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# Fusion

CHURCH CONNECTION

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PASSIONATE ABOUT STUDENT MISSION

# Welcome to Fusion

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Across the Fusion network we are convinced that every local church in the UK has a vital and significant role to play in student mission.

This may be through praying and giving finances, or through preparing and sending students away to university, or through being a place of welcome and receiving students. Whatever the size, make up or location, we at Fusion want to partner with your church, and resource you to play your part to this growing mission field.

We hope that you will be inspired, challenged and compelled to join us as we seek to work with God and see each generation of students respond to the love of God and become integrated into His Church. Please take a moment to read this booklet and find out a little more about how you can get involved.

*Rich Wilson.*



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Rich is team leader for Fusion, he works across the four purposes of Fusion to ensure joined up thinking and action for the delivery and expansion of the network. He is responsible for strategy that builds partnerships with students, churches and other organisations. Rich is married to Ness and has been based in Loughborough since 1992. In his spare time helps lead Open Heaven Church, plays golf, brews beer and supports Man City.

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# What is Fusion?

## THE LOWDOWN

The ministry of Fusion emerged in 1997 as a response to a shared vision across the body of Christ to address the challenges of a changing student world. God's passion is for a dynamic student movement, one that will see Universities and Colleges won for Christ.

### The Student Landscape:

- Recent figures suggest that there are 2.3 million students in the UK
- Student numbers have increased over 700% in the last 40 years and the government has set a target of 50% of all young people in Higher Education by 2010
- Less than 2% of students are actively involved in church

#### OUR MISSION

Fusion's mission is to reach every student with the gospel, initially in the UK and then beyond.

#### OUR PURPOSES

Fuelling the fires of a national student movement through:

- **WORKING WITH STUDENTS:** facilitating mission, evangelism and discipleship primarily through cell groups
- **SERVING CHURCHES:** catalysing and helping to build local church-based student work
- **DEVELOPING STUDENT WORKERS:** training and resourcing all those in student ministry

#### OUR VALUES

Fusion's values are: Relational, Biblical, Missional, Catalytic and Inclusive

#### OUR PARTNERSHIPS

Fusion consists of 100s of partnerships with local churches from across the UK, and key partnerships with other organisations, to fulfill this mission.

#### OUR AFFILIATION

Fusion is affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance and subscribes to their statement of faith.

#### OUR TEAM

Fusion is run by a committed and gifted team, with regular input from individuals with a broad range of experience including students, church leaders and senior leaders in national Christian ministry, business and the workplace.

#### OUR FUNDING

Fusion is funded through a loyal supporter base of students, ex-students, churches and other interested parties, each contributing regular amounts to fund the initiative. However, if we are to grow, this needs to increase.

# Fusion Church Connection

WHERE YOU FIT IN

Fusion believes God's mission on planet earth is best carried out through the local church. We are convinced that the impetus and vision for student mission must come from the local church. Fusion is a movement that is structured around seeing the local church grow and flourish through seeing students find Christ and become integrated into the church.

The 21st century student culture demands new structures and fresh approaches to student mission. If you would like your church to become a key part of the framework that connects churches and students across the UK, then why not join the Fusion Church Connection? We are working to see 500 churches active in student ministry and hundreds more who partner with Fusion and send their young people away to university with the appropriate preparation.

In the 12 months leading up to July 2007, the Fusion website received over 100,000 separate requests for the pages of Fusion Connection Churches. This demonstrates the desire and need for students and graduates to connect with churches.

We invite you to partner with us and explore what the Fusion Connection could mean for you.

## Can Any Church Join?

Already, a wide variety of churches have joined the Fusion Church Connection. The common factor is that they all share Fusion's passion for student mission. They desire to see more students transformed by the gospel and more universities reached with the message of Jesus. If your church shares this vision, make the connection.

We are looking to partner with churches that identify with the following:

#### PREPARATION CHURCHES

- that recognise the need to properly prepare their sixth formers for the challenges of university life.

**LINK UP** - Churches that would want to use the Fusion Link-Up service so that their students can be part of a local church close to their university.

#### RECEIVING

- Churches that would receive and contact new students that are relocating to study in a nearby university as Fusion pass on their contact details.

#### GRADUATES

- Churches that would receive and contact graduates as Fusion pass on their contact details.

**CELLS** - Churches that would like to grow their student ministry through starting, multiplying and overseeing student Cell groups.

**COMMUNITY** - Churches that want to see mission shaped communities of students (Fusion Cells, Clusters etc) as the focus for Kingdom living on or around campus.

**PRAYER** - Churches who will kneel with Fusion in praying towards a Christ centred student movement that will impact on colleges and universities across the UK.

**SUPPORT** - Churches who will commit financial support to student mission and the ongoing work of Fusion.

# Benefits of Joining

WHAT WILL YOU GET OUT OF IT?

