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2021
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Coming to university gives you a chance to transform into the person you want to be. The friendly and diverse community of Aidan’s has allowed me to be open and proud of who I am. It is a place where I was not only accepted but I was celebrated.

Jessica Madden
Geography,
St Aidan’s College
From iconic facilities to life-changing internships, Collingwood is unique. Surrounded by a talented team of staff who insist on knowing every student, there is no better place to begin your adult life.

Toby Hillery
Engineering,
Collingwood College
Our colleges

When you study with us at Durham, you will come away with so much more than just a degree. Our collegiate system is part of what makes Durham special.

At Durham, you will become a member of a College community, which represents everyone, from new undergraduate to PhD student. Our Colleges offer space to live with, and learn from, one another, as well as to debate, socialise, and mix with other students; and there are numerous opportunities to engage in sport, outreach, music, theatre, and the arts. You can also live in your College, alongside friends. College is a place to develop your skills and enhance your wellbeing, with dedicated support and guidance from staff ready to offer help at every stage of your time at Durham. All our Colleges provide facilities to support your academic learning, and your personal development, such as libraries and social spaces and, in some Colleges, a chapel or prayer room.

Every College has a representative body for undergraduate students called the Junior Common Room. As a member of the Junior Common Room, you can participate in elected student leadership, organise student-led events, and engage in local, regional, and global issues. Sixteen of our colleges welcome both undergraduate and postgraduate students, with a seventeenth postgraduate-only College. Our seventeen Colleges mean hugely increased opportunities for challenge and for making memories; there is truly something for everyone.

Every College provides:

- A community to belong to whilst you are in Durham, and once you leave
- Sports, societies, and student groups
- A range of events and activities
- College staff to support your wellbeing
- Shared facilities for all students of the College
- Opportunities for student governance through the Common Rooms
- Either catered or self-catered facilities, and accommodation within Durham.

During my time at Grey, the relationships I have made have encouraged me to pursue things I could never have imagined doing before coming to university.

Natalie Green
Mathematics, Grey College
The wider student experience

Our students and graduates are known for their outstanding qualities, which you can develop in your College as well as through your academic studies and other University-wide activities. Through our enormous range of activities, you will explore your own interests and discover new skills to help you with your learning, as well as in your future after you graduate.

At the heart of college life are opportunities for engagement. Each College hosts a huge number of activities, from sport and music, to leadership, volunteering and more. You can get involved with set design for the College Ball, mentor in a local school, work on the College Bar, and help to maintain the College allotment. You can represent your College on the sports field, too, and get involved with theatre and music alongside other College members. Why not get involved with College student governance and leadership? Or why not host an event in College to celebrate the Holi Festival, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, or Passover? The opportunities are endless.

Your College community also offers you a sense of belonging, not only to fellow College members, but also to the wider community in Durham, the North East, and beyond. Student involvement at a local level is very important in Durham, and students are able to volunteer with schoolchildren, litter-pick on the Durham Heritage Coastline, and sing for the elderly in nearby care homes. Involvement in your Junior Common Room is also important, because it allows every student to shape their experience in their College, and learn leadership skills.

Your wellbeing is an important component of your student experience. Our Colleges offer pastoral and developmental support throughout your degree through dedicated Student Support Offices. Your College staff will support you as well as signpost you to central support services such as the Counselling Service, Disability Support, and the University Chaplaincy team.

From your friends and peers to the older students and right up to the members of the wider college community, Butler is full of people who are always here to support you and care for you.

Morgan Miller
Liberal Arts,
Josephine Butler College
### Colleges at a glance

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Please note:
*These figures are correct for 2020, however they will be subject to annual change.

**All colleges have special dinner events throughout the year called ‘Formals’. Some colleges practise the long-established tradition of wearing gowns at these events. Others are less formal and do not wear gowns to dine in.

***You do not have to specify a college preference on your UCAS form, if you prefer not to. Instead, you can make an ‘open’ application.
More energy, less ceremony.

Collingwood encourages you to be the best you can be at whatever interests you. Collingwood students are ambitious, get involved and make great things happen: from Art to Zorbing, there are more than 70 sports teams and over 20 societies and committees to join.

