabas.

We are seeking to recruit a Centre Team Leader for international student ministry in Liverpool. With the Liverpool Development Group, they will seek to fulfil Fl's mission in the city, to work with the church to communicate the good news of Jesus in both word and deed and in whole life cross-cultural discipleship. Initial responsibilities include:

- Seeking to grow the support base for international student ministry, including volunteers, prayer supporters and financial involvement.
- Support, co-ordinate and develop international ministry currently undertaken in churches so as to see more international students being befriended and having opportunities to respond to the good news of Jesus.
- Supporting partnership with UCCF and the 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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