## Serving Churches

**NATIONAL SCENE** - Fusion is a mission to students. As a Fusion Connection Church you will be involved in introducing thousands of students to Christ.

**UNIVERSITY MISSION** - Fusion urges and encourages churches to rediscover their mandate for reaching their local colleges and universities.

**SENDING STUDENTS** - Fusion Student Connection is designed to give churches and youth workers confidence in preparing and sending their young people to university.

**RESOURCES** - Fusion gives free access to a wide range of specialist resources to effectively prepare students for life at university, for mission and to strengthen and build church student work.

**CONSULTATION** - Fusion provides expert advice on student ministry and mission, including insights on engaging with today's student culture and how to work with other churches, chaplaincies, CUs and SUs.

**FUSE** - Fusion produces a top quality magazine every term on the issues involved in meeting today's challenges in student mission.

**CONTACT** - Fusion gives Connection Churches a named contact within the Fusion team who will be able to help with any of the above.

## Developing Student Workers

**TRAINING** - Fusion provides the tools to enable churches to develop their own student ministry through the Fusion Student Work Conference.

**NETWORK** - Fusion connects, inspires and encourages student workers across the UK through the Fusion Networker Programme.

**GOOD PRACTICE** - Fusion's Student Worker Handbook distills the good practice of dozens of Fusion Connection Churches that have excellent student ministry.

## WHAT NEXT?

Fusion invites you and your church to become a partner in the great challenge of bringing Christ to our universities.

Through filling in the registration form in this booklet, your church will receive a web page on the Fusion site, you will receive a list of freshers coming to university in your area, and you will be linked into all the resources that the Fusion Church Connection offers.

### GIVING

We ask churches that sign up to the Fusion Church Connection to give a minimum of £25 per month from their mission giving. This is how the ministry of Fusion is funded and it is a great way for your church to invest in student mission. We are already seeing much lasting fruit and are convinced that there will be a significant return on your investment.

## Working with Students

**LINK UP** - Fusion has linked over 6,000 students-to student friendly churches in their place of study and made it easy for students to make the connection.

**FREEDOM** - Fusion gives freedom and permission for students to be creative in expressing their faith and love at university.

**CELLS** - Fusion promotes and resources a small-group emphasis with Christ at the centre, discipleship, service, community and mission.

**CHALLENGE** - Fusion provokes a sense of God's calling and responsibility and challenges complacency.

**CATALYTIC** - The Fusion Weekend and other events help create impetus and momentum for local church student ministry.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact:

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 07912361450 /  
 01904 411234  
 or the Fusion office  
 01243 771405



### 2 steps you can take now:

1. Sign up immediately through attached forms or the Fusion website.
2. Arrange a meeting with a Fusion representative.



# What National Leaders Say

TESTIMONIES

## John Mumford OUR MISSION

*"How fantastic that, at a crucial time in their lives, Fusion is encouraging so many students both to belong to a local church and to find opportunities to serve the Lord inside and outside the church."*



# What Church Leaders Say

PEOPLE LIKE YOU, LIKE US

## Rev. Ian Parkinson ALL SAINTS', MARPLE

*"As a church that sends lots of students to university, we are very grateful for the Fusion Student Connection. This helps us to prepare our students through resources such as 'Ready 4 Anything' and connects them to a vibrant church in their university location through the Student Link-Up service."*



## John Glass GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, ELIM PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES

*"Fusion does exactly what it says on the box. It connects students with one another, the local church and has a heart for mission. It has my full support"*

## Joel Edwards GENERAL DIRECTOR, EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

*"Fusion makes a unique contribution as part of the Evangelical witness of the Church to our Universities. With increasing student numbers and the increased secularisation of our society, Fusion's fresh approach to student mission and their partnerships with both Churches and mission organisations offers new hope for a future generation of students. This is a ministry which deserves the support of the Body of Christ at large".*



## Ness Wilson OPEN HEAVEN CHURCH, LOUGHBOROUGH

*"Fusion has helped us play our part in seeing over 700 students become part of Open Heaven Church whilst studying at Loughborough university, with over 100 students making commitments to Christ. I am incredibly grateful for Fusion's support and contribution."*



## Sandy Millar ST. MARK'S TOLLINGTON, LONDON

*"I have observed Fusion since its inception and believe that it has a vital contribution to make towards the evangelisation of our universities and the development of new generations of godly leaders. I would encourage financial investment in this vital work of mission."*



## Mike Pilavachi SOUL SURVIVOR

*"Thousands of Christian students pass through soul survivor events each year and then go on to university. This can often be a vulnerable time in terms of continuing in the faith they have experienced through the teenage years. Many have connected with Fusion and have been rooted into solid discipleship, good churches and a context in which they can share their faith with confidence. I have no hesitation in commending Fusion to you as it looks to grow into the future."*



## Toby Bassford YOUNG ADULT TEAM LEADER, ST THOMAS' CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, SHEFFIELD

*"Being part of Fusion is about connecting with a national network of churches with a common passion for student mission. Together we can see a move of God sweep across the student population and beyond."*

