

Nottingham's Chinese Community Cohesion and Integration

Survey findings and policy implications

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Background (1): Why is this theme?

- Fast growth of Chinese population in the UK
- Global universities and Chinese students
- Diverse, fragmented and invisible community



Background (2): our exploration in past

- ILO-UoN workshop and voluntary student support network for migrants (2009)
- Voluntary student training and practising global citizenship in Chinese society (2011-12)
- Establishment of Nottingham Chinese Community Forum (NCCF) (2012-13)



Survey aims and objectives

- Major changes of Chinese community
- Progresses and issues in cohesion/integration
- Needs and perceptions to cohesion by groups
- Roles of universities and stakeholders



Cohesion and integration: definition

- A process of increasing communication and interaction for common interests
- Cohesion: internal interaction/ cooperation between different groups
- Integration: interaction/ cooperation across cultural boundaries



Tab I Comparison of two surveys

Item	2002 survey	2013 survey
Theme	Quality of life	Cohesion/integration
Size	620	311
Students (%)	48.1%	52.1%
from China	39.6%	70.0%
from Hong Kong	39.1%	13.4%
Female	51.8%	64.3%
Age 18-to 24	32.9%	44.9%
>10 yrs in Notts	30.8%	14.7%



Tab 2 Distribution and growth of Chinese population in Nottingham

Item	2001	2011	Growth
Nottingham city	1715	5988	3.49
Nottinghamshire	2014	2942	1.46
Nottingham total	3729	8930	2.40

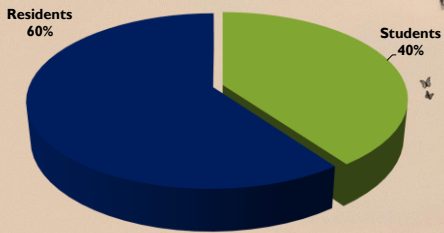


Tab 3 Comparison of Chinese in Nottingham and England (2011)

Item	All	Chinese	Chinese growth (%)	Chinese in all (%)
Nottingham	1.09m	8,900	139.5	0.82
England	53.01m	379,500	72.4	0.72
Nottingham / England (%)	2.06	2.35	--	--



Fig 1 Distribution of Chinese population in Nottingham city (N>10,000, 2011)



Tab 4 Do you know following organisations? (%)

Name of organisation	2013	Resident	Student	2002
East England Chinese Association	21.2	38.3	5.6	54.0
Nottinghamshire Chinese Welfare Association (NCWA)	20.9	30.2	12.3	43.1
Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)	50.2	47.0	53.1	--
Nottingham Confucius Institute (NCI)	33.1	42.1	24.7	--
School of Contemporary Chinese Studies (SCCS)	41.5	34.2	48.1	10.2



Tab 5 Do you aware or had experience participating in following events? (%)

Name of event	2013		2002	
	Know	Participant	Resident	Student
Chinese Spring Festival	62.4	22.8	55.7	68.5
Chinese Community Events	38.6	5.8	29.5	46.9
Local Church activities	37.0	8.0	23.5	49.4
Nottingham/Broxtowe cultural festival celebration	30.2	5.8	26.8	33.3
Local social event (e.g. "Olympic Torch")	33.8	6.8	21.5	45.1



Fig 2 Who are your friends (residents, %)

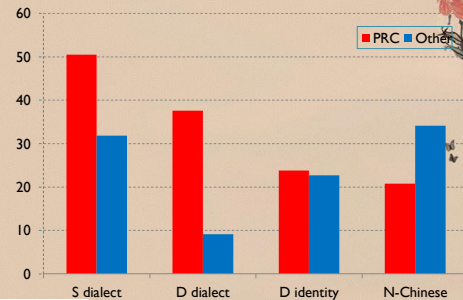


Fig 3 Who are your friends (students %)?

