

CAMBRIDGE & the community

What is the relationship between the University and the local community?

The University has had its home in Cambridge for over 800 years. It is an integral part of the local community and plays a valuable role in enhancing the lives of both the residents and visitors.

What about the 'global' community?

The role the University plays in the world is equally significant. Our student population is drawn from 135 countries, while the results of Cambridge's ground-breaking research benefit people the world over.



How does the University interact with the community?

The University works with local and global communities in many ways. These range from educational and employment opportunities, to festivals, museums, public lectures, and charitable and volunteering activities.



Who gets involved in volunteering?

Every year Cambridge staff and students invest more than 370,000 hours of their time in voluntary and outreach work, with more than 1 million people annually participating in and benefiting from community activities.

How much is raised for charity?

Around £1 million annually is raised and donated to charity by University staff and students.



How does the University work with the community?

Supporting the local economy

The University is a major employer in the city of Cambridge and a large proportion of its expenditure finds its way into the local economy. The community continues to benefit from the *Cambridge Phenomenon*, the successful growth of science-based industry around the city, much of it derived from research conducted in University laboratories.

Museums and collections

The University has eight world-class museums. The largest of these – the Fitzwilliam Museum – is home to works of arts and antiquities spanning centuries and civilisations. The University's Botanic Garden, opened in 1846, welcomes more than 150,000 visitors each year. www.cam.ac.uk/museums/

Programmes for schools

Our schools programmes, such as the Millennium Mathematics Project, support students and teachers both nationally and internationally. Search our directory for programmes that might be relevant to your school. www.cam.ac.uk/communitydirectory

Institute of Continuing Education

The University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education provides a wide range of programmes for adult learners to study at university-level on a part-time basis. www.cont-ed.cam.ac.uk

Cambridge Science Festival

The annual Cambridge Science Festival is the largest free science festival in the UK, attracting 30,000 people each March to its lectures, workshops and events. With over 160 activities for all ages, it offers something for everyone. www.cambridgescience.org

Festival of Ideas

Cambridge is also home to the Festival of Ideas, the UK's first and only integrated arts, humanities and social sciences festival. Each October, visitors of all ages are offered the chance to understand more about the world we live in, on a global and local scale, with over 100 free events in history, literature, languages, drama, art and much more. www.festivalofideas.org

Open Cambridge weekend and Bridge the Gap charity walk

Open Cambridge is a weekend of tours, talks and open access held every September. University and College buildings and collections go on show for families, local residents and

community groups. The weekend includes the highly popular 4.5 mile Bridge the Gap charity walk through the Cambridge Colleges. www.cam.ac.uk/opencambridge/ and www.bridgethegapwalk.org/

The 800 Wood

As part of the 800th Anniversary celebrations, the University created the 800 Wood consisting of more than 15,000 trees. This 10-hectare woodland near Madingley village is open to the public to enjoy.

The Cambridge Business Community Action Network

The University of Cambridge co-ordinates the Cambridge Business Community Action Network (CBCAN). CBCAN is a group of businesses in Greater Cambridge that works to impact positively on the local community. www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/communications/community/cbcan/

Volunteering

More than 8,000 University staff and students help the local community by volunteering for many community programmes. Student groups also run programmes such as Contact's befriending scheme for the elderly.

Making a global impact

In addition to its work in the local community, the University also has a worldwide reputation for other aspects of its work and its impact is felt in communities around the globe. For example, Cambridge Assessment offers qualifications in more than 150 countries, while Cambridge University Press produces text books for schools in virtually every country of the world.

Our students and members have also made an impact in the wider community by becoming prime ministers and presidents, Nobel Laureates, great writers and performers. From a diversity of backgrounds they have become leaders the world over: the University has educated 14 British prime ministers, as well as Lee Kuan Yew and Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime ministers of Singapore and India respectively.

Working with us

The University supports community and outreach work and offers practical support to nurture charitable, educational and voluntary partnerships between the University and the community. If you represent a school or community group and would like to work with the University, please get in touch: www.cam.ac.uk/communityaffairs

If you are interested in public events, talks and other activities the University of Cambridge offers to the community, please visit: www.cam.ac.uk/whatson