# What Student Workers Say

THE ONES ON THE FRONT LINE

**Bex Lawton** OXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

*"I find Fusion's creativity and openness very refreshing. The Student Work Conference provides an invaluable forum to connect with other student workers from around the country and inspire each other."*



**Alan Taylor** IVY COTTAGE CHURCH, MANCHESTER

*"Fusion encourages and inspires me as I work with students. It is always listening to what God is doing and looking for more. The 'Ready 4 Anything' material is helping churches to send students as missionaries to our universities."*

**Ed Harrap** KENSINGTON TEMPLE, LONDON

*Fusion connects Christian students to churches in their university town through Student Link-Up, ensuring they are plugged into a good church that will support them during their studies.*



**Naomi Light** OPEN HEAVEN CHURCH, LOUGHBOROUGH

*"I have really benefited from the insight and encouragement of other student workers on the Fusion Networker Programme."*

# What Students Say

THE STUDENTS LIKE US TOO

**Ben Maddison** KINGS CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH

*"I'm on a year in industry in Portsmouth and I found a church here through Fusion. It has been so helpful to link straight to a student-friendly church."*



**Anna Parnham** FATHER'S HOUSE, LANCASTER

*"In Fusion we can be as creative, as philosophical, as structured or as original as we want! Whatever our giftings, talents, or interests, these will be nurtured and encouraged as we grow in our faith together...we keep up with each other's lives and dreams: we're on a journey together."*

**Pete Vickers** RIVER CHURCH, MAIDENHEAD

*"I signed up to Fusion's Student Link Up at Soul Survivor. Now I'm at university and I've found a great church where I feel really at home."*



**Erika Roshdi** TRENT VINEYARD, NOTTINGHAM

*"Fusion cell groups are a great place to talk things through, be accountable and challenge each other in our relationship with God."*

# Available Resources

FOR STUDENTS

## STUDENT LINK-UP

Linking new students to churches in their place of study

## FUSION WEEKEND

National gathering for students

## FUSION CELLS

Mission focused small groups connected to local churches

## CELL HANDBOOK

Practical advice and troubleshooting for leading a small group

## CELL NOTES

100 student specific cell outlines for Fusion cells

## DEEPER

Value based discipleship material for new cell members

## 4 LIFE

Foundational material for new Christians

## DISCIPLESHIP HANDBOOK

Practical advice and instruction on how discipleship works in 21st century culture

## FUSE BLOG

Online stories of student mission from across the Fusion network

## MISSION HANDBOOK

How to love your uni. Student mission for 21st century student culture

FOR STUDENT WORKERS

including all of the above

## STUDENT WORK PROGRAMME

Connecting, inspiring and encouraging student workers across the UK

## THE STUDENT WORK CONFERENCE

A national gathering of student work practitioners

## STUDENT WORK HANDBOOK

Distills the good practice from dozens of Fusion Connection Churches that have excellent student ministry

FOR CHURCHES

including all of the above

## WEB PROFILE

Dedicated web page so students and graduates can find your church

## FUSE

Termly publication that gives specialist insight on the student world and church involvement

## STUDENTScape READY 4 ANYTHING

Preparation for uni with a Discipleship focus

## A TO Z ON STARTING UNI

100's of tips, comments, stories and advice on starting uni

## STUDENT MISSION CONSULTATION

Available to all connection churches for help on sending, integrating and reaching students

# Connection Partnership

TEAR OUT AND RETURN REGISTRATION FORM

Your Partnership with **Fusion** in Student Mission will change the generations to come.

## Register as a Fusion Connection Church

Name of Church

Church Denomination / Stream

Full Name of Minister / Leader

Address



Post Code

Tel.

Email

Website

Student Worker

Student Worker Tel.

Student Worker Email

Local Universities

Where do you meet?

When do you meet?

How Long have you been affiliated to Fusion?

Is your Church/Denomination/Stream affiliated to Evangelical Alliance ?

Yes  No

Other Affiliations

How Many Students do you have involved in your ministry?

Sixth Form  University/College

Graduates

What do you do to prepare 6th Formers for university?

What do you do for students when they are home on holiday?

What do you do specifically for Freshers Week?

What else do you do specifically for students?

Please sum your church up in a paragraph (This is what will be used on our Church Connection section of our website)

Please feel free to use extra paper & include with your registration

Fusion invites every Fusion Connection Church to contribute to the financial support of Fusion. This is either through an annual gift or through a monthly standing order. Please contact Luke Smith should you want to discuss this further. Alternatively contact the Fusion office on 01243 771405 or email on church@fusion.uk.com

# Fusion

DECLARATION OF SUPPORT:

**We are committed to mission to students and want to be in relationship with Fusion in this task.**

- We are in agreement with the Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith.
- We will give £ \_\_\_\_\_ per month & will pay by standing order.
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