Group Activities
All members are welcome to join the groups listed below. For further information come along to one of the Tuesday morning meetings or check our website for dates and times.
Contact nvs.enquiries@admin.cam.ac.uk to register your interest.

Art & Reading Group Co-ordinators: Tom Baer & Antonia Schaller
10 am–12 noon, Graduate Union in 17 Mill Lane, for children aged 6 and under with accompanying adult.

Book Group Co-ordinators: Lindsay Payne & Marriana Fletcher Williams
How to connect with Cambridge’s professional environment. Email Karina to join karina.wells@ntlworld.com.

Cambridge Connect Co-ordinators: Karina Wells & Simone Castello
Meet at a cinema or theatre for chosen performances, followed by informal discussions in a local cafe.

Cookery Group Co-ordinators: Elsa Strietman & Naheed Kandil
Cooking at home with shared recipes. Cost £5.00–£8.00 depending on ingredients.

Cultural Discussion Group Co-ordinator: Samantha Sintes
Thursday 10 am–12 noon during term time. Discussions on various topics and issues from a multicultural perspective. OPdA Centre, 16 Mill Lane – basement.

Cinema & Drama Group Co-ordinator: Elfrida Heath
Meets at a cinema or theatre for chosen performances, followed by informal discussions in a local cafe.

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Eddington Group Co-ordinator: Melendra Sutliff Sanders
Volunteers and local residents will meet once or twice a month for conversation and English improvement. Children welcome. Meet in the OPdA Centre, 105 Eddington Place.

English Language Conversation Group Co-ordinators: Gill Maynard and Christopher Johnson
Tuesday during term time 9:45–10:45 am. University Centre, Dining Hall, 2nd floor.

From Spade to Plate Co-ordinator: Karina Wells
Sowing, growing and harvesting fruit and vegetables from the garden to create a delicious vegetarian meal to share with the group in Karina’s kitchen. Held twice a week. Cost £5.00. Email karina.wells@ntlworld.com.

Knitting Group Co-ordinator: Janet Edwards
Thursday 10 am–12 noon all year, even outside term time. The Community Room at West Cambridge, Charles Babbage Road, CB1 6FS.

Pub Walk Co-ordinator Christopher Johnson
Walk to a traditional Pub in Cambridge.

Tea Parties Co-ordinator: Alice Fleet
Afternoon Tea. Traditional English tea parties 2 or 3 times a term.

Walking Group Co-ordinator: Liz Hodder
Tuesday during term time. A guided walk around the city centre with an NVS City Blue Badge Guide. Start time varies and is announced during the morning meeting.

Yoga Class Co-ordinator: Margaret Schofield
Tuesday 2.00 pm–3.00 pm during term time. £3.00 if booked ahead or £4.00 at the class.
Welcome to Newcomers and Visiting Scholars

Join today!
We welcome those who are attached formally to the University of Cambridge, including their spouses, partners and family members, especially those who are new to Cambridge.

How to get involved:
1. Register with us to become a member and to receive email updates at www.nvs.admin.cam.ac.uk. There is no charge for membership.
2. Join our facebook group (search nvsunacam)
3. Join us on Tuesday mornings at the University Centre for coffee, English Language Conversation, and a talk given by a different speaker every week during term time.
4. Book a place on one of our events or group activities, run by our wonderful volunteers. These are listed on our programme and on our website. Email nvs.enquiries@admin.cam.ac.uk to register your interest and book tickets.

Welcome and Registration: meet the volunteers and group leaders. Welcome and Registration: meet the volunteers and group leaders.

Tuesday Welcome Mornings are open for all at the University Centre, Granta Place, CB2 1RU – no booking required.

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Tuesday talks

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Outside term time informal meetings continue every Tuesday from 11.00 am in the Granta Lounge.

Special events and trips
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Monday 4 February & Monday 4 March
Art and reading group for accompanied young children. Creative art, singing and story reading with Tom Baer & Antonia Schaller.
Graduate Union Building, 17 MI Lane CB2 1TR. 10.00 am-12.00 noon.

Wednesday 6 February
Visit the Perne Library, with Scott Mandela & follow of Peterhouse.
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One of the oldest surviving libraries in Cambridge, containing medieval manuscripts and books printed in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. They contain a large portion of the libraries of two of the greatest bibliophiles of early modern England: Andrew Perne and John Cosin.
www.cam.ac.uk/perne-library https://perneward.wordpress.com
Meet at Porters’ Lodge, CB2 1RE. 2.00 pm. £3.00.

Thursday 28 February
Corpus Christi Parker Library with Dr Anne McLaughlin, a Jew in the Corpus crown.
The historic library is a treasure trove of rare medieval and Renaissance manuscripts and early printed books. Meet at the Porters’ Lodge, Trumpington Street, CB2 1RH. 2.00 pm. £3.00.

Wednesday 27 February
Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI).
The Polar Museum. Explore a wide range of objects from Antarctica. View the Polar Encounters exhibition featuring over 200 years of Arctic art by Inuit artists and European travellers. For the communities who have lived in the Arctic for thousands of years, the polar regions are home, while for European explorers first encounters with the far north felt bleak and difficult. Meet at 1.30 pm. The Polar Museum, Lensfield Road, CB2 1ER. £3.00.

Monday 5 February
The Port of Cambridge and its Trading History. Cambridge was a wealthy and thriving port. It was a powerfully rich trading and commercial centre that was more famous than the University. What stopped it?
Mike Ritchie, Fitzwilliam Museum.

Tuesday 6 February
The Fitzwilliam Museum: A collection of jewellery and metalwork from the turn of the 20th century.
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12 February
My Year in Cambridge. Lynn McLaughlin, Associate Professor & Master Supervisor at Guangxi University for Nationalities.

19 February
Discover your unique, authentic personal brand. How gaining clarity on what YOU stand for will enhance your relationships and your life.
Jill McCulloch.

26 February
Dirty Art: How London Fog became more respectable. DF CL. Cotton, (Lady Evans) cultural historian.

5 March
The Empty Common Community Garden. A green space in Cambridge growing vegetables, fruit and flowers, for people of all ages and abilities. Simone Castello, NVS volunteer.

12 March
The Office of The High Sheriff of Cambridge.
Simon Verity, The Office of The High Sheriff.

16 March
Debating in the University Centre for coffee, English Language Conversation, and a talk given by a different speaker every week during term time at Granta Place, CB2 1RU.
Read more in the programme or on the website. www.nvs.admin.cam.ac.uk

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