At The University of Nottingham, internationalisation is at the heart of everything we do. Our Knowledge Without Borders Network (KWBN) is a new and unique collaboration between managers, academics and professional support staff which will drive the research, practice and policy agenda in this area.

What is internationalisation at The University of Nottingham?

- unparalleled diversity of staff and student body
- world-class international campuses
- unprecedented staff and student international mobility
- unique curriculum and research evolution in dialogue with non-UK stakeholders
- international partnerships for exceptional development and strategy
- unrivalled alumni networks
- ethical, intercultural awareness

KWBN is physically based in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus, a recognition of Malaysia’s ambition to become an international higher education hub.

The University of Nottingham, Britain’s: “only truly global university”  
— The Times, 2010

“embodiment of the modern international university”  
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KWBN connects and promotes our existing institutional knowledge, providing a forum for reflection upon ‘The Nottingham Experience’.

We also engage the wider international community of researchers and practitioners concerned with:
- institutional and organisational strategy
- educational leadership
- pedagogy and curriculum
- intercultural communication
- administrative processes and operational direction

KWBN activities include:
- events, seminars and conferences
- networking and active exchange across staff groups, students and campuses
- support for fellowships and secondment opportunities
- establishment of a virtual resource centre
- executive training and consultancy

We are currently engaged in specific analyses of student experience and expectations of internationalisation; global marketing and recruitment strategies; and staff/staff and staff/student cross-cultural communication in internationalised learning and teaching environments.

The University of Nottingham has, throughout its history, been at the forefront of internationalisation in higher education.

- We were the first university in UK to establish full campuses overseas, in Malaysia (2000) and China (2004).
- We host one of the largest international student communities – 9,000 international students in the UK and almost 9,000 students in Malaysia and China.
- In 2009, we formally launched a comprehensive new Internationalisation Strategy, entitled ‘Knowledge Without Borders’.
- Our second Dearing Memorial Conference, in February 2011, ‘The Globalisation of Higher Education’, drove the agenda for discussion of international higher education and drew contributions from all over the world.
- We launched the Knowledge Without Borders Public Lecture series in December 2011, hosting a number of distinguished speaker events, mapping and exploring this rapidly developing field.
- Alongside established bases in China, Malaysia, Brazil and Mexico, we opened satellite offices in India and Ghana (2012).

The Knowledge Without Borders Network builds on these initiatives, confirming our status as pioneers and leaders in global higher education.

Please contact us directly to join our mailing list, discuss projects or to share news of your own activities and initiatives.
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