

# Alumni Newsletter

Welcoming International Students

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## A Special Thanks, by Waqar Syed, Pakistan

Through HOST, I have been connected with a wonderful Host named Mr. John Brewster, living near Glasgow. After my HOST visit, me and my host have had many other meetings and get-togethers. He bought tickets for musical concerts, we visited sheltered houses, explored Edinburgh, and much, much more.



Recently, I was invited by Mr. Brewster to visit the House of Commons to attend a historic session where David Cameron spoke for the last time as Prime Minister of the UK. I was with my host in the gallery and witnessed his goodbye words. These were remarkable moments for me.

I want to say a special thanks to HOST for connecting me to my Host. This connection enabled me to learn in detail about the Scottish/British culture, their traditions, and their way of life. I found Scottish people very humble, loving, and friendly.

In the end I must say with utmost confidence that this would not be possible if I had not been connected to a wonderful person with the support of HOST. Therefore a big THANK YOU!

## YOUR NEWSLETTER

The HOST Alumni Newsletter is made for you to enjoy so we want to make sure you get what you like. Get in touch to let us know what you would like to see in future editions.

## Send us your updates

We'd love to know what alumni HOST students are doing now. Please contact HOST with an update, and let us know your best memories of your HOST visit.

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*Yan Shao, China, snuggles up with 'Skippy' the alpaca.*

## YOUR COMMENTS

"I can't thank HOST enough for your outstanding contributions in promoting peace and security across the globe through cultural awareness! The programme brings different cultures and peoples together, and creates understanding and appreciation among them. These are the foundations for building global peace in this troubled and turbulent world." **Yonas Adeto, Ethiopia, visited March 2008**

"HOST is an amazing, life-changing experience, in every sense of the word. It opens you up to a whole new world of a different culture and lots of different perspectives from your own that will enrich your life in every way. Your world will be better for having a HOST visit!" **Jacqueline Kaija, Uganda, visited December 2015**

## How you can help

If you would like to give back, so that the HOST scheme can continue to help international students, as it helped you, please consider offering your support in one of the following ways.

### Friend of HOST

Become a Friend of HOST and give a regular donation. Find out more on the [HOST website](#).

### One-off Donation

Make a one-off donation at [HOST's Big Give page](#) or by sending a cheque to HOST's office.

### Challenge Yourself

Run, swim, jump and more. Raise money while completing a challenge. Set up a fundraising page with [Virgin Money Giving](#).

### Host

If you have graduated and now live in the UK, sign up to invite international students to your home for a day or a weekend.

### Tell us your stories

We want to hear your HOST memories, see your photos, and know what you're doing now. Please get in touch with HOST with your details.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for helping to make the world a friendlier place by supporting HOST.