

Cambridge International Outreach Summer 2024 General Information Sheet

This conforms with the UK legal requirement of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tour Regulations 1992.

Further information is provided in the accompanying email, Travelling to Cambridge, Training Manual and Team Booklet

Programme description

Cross-cultural training and Bible study each day is combined with the opportunity to put this into practice during activities with students and an international café run each evening. The first Sunday will include an initial orientation programme, while you meet the other team members. Towards the end of the fortnight there will be a time for debriefing and reflection on key lessons learnt.

Each team consists of about 8-15 people (plus local volunteers and staff). Team members must be 18 years old or older.

What happens during the Outreach?

During the Outreach you will take part in the following activities:

- Attend a commissioning service where you will be prayed for by local Christians.
- Receive Bible teaching to help you grow personally and as a team together in your faith in Jesus.
- Worship God with people from different countries – a foretaste of heaven!
- Attend seminars, which will help you think about how other people see the world, and how we can share our lives and our faith with them.
- Pray together with others about what God is doing in your lives and beyond.
- Run an evening café for English language students and other international students, including setting up, stewarding, preparing and serving drinks and food, acting in dramas and befriending guests.
- Advertise the café on the streets of Cambridge and in some local English language schools.
- Help out with sports or English language practise and other social activities in the afternoons to spend more time with your new café friends. Spend time with them outside of the café, building on friendships made.
- Run optional Bible discussions for guests at the café
- Take students on trips to nearby attractions
- Help to run a guest service at a local church, and invite café guests to come too.
- Join in with tasks to help the team run smoothly: food preparation, washing up etc.

Who is responsible for the Outreach?

Friends Internationalⁱ has overall responsibility for the organisation of the Outreach. Friends International is helped by many people from different Cambridge churches to arrange the Outreach. Friends International workers and helpers will be available to assist you throughout the Outreach. The co-ordinator is Jenny Hunter. Jenny.hunter@friendsinternational.uk

Where does the Outreach take place?

On Mondays - Thursday, in the mornings the team base will be at Christ Church, Christ Church Street, CB1 1HT; in the afternoons at Eden Baptist Church, 1Fitzroy Street, CB1 1ER, (and other venues around town) and in the evenings at St Andrew's Street Baptist Church, 43 St Andrew's Street, CB2 3AR. On Saturday, we will travel to nearby attractions and on Sunday we will visit local churches.

When is the Outreach?

Team 1 runs from 14-28 July, Team 2 from 28 July – 11 August, & Team 3 August 11 – 25. It is possible to join more than one team.

All team members are expected to be present for the whole duration of the team. Please make every effort to arrive in time and not to leave until the given departure time (see below). Permission to be absent from part of the fortnight will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

All teams begin at Christ Church (as above) at 2.30pm and finish at the venue of the guest service by 4pm, as indicated in the team booklet which you will receive some weeks before your team begins.

How much does it cost?

The cost is £150 for one team and £170 for two teams. There is a £50 reduction for returning team members. Payment may be made on arrival, or online prior to arrival.ⁱⁱ. Discounts may be available in special circumstances.

Transport and Accessibility

You are required to arrange your own transport to and from Cambridge and to Christ Church where we will meet on the first Sunday. Once you arrive we will ensure that you have a bicycle to help you travel between venues and to and from your accommodation. If you have a physical disability that prevents you from riding a bike all reasonable steps will be taken to enable you to travel to and fro otherwise, including by bus. Accessibility of daytime venues will be confirmed when the venues are confirmed. Our café venue is on the ground floor and first floor, accessible by a lift.

What about accommodation and meals?

Team members who live locally are encouraged to commute from their normal accommodation each day. Other team members will be provided with Bed & Breakfast accommodation in the homes of local Christians (usually in a shared room). This is not

always close to the city centre and you may need to cycle home one or two miles each day at around midnight.

All breakfasts and some Sunday meals will be provided by the host families. Lunch and evening meals on Mondays – Thursday will be eaten together as a team. Please bring some extra cash for this. Special dietary requirements will be catered for as far as possible providing they are indicated on the application form. On Friday, we will aim to provide a meal for you (BBQ on the first Friday). You will need to bring money for some meals on Friday, Saturdays and some Sundays.

Sadly we cannot offer accommodation with host families before the Sunday your team starts: if you decide to arrive before this, or stay after your team finishes *please understand that we are not able to provide accommodation* - you need to arrange your own. Try the youth hostel below in the first instance, allowing yourself a month or so in advance to be sure of a booking:

Cambridge Youth Hostel, www.yha.org.uk/hostel/cambridge, 97 Tenison Road, Cambridge, CB1 2DN

In what circumstances might the programme be cancelled?

It is possible that CIO as a whole, or one of the teams may be cancelled in light of the ongoing Covid epidemic, or if we are not able to recruit enough team members. If this happens, you will be notified as soon as possible and refunded for whatever fees you have paid for the team.

What do I do if I'm dissatisfied?

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of the Outreach, you must tell us as soon as possible and in addition inform us in writing at the address below within 2 weeks of the end of the Outreach. The limit of liability of the organisers, except for death and personal injury, is the cost of the Outreach to you.

ⁱ Friends International Ministries, The Rowan Centre, All Nations Christian College, Easneye, Herts., SG12 8LX, a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales no. 4500270 and a registered charity no. 1094095

ⁱⁱ It is a legal requirement that the payments you make to us will be held initially by the FIPT Trust, to protect your money in the highly unlikely event of Friends International becoming insolvent. However, if you decide to drop out after having paid your fee, the payment is non-refundable, so you may not get your money back. You can arrange insurance to cover that risk. There are many companies issuing policies and we don't endorse any of them. A web search for "UK holiday cancellation insurance" will bring a selection of companies. We are obliged by law to give you details of some, however. You can obtain a policy online for example from <http://www.guestfirst.co.uk> or <https://www.cancellationplan.co.uk>