

# What is the Buddy Program?

The buddy program is a system where incoming International students to Maynooth are matched with local students.

I\*ESN MU with the consent of the International office have established the 'Buddy Program'.

For new International students coming to Ireland this is a great program to be part of. For those who have travelled to Ireland before, we would recommend you also become part of the program.

The buddy program is here to integrate International students into student life at Maynooth, experience the Irish culture and who knows, you may even pick up the Irish accent :D

We will do our best to match local student and exchange student with the same interests.

## How does it work?

FILL IN THE APPLICATION FORM  
Remember to fill in the application form for **International students**. None of your information will be shared with a third party.

OR SEND US AN E-MAIL  
If you have any problems with the application form send us an email: [iesn@nuimsu.com](mailto:iesn@nuimsu.com)

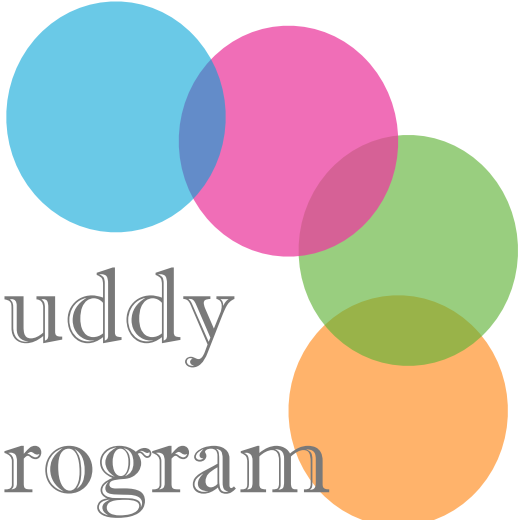
I\*ESN MU CONTACT'S YOU  
We will send you an email with contact details of the local student you are matched with. As well, you will get an invite into the Buddy Program Facebook group page.

## So how does it work?

Once we find a match, we will give you his/her contact details. Normally, the local student makes the first contact but you can also make contact. There are no requirements as to how often or how much time you should spend with your buddy. The amount of interaction and support is completely dependent on the interests of both of you. Being a buddy is a great experience where lifelong friendships are created and cherished by students from all over the world.

## What is I\*ESN MU?

Formally known as MU International society. I\*ESN MU is Maynooth University international and erasmus society. We are part of Europe's biggest student network called ESN. We are here to make sure all international students get the best possible experience at Maynooth and Ireland. We are also here for any Irish students interested in studying abroad or doing the Erasmus+, and we share any job offers from around the world.



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# Why should I be part of the Buddy Program?

Besides enhancing your personal skills and expanding your network, being part of the program, gives you a lot of opportunities. Such as:

- During the academic year there will be special buddy events.
- Register on Fair's Day to I\*ESN MU and get a FREE ESN Card
- Be with a chance to go to other ESN trips around Europe
- And many more!

## ESN Card

With the ESNcard, you will enjoy thousands of discounts all over Europe. ESNcard is valid throughout Europe (in all cities who have adopted it). It is valid for a year! Moreover, you will have the opportunity to participate in thousands of events (trips, cultural events, sports activities and parties) all year long!



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## Questions and Answers

### Do I have to be an International student to join the society?

No, every Maynooth student can join the society. Part of what we do, involves local students. We are here for anyone interested in studying abroad (majority of those that are part of the committee studied abroad from around the world) Also we share job opportunities around Europe and around the world.

### What is Fair's Day?

Fair's Day, is day when students can register to become part of any clubs and societies at Maynooth University. We do not know the time and date yet, but keep an eye out on your email, our social media platforms and also Maynooth Student Union social media platforms.