



*"One conversation with a good teacher is better than ten years of study."*

*Ancient Chinese Saying*



Something remarkable happens when people from different cultures start talking to one another. Language becomes an exchange of ideas rather than a text to be memorized. Culture becomes something to be touched, tasted and explored rather than simply imagined. Even 20 short days of this kind of person-to-person communication can be enough to change a life in a way that no text or course ever could.

If you are a fluent English speaker interested in offering a month of service in China, think about joining Amity's Summer English Programme. We know a lot of people who are eager to have a conversation with a good teacher - how about you?

### **The Amity Foundation**

The Amity Foundation is an independent Chinese voluntary organisation, an NGO (non-governmental organisation) created on the initiative of Chinese Christians. It was founded in 1985.

### **Friends of the Church in China - The FCC**

The FCC is an ecumenical group, set up in the UK in 1984, to build close links with both the Protestant and Catholic communities in China. Through the FCC, members have regular news of Chinese Christians and opportunities for meeting and dialogue.

## **Summer English Programme**

### **Teaching in China, 2016**

*Amity Foundation China*  
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## Summer English Programme, China 2016

### Are you interested in:

experiencing China first hand?

helping rural Chinese Teachers to improve their English speaking and listening skills?

strengthening international relations through personal friendships?

finding out about the church in China?

Then please find out more about the **Summer English Programme**, organised by Amity and sponsored by the FCC.

### Who can apply?

#### You need to be:

**a native speaker of English** with **good, clear standard pronunciation**

between 18-70 years of age

in **good health**, able to work in hot and humid conditions

willing to work as part of a **team**

able to pay for **costs**, including air fares, visa, expenses in China (\$1,200) and insurance. Some bursary assistance may be available.

#### You do not have to be a teacher.

Teaching experience—especially *English teaching* experience—is always helpful, but it is not necessary. What the Chinese teachers of English need most is practice in listening and speaking. Some teaching materials are provided, and teams can plan lessons and communicative activities together.

### Important dates for 2016

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March** Initial Inquiry Meeting  
11am to 4pm at St Mary the Boltons Church, London

**May 2016** UK Teams Planning Day on a Saturday (*date to be arranged*) 11 am to 4 pm at St Mary the Boltons Church, London

**May/June 2016** Apply for visa once paperwork received

**July 3** Fly to Nanjing, China, arriving July 4

**July 5-7** Orientation, preparation for teaching

**July 8** Teams depart for teaching sites

**July 9-10** Settle in, opening ceremony etc.

**July 11-29** 3 weeks of teaching

**July 30** Teams travel to Shanghai

**July 31** Debriefing

**Aug 1** Departure from Shanghai

### How to apply

Please contact Angela Evans, the SEP co-ordinator for the FCC, if you are interested. You will be sent more information about the programme and details of the meeting in March 2016; then you will need to make an application to Amity through FCC to take part in the SEP, providing two references (including one from a person who has known you for at least five years and one from your church leader or equivalent).

If you are likely to need bursary assistance, please let us know as soon as possible. Amity may be able to provide some financial support and the FCC may also be able to provide small bursaries.

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