Whether you’re a serious athlete, casual gym-goer or enthusiastic spectator, our floodlit pitch, extensive gym and fitness studio allow you to stay active and try something new, whatever your ability level. Team Collingwood hope to retain the inter-collegiate sports trophy for the 10th consecutive year!

The arts are equally important; our music, theatre, tech and dance societies utilise our industry-standard music and recording studio and performing arts centre. Filmmakers, photographers and artists enjoy dedicated creative spaces, and our library is home to budding writers and thinkers.

Our culture is informal; you’ll find students chatting about their next volunteering initiative over coffee, dreaming up new College events whilst watching the football, or challenging the Principal to a game of table-tennis. Formal dinners are big and bold (think fairground rides and silent discos) and we end each year with a music festival organised by The Stag’s Head.

Your personal development is at our core and we’ll help you to seize rare, life-changing opportunities: apply to our unique research internships, ever-expanding list of global opportunities, or pitch for funding for your innovative ideas.

Does The Wood sound right for you?

Collingwood creates a trusted community where you can feel safe and valued, as well as an atmosphere that pushes you to love the best.

Isaac Lucas
Geology
Grey is a place where all can excel within and outside their chosen subject. Our Student Experience Officer helps enable further opportunities for Grey students to make the most of their time at Durham through our Opportunities programme. The programme offers a range of initiatives including: careers talks from alumni; mentoring and volunteering; and access to the Grey College Trust, which offers grants to enable students to participate in activities outside the classroom.

Our Junior Common Room functions as an independent charity, running 40+ sports teams, and over 20 societies. Our teams and societies allow participation at all levels, and offer leadership roles. Our summer mixed Rugby 7s tournament has seen over 1000 Grey students participate, and has raised over £5000 for charity. The range of musical groups is huge, including the largest non-auditioned choir in the University. Grey in the Community provides the chance for students to get involved in the local community, and we are proud to be the first University group in the UK to host tea parties with Contact the Elderly.

Grey is situated in a beautiful setting close to the main university site, just a short walk from the city. Our facilities include a library, gym, tennis court, music rooms, indoor sports area, Chapel, Common Room space with a Toastie Bar and TV room, and our bar, the Greyhound.
We are #AllOneHatfield.

Hatfield is Durham’s second oldest college. We combine strong traditions, with a thoroughly modern outlook. We are ‘#AllOneHatfield’, promoting an inclusive and supportive environment, in which every student is valued and has many opportunities to flourish, whatever their interest and experience.

We have over 30 student-led clubs and societies, covering sport, music, drama, volunteering, and much more, welcoming newcomers as well as old hands. Joining Hatfield, you could try rowing with our boat club’s novice programme; get involved in our Junior Common Rooms; help to organise our Lion in Winter Ball; or join the student welfare team. If your interests are more creative, you could join our Lion Theatre Company; sing in Hatfield Voices or the Chapel Choir; join our jazz band; or take up arts and crafts with Hatfield Create. We also sponsor a mentoring project, where our student go in to support five local schools.

There are plenty of opportunities to learn and develop at Hatfield through #HatfieldHorizons. The programme includes our prestigious annual lecture, research talks, and themed career conversation brunches and dinners. Our students lead SHAPED, a peer-support programme Supporting Hatfielders’ Academic Progress, Employability, and Development. Our alumni generously donate to the Hatfield Trust, providing grants for students to undertake extra activities, internships, and Hatfield Bursaries for students from lower-income households.

Our College is located on the Bailey, in the historical centre of Durham. Some of our buildings are modern, and other are more traditional and reflect our heritage. We have newly-renovated social spaces, including a café, bar, two gyms, library, computer room, study rooms and music practice room.

Come and join us at #AllOneHatfield.
We invite you to be part of John Snow College’s exciting journey. Since September 2020, we have been located on the University’s brand new complex at Mount Oswald in Durham. Founded in 2001 at Queens’ Campus, Stockton, John Snow College relocated to Durham in 2018. However, a College is not just about the physical structure, it is about the people: the students and staff. We pride ourselves on the strong and supportive College community we have, as well as our diversity and inclusivity.

