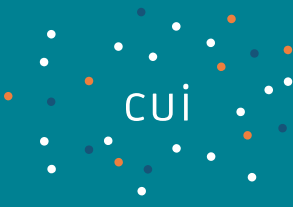


The logo for Friends International, featuring the word "friends" in a lowercase sans-serif font with a vertical line through the "i", and the word "INTERNATIONAL" in a smaller, uppercase sans-serif font below it. The entire logo is enclosed within a dotted circular border.

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The logo for CUI, consisting of the letters "CUI" in a sans-serif font, surrounded by a cluster of small dots in various colors (white, orange, blue, green).

CUI

Partnering Together in International Student Ministry in Ireland



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On the island of Ireland, Friends International works in a formal partnership with Christian Unions Ireland (CUI) called the ISM Ireland Project.

This is a joint initiative that brings together CUI's campus ministry experience and strong local team support alongside FI's international student expertise, resources and global returnee networks, to fulfil our vision to see:

“International students transformed by the good news of Jesus so that they fully engage with the mission of the church in the world.”

The shared purpose of ISMI Project is to see churches and Christian Unions partnering to develop sustainable, complementary and effective ministries so that international students on campuses throughout Ireland will be welcomed and befriended, evangelised, discipled and equipped to serve Christ wherever they go next.

Mission

To work with the church and Christian Unions in Ireland to communicate the good news of Jesus to international students in both word, deed and in whole life cross-cultural discipleship.



Values



Prayer

Prayerful dependence on God for everything we need to fulfil our mission



Cultures

Giving generous respect to all cultures and aiming for cross-cultural sensitivity at all points



Bible

The Bible as our authority, source of teaching and model of ministry



Least Reached Priority

Giving priority to people groups with the least opportunity in their own countries



Church

The vital role of the local church in sharing the gospel with the nations



Servanthood

Servanthood, openness, consultation and mutual commitment in all our relationships



Partnership

Co-operation and partnership that honours others and gets more done than we would alone



Gifting & Potential

Giving all staff, leaders and volunteers the opportunity to use their unique God-given gifts to fulfil their potential



Caring

Caring for the whole person





Partnering with Friends International within the wider context of the ISM Ireland Project

Our Understanding of Partnership

We recognise that partnerships are 'living and breathing' and as such, there must be room to flex as well as develop strong roots from which to grow. Levels of commitment/ investment/responsibility within any partnership often move along a scale of varying degrees of engagement. Thus, any degree of partnership will take into consideration changes in circumstances/opportunities, the unforeseen and the anticipated, growth and contextual discernment etc. This means that what partnership looks like in ISM could be as diverse and creative as the number of international students we're praying to reach, from occasional volunteers to becoming an FI Affiliate!

Benefits & Opportunities of Partnering With Us

- Helps to advance the mission of the Church and your church
- Enriches your congregation/ community/CU/organisation/life
- Enhances networks and fellowship with other churches
- Receive resources, training and encouragement to best reach international students in culturally sensitive ways
- Publicity/Awareness/ Prayer Support through mediums such as Friends International App, Social Media, website and print
- Part of wider ministry to thousands of international students living & studying both locally and across Ireland



Ethos of Partnership

For new or existing partners, we are mutually committed to:

- Support the vision, mission, values and aims of Friends International within the context of the ISM Ireland Project with CUI.
- Agree with the Friends International Statement of Faith and Statement on Divergent Views
- The key and vital role of the church in evangelism and discipleship of international students
- The strategic missional importance of campus based student ministry
- Cultivate a climate of unity, clear and consistent communication, trust, mutual support and therefore affirm:

- › The centrality of the Gospel and faith in Christ as the bedrock for our partnership in ISM (as outlined in the Friends International Statement of Faith). We recognise that we come from varied church traditions and may have different opinions on secondary matters, as outlined in the Statement of Divergent Views.
- › The Importance of Communication and Accountability: In the case of any confusion or concern about any aspect of ISM within the wider ISM Ireland Project or more specifically in your local region, we warmly invite you to contact your local ISM Staff Worker or alternatively the ISM Ireland Project Team Leader.

Ways to Partner

- Prayerfully and/or financially supporting the work
- Advocating for ISM locally and across Ireland
- Volunteering in already existing ISM initiatives
- Pioneering new ISM opportunities and initiatives (recognising strategic needs and ministry gaps)
- Running ISM events, activities in your Church/CU (bible study, café ministry etc)
- Hospitality
- Returnee Ministry
- Training and Equipping
- Offering your expertise for example, in design, multimedia, editing, proofreading, specific cultures, theology/missiology, writing articles etc.
- Becoming an FI Affiliate

For more information please get in touch with the **ISM Ireland Project Team Leader** or your local **ISM Project Staff Worker**.





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