

## WHY JOIN WISC?

The main aim of WISC is to give students an experience of British culture and their way of life, free-of-charge, and to help make your time in Cambridge as enjoyable and productive as possible.



Each visit is an excellent opportunity to enjoy a meal (nothing beats home-cooked food!), while exchanging stories about each other's countries.

Above all, WISC is about making and gaining invaluable friendship and support during your stay in Cambridge.

*"I had a lovely visit to Bridget's home in Ely. We cooked a delicious Chinese lunch and made traditional dumplings together. She has worked extensively in China, so is very familiar with Asian culture."  
- C.M.Lee from Malaysia*

## HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

Surf to: <http://www.srcf.ucam.org/wisc>

Write to: Miss Joy Seddon at  
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**Welcome  
International  
Students of  
Cambridge**

**Please pass this leaflet on  
to a friend who may be  
interested in joining WISC**



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## WHAT IS WISC?

Welcome International Students of Cambridge (WISC) is an informal, non-profit and goodwill-based organization registered with the British Council in Cambridge, aimed at promoting relationships and interaction between international students at Cambridge University and local families.

We have a list of families in Cambridge and the surrounding villages, who are happy to invite international students over to spend the day with them, enjoy a meal and learn about each other's country.

Some of these families have enjoyed hospitality abroad and are eager to reciprocate the kindness.

Simultaneously, students will also give hosts a personal insight into other parts of the world.

Well, it is not just a one-off thing - some students become good friends with their host families and now have a home to visit whenever they feel homesick or lonely, particularly during the Christmas and Easter vacations when the colleges tend to be empty.



## WHO ARE THE MEMBERS?

Membership is open to all full-time undergraduate or graduate research students at Cambridge University who come from another country and are interested in finding out more about British culture, food, art, or people.

At the moment everything is very informal, so anyone who's involved with the society in any way is considered a member including co-ordinators, hosts and students who have been on or hope to go on visits. Please take note that there is no membership fee: we hope to reach out to all students, even those of little means!



## WHO ARE THE HOST FAMILIES?

They are all residents of Cambridge city or the surrounding villages (Girton, Fulbourn, Ely, Burwell, Soham etc.) who are keen on meeting international students. Currently, about 40 families are involved.

We know each family personally and are sure they're suitable and receptive towards international students. Generally, we try to match students to host families with similar interests or based on their field of study.

Host families can be families with children, retired couples, single men or women and anyone else interested to welcome international students to their home.

These British people offer themselves as hosts because they enjoy meeting international students. The hosts are volunteers; they are not paid to invite you to stay with them. They invite students to stay in their homes as they want you to enjoy your stay in Cambridge, and because they like making friends with people from overseas. It's a "Window to the World" for both parties!

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

If you are interested at all, please

- 1 fill the online form at <http://www.srcf.ucam.org/wisc>
- 2 e-mail Mrs Bridget Thompson at [r.thompson12@ntlworld.com](mailto:r.thompson12@ntlworld.com)
- 3 telephone Joy Seddon on 01223 244316, or
- 4 fill and send this portion to the organiser Miss Joy Seddon, 4 Stansgate Avenue, Cambridge CB2 0QZ, United Kingdom.

Title:            Name:

Country of origin:

City:

Address where  
you are resident  
in term time:

Phone:

E-mail address:

Address you would like mail sent to (please tick):  
 Address given above     College  
 Other:

College:

Course of study:

Date of arrival in UK:

Names of spouse & children (if visiting together):