## Home from home service

Would you like to make some money from your spare room, introduce a little international flavour to your household while at the same time giving students visiting Edinburgh a home from home? Then you can do just that through the Edinburgh-based website HomeStayFriend.

This does exactly what it says on the tin. It matches international students to homes in Edinburgh, and elsewhere across the UK, where they can stay with a friendly family who will keep an eye on them at the same time. The students will of course bring with them the opportunity for you to perhaps learn a little about another culture, and who knows even a little bit of another language.

HomeStay explain more about the benefits:-

"Staying with a host family enriches your experience. You will not only stay in a comfortable, friendly home but will also experience something that you can not get from a hotel or hostel. You will get to know your chosen city through the eyes of the host.

So whether you're a student, traveller, intern or just visiting for work, homestay is the best way to truly experience your destination. Start browsing our properties for free and see where homestayfriend takes you…"

And of course for students, or indeed other travellers, from Edinburgh who travel to other cities in the UK, then this is the perfect way to find somewhere to live too.

In addition the other benefit to those offering the rooms is that they can profit from their extra space as well as enjoying the company of some international guests! This is what guests are promised:-

All of the host accommodation must meet these basic requirements:

- A private bedroom with bed, bedding and bed linen and storage
- Access to bathroom facilities- private or shared
- Access to a kitchen and full use of facilities
- A key to the property for access

<u>Homestayfriend</u> are always on the look out for local homestay families. If you're interested in this please email them with your details: info@homestayfriend.com

The service was started by Victoria Arnold who is a recent winner of the Association of Scottish Business Women, "Young Business of the Year".

Victoria started <u>Homestayfriend</u> whilst working at a university, spotting the opportunity to provide homestay for visiting students and professors.

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