



Newcastle Profile

Newcastle is a large and attractive centre for international student education in the North East of England, with more than 14,000 studying at its two universities as well as others at private language schools.

Friends International has had staff in Newcastle for 25 years, working with local churches, and the Christian Unions. Much of the work revolves around Friends International's Globe Café which runs on a Monday evening providing many international students a meal, fun and a chance to meet local Christians. The Globe is well respected across Newcastle with Friends International staff invited to promote it in university induction days and university staff often sending students along.

In addition the team and volunteers run conversation classes providing a context for deeper discussion and English language practice, trips, two annual weekends away, etc. International students attending these events are encouraged to join church run Bible study and discipleship groups.

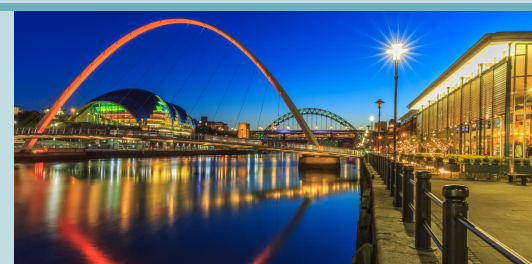
The Friends International staff team is made up of Philip Ballard (2 days working, contributing in Newcastle, but also serving as Friends international Cluster Leader across the North East) and Judith McKeown (3 days per week). There is also a team of 41 volunteers representing 13 churches.

Friends International is seeking to recruit a Team Leader for Newcastle to work with the staff team and the Newcastle Branch; Fulfilling Friends International's mission in the city 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 responsibilities include:

- Developing partnerships with local churches
- Liaising with university staff
- Maintaining and developing the programme of activities
- Leading the staff team, including weekly team gatherings and monthly supervision meetings
- Working with the Friends International Newcastle Branch

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



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