As a modern College with traditional values, we have something for everyone. Whether your extracurricular interests are sporting, musical, artistic or academic, we encourage you to fulfil your potential. We have an active music and performing arts scene, thriving sports opportunities and many societies to accommodate all interests. You can also become an active citizen of the Durham area through an array of volunteering and charity projects.

Many of our activities draw upon our excellent facilities, which include a fitness suite, dance and yoga studios, music practice rooms, multi-faith/quiet room and event hall. There is also a floodlit outdoor games area and JCR social space with café and bar.

Our comprehensive student enrichment programme enables our students to develop transferable skills, self-growth and improve employability prospects. The wide-ranging programme embraces mindfulness and wellbeing, encourages intellectual curiosity and personal development.

We invite you, the ambitious and academically curious, to join us and help shape our future.
Butler has one of the broadest distributions of student backgrounds at Durham, and we encourage our students to get involved with our community’s pioneering spirit: we pride ourselves in offering a wide variety of opportunities to engage, lead, and inspire. We encourage everyone to take responsibility for the development of both the College and themselves, whether that is through playing in a band, working backstage in a production, or editing our website.

We have over 100 student-led groups across sport, societies, and committees, and new groups are set up every year. Our committees focus on making a difference in College, the local community, and beyond. Our International Committee encourages our students to embrace global citizenship; and our Charity Committee work hard to raise money for partner charities.

We have an excellent range of facilities, including study rooms, a library, seminar and presentation rooms, and an events and sports hall, gym, and tennis court. The hub of College life is JB’s - the largest coffee shop and bar at Durham, which hosts open mic nights, quiz nights, plays, and much more.

To support our student groups, we have a leadership development programme, which ensures our students can access the skills they need to lead and organise projects. We also retain close ties with our alumni, who have become a network of contacts for advice and opportunities, and who help us to run careers events.

"For me, Josephine Butler College reflects the whole university experience, with an abundance of extracurricular activities to join in with. There is something for everyone here with many opportunities to develop life skills."

Harry Greaves
Classics
South College
Durham University

Modernity and glorious tradition combined.

As Durham’s newest college, South offers an inspiring combination of tradition and modernity. You will have a voice in college affairs, and you will have the opportunity to invent distinctive traditions that will write a new chapter in the Durham story. We also have a founding commitment to freedom of speech and intellectual inquiry.

South offers all the opportunities for personal growth and development that make Durham graduates attractive to top employers. Whether you want to volunteer in the community, participate in sport, or make music, South will support you and help you achieve your best. If you want to act, work in student journalism or make films, South has the expertise and facilities to bring your ambitions to life.

If you aspire to be an active citizen, participating in the community and in touch with global issues, South College’s commitment to current affairs will engage and excite you. Our college is committed to volunteering and to helping you to help others at home and abroad.

At South, we have a superb café-bar and dedicated drama, dance and music rooms with state-of-the-art performance space. Our dining hall in the Hub hosts weekly formal dinners. Study space in the Pitcairn Building is located alongside the college offices, offering access to support 24/7.

South brings new opportunities like no other college can! For me, the chance to be able to have a real impact on the foundations of a new College is an exciting opportunity, which only comes once in a lifetime.

Kayleigh Allen
BSc Geography
Welcome to St Aidan’s, the ‘Rainbow College’. From the creative arts to community engagement projects, peer mentoring and Pathways to Enterprise, our energy, enthusiasm and warmth encourage everyone to flourish.

A modern College, we have a growing tradition of engagement in social justice and building new relationships. You can develop your talents, or discover ones you never suspected, in a caring and supportive environment. Our creative writing course is unique, our intercultural and interfaith events inspirational and our College spaces can host anything from meditation groups to ‘Live Lounge’ and ‘Open mic’ evenings. With the emphasis on participation, we have a great tradition of both informal and dedicated activity: from mixed frisbee to women’s rugby; yoga and meditation to tango, salsa and classical Indian dance.

We are proud co-founders and hosts of Durham Pride and Durham City of Sanctuary, and of two research centres with community impact and growing global relationships at their heart. Through celebrations like Chinese New Year and international film nights, our Banipal Middle Eastern Writer in Residence Fellowship and Shabbat celebrations, we work towards active citizenship to challenge a fractured world.