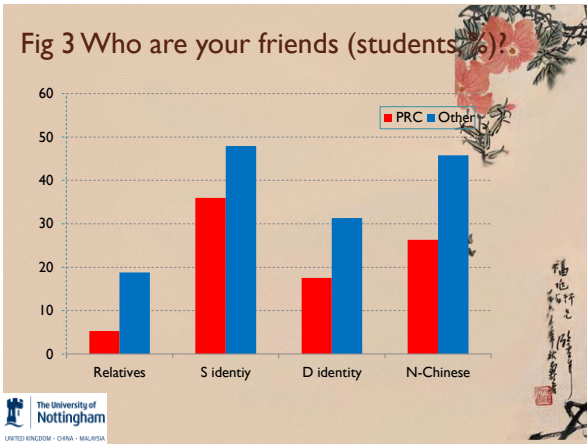


Fig4 Do you have working experience in Nottingham (students)?

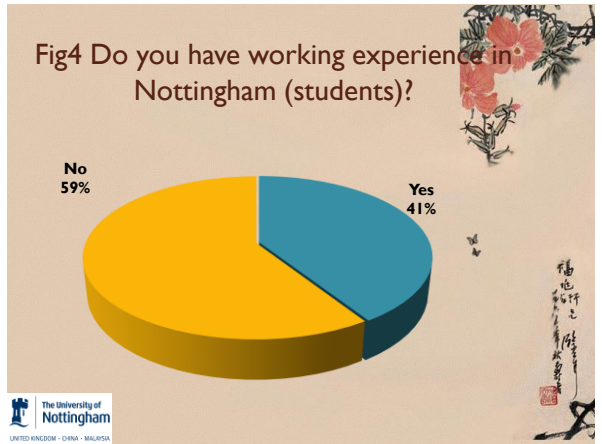
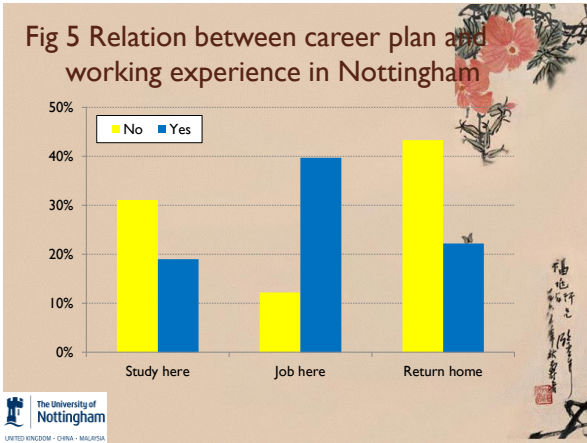


Fig 5 Relation between career plan and working experience in Nottingham



Tab 6 Key issues influencing your social life in Nottingham

Issues	Total	Resident	Rank	Students	Rank
Chinese community information	42.4	57.7	1	28.4	3
Communication with local people	27.3	25.5	6	29.0	2
Access and full use of NHS	26.7	36.2	2	17.9	7
Interaction in Chinese community	26.0	32.9	4	19.8	5
Working opportunity in NGOs	25.7	15.4	8	35.2	1
Voices to local councils	22.5	32.9	3	13.0	8
Discrimination/street hate crime	22.5	24.2	7	21.0	4
Language/translation	20.3	30.2	5	11.1	9
Property safety	16.1	12.8	9	19.1	6

Summary of survey findings

- Transition of Chinese community in Nottingham driven by mainland Chinese students
- Increasing impact of the universities and Chinese students in local communities
- Fragmentation of Chinese community and variety in terms of social networking by group
- Different needs and perceptions to community cohesion and integration by groups
- Potential of Chinese students to be released by stakeholder collaboration, university engagement and organisational innovation

Policy recommendations

- Nottingham Community Innovation Park (NCIP)
- A Committee to run Nottingham Chinese Community Forum
- A Nottingham Chinese Community Centre (NCCC) to bring all groups together
- University policies for staff/schools to participate in local and Chinese community projects
- A pilot project for new mechanisms in recruiting and managing voluntary students

