Is it Easy to Make Friends at University?

YES! If you are willing to throw yourself into university and make the effort to meet people. Like many things in life, you get out what you put in.

Moving Away
I moved away from home, to a new city and didn’t know anybody. However, now I really have made friends for life and have chosen to stay in Newcastle to live here even after I graduated. This shows what a great city it is and the fun I had whilst at University. The people of Newcastle, known as “Geordies” are also extremely friendly and are very welcoming. Once you have graduated you will become an honorary Geordie and might even use lingo such as “Howay”!

Meeting New People
There are so many ways to meet like-minded people at university: societies, sports, your course and if you move into halls of residence, you’ll be living with new people from day one. Remember- most people at university won’t know anyone either!

Freshers’ Week
Freshers’ week is your first week at University and is loads of fun. Some of my highlights from Fresher’s week include Cocktail Making at Revolution, quad biking in Durham and going on a grub crawl and trying new eateries in the city. During these activities I made relationships with my house mates and met new people too.

Top Tip
My top tip would be to make the effort with people and don’t be scared to start a conversation, the likelihood is the other person will probably be relieved you did do. I met one of my best friends on the first day of University, had I not been brave enough to say hi then we might not have ever crossed paths again, so just go for it! We were on the same course and then lived together in our final year and now work together too. I can’t get rid of her!!

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