Situated at the top of Windmill Hill, the view of Durham Cathedral and the dramatic landscape of the city will always inspire you. Our modernity embraces sensitivity and respect for the living history and struggle of this region, where natural beauty and industrial resilience coexist.

I found it hard to get involved with things outside my studies at school but Aidan’s is such a warm and welcoming place it was easy to get involved in college life.

Irenitemi Michael Agbejule
Computer Science
St Chad’s is located near the heart of Durham, situated just metres away from Durham Cathedral and the UNESCO World Heritage Site, on the beautiful and historic North Bailey. We love our traditions but are thoroughly forward-thinking in our outlook. Though we are a small community with a real family atmosphere, we encourage all of our members to dare to dream big, to aim high, and to think globally - whether it's in terms of their academic work, their extracurricular activities, their career aspirations and employability, or their plans to change our world for the better.

Our intellectually curious and highly motivated members participate in a wide range of College-based events and activities including our inter-Common Room discussion forum PERSPECTIVES, our regional internship programme Intern:NE, regular community volunteering opportunities around the North East, the governance of the Junior Common Room, our theatre company Green Door, our friendly and inclusive sports teams, our student-run College bar, our twice-weekly gowned ‘Formals’, and our lively arts and music programme.

The College is particularly committed to nurturing a diverse and international community of students and staff, co-sponsoring the Ruth First Scholarship, which brings a postgraduate from southern Africa to study at Durham University for a year. Our International Students Organising Committee arranges an exciting extracurricular programme of trips around the North East, study skills sessions, and social events throughout the year.

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St Cuthbert’s Society is one of the oldest student communities in Durham, with strong values of diversity, inclusivity and mutual respect. Cuth’s occupies two sites, with catered rooms on the historic Bailey and self-catered, modern flats across the River Wear at Parson’s Field. We provide a flexible range of accommodation and catering options.

Our student body, a registered charity, is energetic, enterprising and democratic. The JCR has over 40 societies and sports teams, and new ones are created every year. They include Biscuit Appreciation, Running, Karaoke and FemSoc. We are the only college with two sites, two bars, and an entirely student-run library. Our community engagement includes drama classes in a local secondary school, rugby coaching in a primary school, and our choir performing in Durham Cathedral and York Minster.

Bursaries are available for personal development projects and to support the performing arts. Every year a writer, artist or musician is in residence for six months to work with students - this year an award-winning film maker and director, Paul Sng. College staff provide welfare support to all students, and also organise a programme of scholarly and social events which contribute to the wider student experience and personal development, including debates on topical issues and careers advice. Regular formal dinners such as Hallowe’en, Burns Night and ‘Dining in the Dark’ bring students, staff and senior members together. The students organise three major balls a year.

“Cuth’s is a college like no other, spread across two sites in Durham, it really proves how unifying a proud college identity can be.”

Dan Vogel
History, (Students of Colour Rep 2018/19)
Stephenson College is a modern College situated next to the Botanic Gardens, surrounded by beautiful woodland. Supported by our College bursaries, students are empowered to pursue joint and individual interests at Stephenson, and there are a wide range of opportunities for personal development. Students can engage with College life through joining one of our many sports teams, clubs, and societies. The newly-established Rocket Theatre Company hosted three successful productions within its first year, and is entirely student-run. In 2020, we will be launching our new Connections Programme to support student development, and we will be extending our series of lectures from leading figures in a range of fields.

Stephenson students have a strong interest in civic responsibility and social justice, and sustain close links with a local charity addressing homelessness. To further support the local community, our students run a ‘Match-Up Hub’, which matches the skills and experience of students with local organisations who could benefit from their help. We are ambitious for our students, and we encourage both academic and co-curricular success, paying attention to development and employability as global leaders.

To support our student community, our fantastic facilities include study space, a gym, a music room, innovation space, and an excellent bar and performance hub. Despite being a self-catered college, our student dine together regularly, both formally and informally, at our ‘Locomotion Dinners’ and ‘Formals’.

As a first-generation scholar growing up in a town where few went to university, I struggled to picture myself at a prestigious university like Durham. However, from my first day at Stevo I knew I truly belonged.

Lauren Rhodes
History
The Big Heart on the Big Hill.

