

Dana & Stefan – International Officers

Why us?

- Our different experiences enable us to tackle the challenge of helping internationals settle in from complementary perspectives: EU/non-EU and more...

Dana

- Often had to change schools and settle in as an international student (Year 10 in Dubai / Sixth Form in Bristol), so I have much experience to share in how to properly adapt to a foreign place.
- Have gone through the Tier 4 Visa application, so can help guide people through the process.
- Helped with events during International Fresher's Week.
- Used to time demanding commitments (W1 rower).

Stefan

- Can share tips from my experience of adapting to Uni life in the UK, after having never lived outside my home country before.
- Can guide people on how to get used to speaking English on a day-to-day basis, from the perspective of having a different primary language.
- Being an EU student directly affected by Brexit, can help people in the same situation keep up with updates on the matter.
- Committed and driven (World Championship level Ju-Jitsu practitioner).
- IA Natsci struggles helped me gain good time management skills.

Our plan

International Fresher's Week

- We want dedicate events to helping internationals get accustomed to 'basic' Cambridge habits like going to Aldi as we know how difficult everyday experiences can be when moving to a new country.
- Being aware of how overwhelming the first week in Cambridge can get for internationals, jetlag and unpacking considered, we want to help people settle into a healthy Uni schedule as smoothly as possible.
- Host events in collaboration with international communities outside Fitz, to offer people the chance to socialize on a broader scale.
- Keep International Fresher's Week traditions going, i.e. Bar Crawl & Board Games Night, while aiming to build up more such traditions.

Throughout the year

- We feel that organising events during the rest of the year is important to creating a welcoming and stable international community at Fitz.
- Events will focus on internationals, but everyone will be welcome, as proper integration to Uni life requires socialising with non-internationals too.
- Some of our ideas: international formals, cooking events, movie & pizza nights, walks together, running & gym sessions, karaoke.