

# HOST HOST Notes

Summer 2019

#### Dear Colleague,

The good times just keep rolling. In the first six months of our HOST year, one thousand, one hundred and seventeen visits have already been arranged!

We understand that a HOST visit offers extra reassurance to the student anxious about media coverage of city knife crime and racism and we are delighted that we can offer that reassurance. For Avinand and Shanita though the visit was an intercultural adventure (read

Whatever the reasons, thank-you so much for all you do to promote HOST. Best wishes,

The HOST Team

### Future Hosts in the Making...

"One of the things that stood out to me was how opened my hosts were, I saw no extra effort to intentionally impress me and that was indeed genuine. This inspired me to want to be such a host to an international student in the future."

> Shanita John (Dominica) at University of East Anglia

# Two-way traffic

"We were very different but that in no way stopped us from getting along and learning from one another."

> Avinand Rampersaud (Guyana) at University of Strathclyde

"I learned from this visit about a part of the world and its people I previously knew very very little. Avinand and I built up a very good and relaxing relationship and, consequently, engaged in lots of conversation about a variety of subjects in an enjoyable and happy and relaxed manner."

> Avinand's host Allan Ritchie from Aberdeenshire

#### **Near and Far**



Seeing Wilka from Namibia scrambling on the Giant's Causeway reminds us of the many and varied places our hosts live, in cities, towns and villages throughout the UK. We do not ask our hosts to be tour guides, hosting with HOST is about welcoming and creating a home-from-home but how extra pleasant when our students find themselves immersed in Beautiful Britain!

#### **FUNDED VISITS**

Funding is available for Japanese students and Chevening Scholars. Please encourage these students to apply and take advantage of having their application fee costs met.

## **TOP HOST USERS**

From January to May 2019 the institutions with the highest number of authorised student applications were:

- 1. New York University London
- 2. University of Leeds
- 3. Kings College London

#### **INVOICES & SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscription invoices will be sent out before end of June, to be paid for by end July AND student invoices to end June will be sent in July 2019. Prompt payment would be very much appreciated.