



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

Ancient Chinese Saying

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.

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?

Summer English Programme

Teaching in China, 2019

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Summer English Programme, China 2019

Are you interested in

- experiencing China first hand, meeting ordinary Chinese people and learning about Chinese culture?
- helping rural Chinese Teachers to improve their English speaking and listening skills?
- learning about the church in China?

Then please find out more about the **Summer English Programme**, organised by Amity, a Chinese NGO which has been active in supporting development programmes in poorer parts of China. Volunteers from the UK are sponsored by the Friends of the Church in China.

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** and able to work in hot and humid conditions, standing for five hours every day
- able to pay for **costs of up to £2,000**, including air fares, visa, expenses in China (\$1,200) and insurance. Some bursary assistance may be available if you apply in good time.
- willing to work as part of a **team**

You do not have to be a teacher to take part. 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. It is helpful to take a laptop and mobile phone.

Important dates for 2019

2nd March Initial Inquiry Meeting in London

May Team Planning Day on a Saturday (details to be arranged)

May/June Apply for visa once paperwork received. This may take several weeks to arrange.

July 6 or 7: leave for China. Three days of training are provided in Nanjing before teams travel to their teaching sites in different parts of China, where they will be based for three weeks. Volunteers travel to Shanghai at the end of the programme for a debriefing session, before departure on **August 8**

Summer English Camp. If you are a student you can apply to join Amity's Summer English Camp to work with Chinese school students, which will run at the same time as the SEP, or you can join one of the FCC teams. Ask the co-ordinator for more information.

How to apply. Please contact Angela Evans, the SEP co-ordinator for the FCC, as soon as possible. You will be sent more information about the programme, details of the meetings in March and May 2018, and information about how to apply.

If you are likely to need bursary assistance, please let us know as soon as possible. You will need to send in your application no later than the beginning of March. Amity may be able to provide some financial support and the FCC may also be able to provide small bursaries.

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