Known simply as Hild Bede, we are a place of both history and tradition and confidence to open up new ways to become and do more than we already are in service of our students and wider community.

Our 1400 students and ‘family’ of 17,000 alumni span the world and generations. We are a network of talent, inspiration and action into which you will come ‘home to Hild Bede’. We aim to give you the support, space and opportunity to develop, to thrive in your studies and to express yourself as the kind of person who now and throughout life embodies our spirit of doing and being good.

Hild Bede is a conversation, about knowledge and ideas, points of view and diversity of experience.

Hild Bede is unique in representing all its students, both under- and post-graduate through the Student Representative Council (SRC). The SRC President and ‘Exec.’ support and run much of College life: the 36 Clubs and Societies; Welfare and Environment Committees; ‘formals’, Winter and Summer Balls, our College Day and, much, much more. We are growing our presence as the gateway for Durham to our local community, building on our engagement and volunteering and looking to develop enhanced support and recognition for all our student leaders.

The SRC is your way of contributing to a partnership in running College along with the College Officers and staff.

You will be most welcome down by the river, up on our big hill at big-hearted Hild Bede.

Hild Bede gives me a wonderful sense of community and friendship. There’s always someone you know to talk to - whether they’re exec or just a friend. It’s such a special place and I’m so glad I got allocated there.

Siobhan Gardiner
General Engineering, 2nd year

For more information, see durham.ac.uk/hild-bede
St John’s is one of the smallest colleges. Situated within a row of Georgian townhouses on the Bailey, next to the Cathedral, our gardens and lawns stretch down to the River Wear, creating a peaceful sanctuary in the centre of Durham.

All our bedrooms have been refurbished, we have a new gym, and recently completed our new 24/7 library and learning resource centre with ample study space. Our 12th century College Chapel is a wonderful space for music and worship.

We have our own boathouse and a fiercely competitive boat club – whilst being a small college, we punch above our weight when it comes to the sporting arena.

There is a real sense of community and participation across the Common Rooms and College as a whole. Our staff work closely with students to create the John’s experience, and the College’s Christian ethos translates into warm hospitality.

St John’s fosters intellectual curiosity beyond our students’ degree subjects. A flagship event is the annual ‘Borderlands’ lecture, featuring leading thinkers and public figures. Student projects include the St John’s Common Room Academic Journal, Café Scientifique and Café Politique. All students are encouraged to participate in the St John’s Leadership Programme, and our Resident Tutors offer academic peer support.

John’s Chronicle, our online magazine, includes everything from opinion pieces on world politics to reflections on life in St John’s. With a student editorial team, the readership extends to our alumni and friends, reflecting our ethos of ‘once a Johnian, always a Johnian’.

Why would you consider any other college, when you can live with friendly people, on a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with quirky rooms and great food?

Katherine Brooks
Modern Languages
Vibrant, versatile and valued.

St Mary’s is one of Durham’s oldest colleges and occupies beautiful buildings set in extensive grounds ideally located for both academic and extra-curricular activities.

St Mary’s was founded in 1899 as a pioneering all-women’s college, becoming mixed in 2005. We have kept our founding ethos – a commitment to equality and opportunity for all. A key aspect of life at Mary’s is the encouragement to get involved, try new things, and develop skills you never knew you had! This could include organising our International Week, being responsible for the Junior Common Room (JCR) publicity and communications, joining the Midsummer Ball decorations committee, performing at our ‘Live Lounge’, working in the College Bar or library, and more. We offer opportunities for relaxation, too, through our wonderful student-run toastie bar, and the Welfare at Mary’s team.

At Mary’s, supporting an individual’s personal and academic growth is key. New students are welcomed by our enthusiastic student teams at the start of each academic year. College Mentors support students in capturing achievements, reflecting on experiences, identifying strengths, and embracing opportunities. Alumni support current students through our Careers Alumni Network.

As a community, we collaborate to provide you with the opportunity to contribute, to make a positive difference. It’s this positive experience that provides a sense of belonging, ensuring our students retain a lifelong affiliation with St Mary’s. We look forward to when you join us!

