

What is the International Centre?

The International Centre (IC) is a virtual and on-campus hub for anyone interested in the 'international experience' aspect of attending University. We not only offer advice and opportunities to socialise, but are also a great starting point for anyone looking to integrate themselves within the international community of the University. We host events, activities, language groups, and provide general information to help enhance your experience while you're here in Aberdeen and studying at the university.

During the past academic year the International Centre has grown and developed in many ways. After being opened in 2015, we have set up language groups online and run a variety of events. We have also set up a team of enthusiastic volunteers. The International Centre Volunteers have been expanded into next year as these volunteers are a great resource for students new to Aberdeen and to those who participate in events organised by the IC!

We are looking forward to organising events and activities for students from all over the world in the coming academic year. To find out what we offer, [check out our events](#) and find out how to get involved.

Orientation and Welcome Week

Moving to a new city can be difficult, especially if it's in a new country away from all your friends and family. That's why the Student Experience and the University of Aberdeen have worked across departments and services to bring you a full comprehensive orientation programme.

The sessions will cover a variety of different topics, including:

- Your Students' Association
- Library & IT Essentials
- Money & Banking
- Important University student platforms
- Navigating Private Accommodation
- Living in Aberdeen
- Staying Safe at University
- Studying for University
- Which department does what?
- Understanding the NHS
- Working Part-time while studying
- Understanding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- University Support Services
- Health & Well Being

Events and Activities

There are several series of events and activities throughout the year in which students can participate.

Discover Aberdeen, which highlights all the FREE activities that are really interesting and easy to get to in Aberdeen.

Discover Aberdeenshire gives students trip ideas for half day to full day trips around Aberdeenshire once a month. There are so many historical, and scenically beautiful places to visit, the IC will only be able to give you a taste of what's possible.

Language Groups

Every week the International Centre hosts a variety of language groups including English, where the idea is to practice your skills in a language that you have formal instruction in previously. These groups are student led in a relaxed, conversational atmosphere.

Go Abroad

The Go Abroad hosts Office hours for two hours a day, so if you're a visiting student, or you want to study overseas at a partner institution you can visit the Go Abroad office hours. Make sure to [check the Go Abroad website](#) for more details.

International Centre Volunteers

To underpin and support all the activities, groups, events that are run by the International Centre we have a stellar group of elite student leaders who volunteer their time to help keep the IC running. They are STAR students, who dedicate 1-2 hours a week to organise and oversee some of the activities. They are there to answer your questions, and be the face of the IC.

Come and find us

We're based at 110 High Street and open Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm (from Monday 5th September 2022).

You can get in touch through email: internationalcentre@abdn.ac.uk

Join our Teams site: <https://bit.ly/3P2spBX>

Or find us online: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/infocentre/life/international-centre-717.php>