

Information from Host (not part of the University of Birmingham):

HOST UK

SPEND A WEEKEND

WITH A BRITISH FAMILY

HOST UK is a charity which arranges for international students studying in the UK to spend a weekend or Easter with voluntary hosts across Great Britain in order to promote international friendship and understanding.

Many students find that a weekend in a British home, with a break from University life in a family environment, can really help them feel more positive about their time in the UK. Why not apply for a HOST visit for a weekend? This will give you a great opportunity to experience British life and to meet new people.

We know all our hosts and have been to their homes. So HOST visits are SAFE and our hosts want you to feel welcome and at home in this country. You can go alone, or with an international student friend, or with your partner/children if they are living in the UK with you. We have hosts in every part of Britain. You tell us your travel budget, and we will choose a suitable host for you within budget.

Read the feedback from students that have taken part in Host and have spent time with a British family below.

Special moments, highlights, memorable parts:

“When I went to Shrewsbury with my host family, I encountered their annual 'Children Toys Service'. It was amazing because that was my first time to go into a church and see how people organise activities”

“Living in the countryside is not as 'inaccessible' as I thought, i.e. vast difference in the way of life, and remote. It is tranquil, spacious and cultivates in one a different way of life, e.g. Gardening, walking in the fields, rearing animals etc.”

“I had a wonderful time participating in the family's traditions”

Recommendations to other students:

“I would say you may never know what British life looks like and how people see things if you only spend time to talk with your professors or chatting with someone on the train, what

you need is to find a chance, like HOST, to explore more with a local family. It would be a mega loss for you if you did nothing about here after you finish your time in here”

“A good chance to experience British hospitality and family warmth. For students living in shared flats or studios, it's nice to stay in a British house over a few days!”

Other overall comments about the visit:

“Host UK is a good opportunity for overseas students to have a good understanding about British culture and its people”

“I LOVE IT!!”

“HOST UK is a great opportunity to make friends and the most important thing is you can feel as you go back home again. Joining them in their parties, telling stories to kids and playing with pets are all so nice for us international students”

See www.hostuk.org for more information, and to apply online for an invitation.

The University of Birmingham pay a subsidy for your first visit so you only pay £25 however subsidised places are limited so hurry fast and register now to avoid disappointment.

Best wishes,

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