

People Profiles

Jason Green

Recent Graduate beginning work in a new state

“When I go out, interactions seem to be only surface level, there are no deep connections.”



Jason Green is interested in **bettering his life** while getting **situated** in his new city. He wants to make **connections** with new people

A day in Jason's life

Jason lives in a house with three other guys. He just graduated brown and is now working for apple along with his housemates. Everyday he drives to work and has breakfast and lunch at the office. Weekdays he works late and when he gets home he normally watches netflix and relaxes after cooking dinner. On fridays he goes to bars with his housemates and a few local friends. Saturdays and Sundays are spent learning the area and keeping his life on track.

Jason's Challenges

Jason works a lot so meeting people can be difficult. It also seems that most people he meets are already in friend groups and it is hard for him to develop a real connection. He feels that he doesn't get much out of the bar scene and wants a better way to connect with people. He is also not familiar with the area and although google and yelp and other similar apps and services help learn, it is not the same as having a feel for an area.



Mrs. Zhao

Recent immigrant from China, with her husband and teenage daughter

"I won't find a job until I feel my English is decent."

Mrs. Zhao cares most about **her language skills** and **her daughter's studies**.

A day in Mrs. Zhao's life

Mrs. Zhao just came to the country with her family a few months ago. She stays at home as a housewife. Every day, Mrs. Zhao walks to the adult school taking English courses where she meets people who are also new immigrants. She is concerned about her daughter's education and supervises her daughter playing piano after school. Mrs. Zhao drives to the grocery herself and cooks for the family. On weekends, the family will have a road trip together.

Mrs. Zhao's Challenges

Mrs. Zhao is an optimistic and self-motivated woman. Although she encounters many of the same problems as most new immigrants, she identifies them as interesting experiences rather than things that worry her. Most of the issues come from the transition of her old lifestyle to the one that is more acceptable by the new culture. She is not comfortable with some aspects of American culture, even things as simple as the ordering system at a burger restaurant (she has no idea what to order if the menu doesn't include pictures of the food and she instead needs to name the specific sauces and vegetables she wants). She is comfortable talking to people in English, but she feels surprised when a local friend she just meets talks about very personal affairs to her.



Elyssa Numi

University alumnus starting graduate programme, 22

"I didn't realize how big of a life transition it would be"

Elyssa cares most about **her studies** but works to meet **new people as an American in a new city abroad**.

A day in Elyssa's life

Elyssa finished undergrad a few months ago and has relocated to a new country for graduate school. She lives with a few flatmates, also expatriates, who are attending the same school but for different programs. Every day Elyssa takes the Tube to class and walks from there to work afterwards. She will occasionally do some schoolwork in one of the pubs around her house, but usually she does her work at home. She usually cooks for herself and her flatmates.

Elyssa's Challenges

Elyssa is finding the adjustment to living in a big city to be difficult compared to acclimating to her university was for undergrad. She feels like one of the masses. She finds it hard to meet people because those real connections take repeated positive interactions. She finds it hard to have those sometimes because if she doesn't reach out to someone new she has met within 48 hours it is very unlikely she will actually spend time with that person again. Elyssa is also having a hard time understanding such a large and complex city. She doesn't really have the institutional/local knowledge about when is the best time to ride the Tube, or what areas to avoid at certain times of day. She sometimes worries about her safety (which was even scarier when she didn't have a phone).