Emma Johnson
Geography

Being in St. Mary’s College has truly been the highlight of my time studying in Durham! I’ve gained the confidence to get involved in a range of clubs and societies, both at college and wider University level.
Explore Without Limits.

Trevelyan is a small, progressive college renowned for its distinctive hexagonal architecture. Our College encourages every student to venture out of their comfort zone and be the best they can be, whilst promoting an environment of support, inclusion, and curiosity.

We have a thriving arts scene suited to all interest and abilities, supported by outstanding musical and theatrical facilities. Trevelyan is home to a 60-seat theatre and a soundproof rehearsal and recording room. We also excel at sports, and have a large indoor sports hall, an outdoor all-weather sports court, and a gym. Our College has 37 clubs, covering everything from football to Frisbee.

Trevelyan strives to produce future-ready graduates. We have an excellent careers programme that connects our students with alumni in various sectors, and we host regular career talks and networking sessions. We also believe in providing the space and opportunity for our students to realise their own potential. Our extensive travel bursary scheme supports many students to travel the world in pursuit of academic and personal development, and our development programme will give you ample opportunity to hone your soft skills.

Trevelyan was designed as a ‘modern castle’, with all of its facilities interconnected under one roof. Our students tell us that this layout makes it much easier to make friends, and that they felt at home in Trevelyan immediately. Make Trevelyan your home, and explore the limitless opportunities available to you.

My advice to new students is to be really open to trying lots of new things. College is so much more than just a halls of residence; it’s a home, a community and a family.

Alice Cooper
Geography

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Known simply as ‘Castle’, University College is the oldest of Durham’s colleges, and is based in Durham Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We are steeped in history, but always look to the future, too. Our motto, Non nobis solum – ‘Not for ourselves alone’ – captures our ethos. We strive to be a diverse community, and aim to provide a welcoming environment for all.

We are a scholarly community, and have a programme of seminars, lectures, and events as part of our Student Development Programme. We are proud of our student-led outreach programme, Castle Community Action, which works closely with the local community. We also actively promote the mental health and wellbeing of all our College members.

College facilities include an excellent library within the Castle walls, a bar, a gym, and a laundry. All undergraduate livers-in will be based in fully-catered accommodation within the Castle walls, or in our Moatside, Owengate, and Bailey Court blocks, all of which are within a two minute walk of the Castle gates. Students can dine together daily, as well as enjoy weekly formal dinners, in the Castle Great Hall – a truly magnificent setting of which we have the privilege to dine in.

At Castle, we take great pride in the achievements of our students. If your top priority is academic achievement and personal development, and you have a strong regard for your mental health and wellbeing, we look forward to welcoming you to our community.

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Number of students living in (UG & PG)

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Our Castle community extends well beyond the students and JCR; the cleaners, porters, servery staff and college office are an integral and irreplaceable part of college life. Their warmth, humour and kindness never fail to make students feel at home.

Jemima Oakey
Combined Honours in Social Sciences
Building community, inspiring innovation.

College life at Mildert means getting involved regardless of your experience or background – our ‘give it a go’ attitude means that enthusiasm is all you need to try something new! Mildert has 20 years’ experience in outreach and volunteering, which has driven a strong College ethos echoing our motto, ‘Sic vos non vobis’ – ‘Not for yourselves’. Our six student-led projects work across County Durham, contributing over 6,500 hours of volunteering annually. This closely aligns with our commitment to environmental sustainability through the student-led Green Committee, recognised with awards regionally, nationally and internationally.

Our diverse range of 120 sports teams, clubs, committees, and societies ensures that there are opportunities for everybody. In the arts, the flourishing Feather Theatre Company, College Choir, and Big Band perform across the university regularly. Our distinctive ‘Dimensions’ programme offers opportunities for enrichment, which are complemented by lectures, seminars, and debates.

Van Mildert College is centred around a beautiful lake, and our spacious estate offers opportunities for lively, ambitious events, while also providing a peaceful place for study and relaxation. Facilities include music practice rooms and a recording studio, a bar and shop, study space in our libraries and computer suite, a student-run gym, and the largest dining hall in the University.

Being a part of the Van Mildert community has been an absolute pleasure. I loved being involved with Outreach projects, giving back to the local community, helping others and working with like-minded people.

Annie Timms
Geography
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